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Electronic Resources Committee

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Electronic Resources Committee

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Electronic Resources Committee
Current Members
## Electronic Resources Committee

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What we do

LALINC Electronic Resources Committee

- Study collection development issues primarily for electronic resources.
- Identify and recommend databases, electronic journal packages, electronic books etc. for purchase, selection, and de-selection.
- Look at the big picture of resources in the state. Identify and evaluate resources to meet the information needs of Louisiana academic libraries.
- Appropriate to the role of the committee, identify ways to assist libraries affected by hurricane/flood damage in restoring collections/services/facilities.
- The chairperson shall submit an annual report to the Executive Committee at the end of the fiscal year.

Members
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LOUIS Electronic Resources Committee
Meeting notes for Friday, February 8, 2008

Present: Ralph Boé (LOUIS), Kevin Cucia (Tech), Sigrid Kelsey (LSU-BR), Mary Marix (LSUHSC), Jeanne Pavy (UNO)
Not Attending: Janie Branham (SLU), Tony Fonseca (Nicholls), Rusty Gaspard (LSU-A), Kim Pullen (BPCC)

Ralph Boé reported that about $100,000 one-time money is available as well as about $75,000 recurring money. He advised the committee to set aside cost issues and to focus instead on prioritizing needed resources.

The committee reviewed previously-created “buckets” of ranked databases and revised priorities somewhat, given recent purchases and developments. Databases that were deemed useful to many different kinds of libraries and to a wide range of academic disciplines were generally ranked high.

**Top priority databases (bucket #1) in ranked order:**

1) Electronic encyclopedia (possibly WorldBook Advanced or Britannica Online)
2) Readers' Guide Retrospective
3) America: History & Life / Historical Abstracts
4) Learning Express
5) Ovid Nursing Journals
6) Project Muse
Read the latest Reports
To: Eric Johnson, Chair, LALINC Executive Committee

From Mary L. Marix, M.L.S., AHIP, Chair, LALINC Electronic Resources Committee

Date: 4 March 2008

The Electronic Resources Committee met on Friday 8 February 2008 in Baton Rouge. Only half of the members attended.

Ralph Boé told the Committee that approximately $100,000 in one-time funds and $75,000 in recurring funds are available.

The Committee reviewed the rankings of the resources that are being considered for purchase or licensing. Of particular interest are *America: History & Life* and *Historical Abstracts* now that they are with EBSCO and the licensing of the Lippincott nursing journals through Ovid. The Committee also concluded that the addition of an authoritative, general encyclopedia is something that could benefit all LALINC members since many schools will not accept Wikipedia as an authoritative reference source and some dissatisfaction with the *Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia* was expressed. The three encyclopedias mentioned are Americana, Britannica and World Book and more information on these is being sought. *America: History & Life* and *Historical Abstracts* ranked third and Ovid nursing journals ranked fifth. Complete rankings will be available in the Committee’s minutes.
Comments from LOUIS
Current LOUIS Databases

• CQ Researcher
• Dissertations and Theses
• EBSCOhost databases
• Gale Group (Biog, Lit Res Center)
• JSTOR
• LearningExpress
• Lexis Nexis Academic
• Literary Reference Center
• MathSciNet
• Proquest Nursing & Allied Health
• Sanborn Maps
• OED
• World Book Advanced
• World Cat
Current Mini Purchases

• Annual Reviews
• Biological Abstracts Backfile
• Communication and Mass Media Direct
• Engineering Village 2
• IEL (IEEE)
• JSTOR Biological Sciences
• Nursing Resource Center
• PsycArticles
• SciFinder Scholar
• Social Work Abstracts
• Web of Knowledge (ISI Web of Science)
Bucket #1 List
(top priority)

1. Electronic encyclopedia
2. Readers’ Guide Retrospective
3. America: History and Life / Historical Abstracts
4. Learning Express
5. Ovid Nursing Journals
6. Project Muse
7. Gale Biog and Gen Master Index
8. JSTOR Biological Sciences
9. Grove Dictionary of Art
10. NYT Historical
11. JSTOR Health and Gen Sciences
12. Proquest Dissertations Full Text
New Databases to Consider

• Reference USA
• Suggestions?
Feedback

What do you think?
Developments

Our own BLOG