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Library Faculty Meeting Essence Notes

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JSTOR Packages and E-Books:

Bede opened discussion on the information received during a recent JSTOR presentation. He stated two things that stood out to him were the issue of whether we have set up our link resolver to work most effectively with JSTOR, and the fact that there are a substantial number of faculty and students trying to get to content in some of the JSTOR packages to which we do not subscribe. This information suggests we need to consider investing in these additional databases, if we can find the necessary funds. Points brought out in discussion:

- The JSTOR databases in question are good and not that expensive, but funds are not available unless we identify other databases that we can eliminate.
- A list of the titles and the turn-aways per title in the two databases should be reviewed prior to a decision being made.
- Are the package rejections enough to document the need to acquire the packages? Would we be better off acquiring the full packages or just the individual titles that are most in demand?
- JSTOR consists of a number of different packages. Most users don’t know this and are confused.
- A lot of individuals prefer to use JSTOR or Google Scholar instead of searching Discover or our catalog to see if we have things they can’t find.
- An appeal could be made to the provost for additional budget funds using the information acquired documenting demand.

Jessica and Paolo will work up information on the databases, title by title with turn-aways, for discussion at the April 6 faculty meeting. At that time Debra will also present a budget report for collections. In addition, information will need to be collected on low usage databases. Jessica reported that there will be a meeting of the Online Resources and Services meeting on March 18 at which time they will review the different platforms’ usage by database; basic usage, not title by title. Faculty are invited to attend the meeting. She will also send the information out to the faculty for review and further discussion on what additional information is needed in order to make decisions on which, if any, databases could be eliminated.

Bob Fernekes reflected on the information received from the JSTOR presentation.

(1) The JSTOR requested title turnaway counts and collections lists emailed separately (3/10) as noted:
- Turnaway count by title for 2014 at Georgia Southern
- Title list of Arts & Sciences VII Collection
- Title list of Biological Science Collection

(2) Recognized as a standard procedure in the Library Faculty meeting (3/9), recommend that the library send JSTOR an e-book title list (MS Excel spreadsheet file including ISBns) to de-dupe e-titles held by the library. In talking to the JSTOR representative, most libraries only de-dupe ebook titles and not the entire book collection. The library JSTOR primary point of contact for de-duping is Greg Bodkin (greg.bodkin@jstor.org).
Paolo reported on the JSTOR DDA Program:
We have been evaluating JSTOR ebooks since August 2014 and at that time, JSTOR DDA was not available through YBP, our book vendor. JSTOR and YBP still do not have an agreement at this time for DDA program but we can purchase JSTOR ebooks, title-by-title, through YBP. Currently, JSTOR DDA program is only available through JSTOR. If we pursue JSTOR, we would need a deposit account in which a certain amount of money (deposit minimum still needs to confirmed) will be placed and triggered purchases will be deducted. The JSTOR representative has indicated that we could do a promissory note in which we will pay invoices every month or for every triggered purchase. Essentially, JSTOR’s DDA program is similar to our current DDA program with Ebrary (through YBP) in that we would have an approval profile on books/subject areas that we wanted. One of the biggest concerns is the duplication of titles from one profile to another as JSTOR will be completely separate from YBP. Thus, certain measures needs to be addressed (e.g., making sure that the JSTOR and YBP profiles do not overlap), if we move forward. At this time, we need more information on the JSTOR DDA program and its likely effect on CRS workflow, the materials budget, and other library services, before we can make an informed decision. As we are more than half-way through the fiscal year, the most logical step for any changes, especially big changes to collection development, should happen at the start of the new fiscal year in July 2015.

Flipster:
Jessica gave a demonstration of a new Ebsco database product, Flipster. The product scans popular magazines that the individual can view, flip through the pages of the magazine, zoom in and print. To find the magazines one would go to Articles and scroll down to F (for Flipster). A trial test case is currently in progress using Forbes magazine. The pricing would be the online price plus 5% for the interface. The trial test for the month of February was half the price. You may access the trial test in our alphabetical list of databases by looking under “Flipster” and “Forbes on Flipster.” They are not listed in our catalog. Faculty were asked to try the product and provide Jessica with feedback. If the product is well liked we can subscribe to our other periodicals.

Announcements:
Lori announced that the nominations and elections system is not working properly and one cannot go in and nominate or vote. Once the system is working properly she will send the link to faculty. The deadline will be extended until March 15th.