

**Southern System Planning Panel
Resource Sharing Committee Meeting
August 30, 2010**

Present: Nina Pals, Amy Ihnen, JoAnn Nabe, Karen Bounds
Facilitator: Ellen Popit Recorder: Pat Boze

Ellen began the meeting with introductions, said we would review and discuss the committee's charge, as we work toward the main purpose of the committee, which is to define resource sharing needs, opportunities and options for the Southern Systems.

What are the resource-sharing options that exist in current systems?

For the LLSAP members, resource-sharing is simple (among the LLSAP group).

- In ShLS non-member libraries can buy a card for placing holds in the LLSAP.
- Amy indicated in RPLS most interlibrary loan happens through the LLSAP or fax requests. She also said that patrons are using ILL and expect more material, more quickly. Looking at efficiencies and getting stuff faster is very important.
- Nina indicated that as a stand-alone library, she is dependent on OCLC/WorldCat for ILL - her patrons needs are unique and need materials owned by fewer libraries.
- Karen indicated that outside of the LLSAP, her teachers have a need for ILL when pursuing a degree.
- There was a discussion of how the fees for OCLC have risen – either because OCLC is charging more or ISL is subsidizing less.
- JoAnn raised the issue of database use – does it make sense for a consortial purchase of databases so everyone has access? Amy mentioned that other consortia (M-Link) offer discounts as well and we might benefit from buying-in with them.
- Pat indicated that interlibrary loan of electronic materials (e-journals, etc.) is more constricted than what it was for paper – what will this mean for resource-sharing as libraries buy more of this type of material?
- It will be challenging to create efficiencies, move across the new borders, and keep up with technology.

Consider how resource sharing can be efficiently crafted for the 21st Century use.

- How could we create something that will provide faster and better access for everyone in the southern systems?
- Do we have data on % of libraries in the LLSAPs? Or % of libraries that may not do any ILL at all?
- Pat asked if resource-sharing includes reciprocal borrowing as well – if so then how might we extend it across the entire group?
- Nina indicated that she'd like to start with a clean slate when thinking

about services and then go from there

- Is there a way to set up easier access through something like WorldCat Local for the entire southern group? Could this automate ILL? Pat mentioned that it could, but there are costs involved.

Review and evaluate experiences and costs of resource sharing services. Examine baseline cost of the service.

- Has the southern automation group looked at shared costs? They have started more from a 'shared philosophy' perspective but know they will have to look at costs soon
- Is there a way to reach consensus for everyone on startup costs for joining the LLSAP, on search/place holds costs, what about other costs of resource-sharing such as the staff time for libraries involved in this?
- What other baseline costs should be considered – OCLC, I-Share, Docline?

Examine “tools” that are available for enhanced Resource Sharing e.g. linking

- ILS or cloud computing – Pat explained that there are now products available, completely web-based, where automation software/hardware is not purchased but is instead hosted off-site, this is the future and should be looked at
- Illinois Century Network – it is incredibly important for communication, are there issues with its support? If libraries have to pay for all Internet, this will be difficult.
- Does the BTOP grant have any affect? Pat mentioned that few LTLS libraries applied – most have ICN and adequate bandwidth, ShLS stated that more rural areas in state need more bandwidth. This is part of the resource-sharing infrastructure.

Review current policies e.g. ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code, System Resource Sharing Policies.

All of the policies – System Interlibrary Loan, Reciprocal Borrowing, and LLSAP resource sharing – will have to be examined. Membership agreements also contain resource-sharing requirements as well – all of this is tied to delivery as well.

Make recommendation on resource sharing structure to Panel

Ellen suggested that we all review notes from this meeting, then discuss electronically what else we need for information. The committee will meet in the morning, on the day (Sept. 14) of the Planning Panel meeting. We will report on progress made during the Planning Panel meeting.