Librarians' Meeting 4/28/2015

Present: Scott, David, Rick, Ali, Ann, Fran, Mari, Stacy, Kristy, Gary, Leah

Agenda:
1) Deans update
2) Report on microfilm project- Leah
3) Report on Driving-tests.org- Leah
4) Update on listening stations- Mari
5) Index and Abstract subscription discussion- Fran
6) Mango Languages subscription discussion- Fran

Agenda Items:
1) **Dean's Updates:** Updates were briefly presented, with the updates being sent via e-mail prior to the *Librarians' Meeting* so as to leave time for other agenda items. Refer to ***Appendix A: Dean's Updates***.

2) **Report on Microfilm Project (Leah):** Leah reported that they have started to weed the patent cassettes. 13 drawers have been emptied. Myrna is helping with shifting to consolidate the film and the fiche. The empty bottom drawers in the wall units will be used with the shifting project, and it is hoped that all contents can be shifted from the free-standing floor units to the wall units.

3) **Report on Driving-tests.org** (Leah): See **Appendix B** for information about this online resource which includes practice exams. Discussion ensued regarding desirability of linking to *Driving-tests.org* since there are pop-ups, and also regarding where this resource would be placed. It was determined that this product should be linked from FLITE and that a practical placement for this resource would be under the **Database Access by Subject** page, under a newly created category called **Online Practice Exams.** The Online Practice exams category would contain other links such as to *LearningExpress Library* and other resources which include practice tests for national exams, such as *PharmacyLibrary*.

4) **Update on listening stations** (Mari): Melinda and Mari have been working on this project and have been discussing what would be optimal for the listening stations. They would like to accommodate multiple listening formats, including CDs, LPs, cassettes, and MP3. They are also interested in having VHS available. They are hoping to have headphones at check-out as well, and have access to splitters to allow 2 people to listen at the same time. Mary has talked to other schools for information on equipment and pricing options, and it is hoped that equipment can be secured for 2 listening stations. The need for a use policy, like for computers, was discussed; as LPs in particular can be easily damaged. Also the need for an LP cleaner was mentioned. Scott indicated that unequivocally they will pay for this project.

5) **Index and Abstract subscription discussion (Fran)**: Further information on this inquiry can be found in **Appendix C**. Briefly, Fran was wondering if in the future we should consider discontinuing Index and Abstract databases that do not also contain the full text, and invest more heavily in full text, with the presumption that Discovery services will get better. Discussion ensued with concerns that general databases serve a different purpose than subject databases, and that Discovery services are not yet to the point that this would be practical or desirable.

6) **Mango Languages subscription discussion** (Fran): See **Appendix C** for more details. Fran was wondering if the library should consider subscribing to Mango, an online resource that supports foreign language learning. Suggestions including partnering with the Languages and Literature Department to determine the need for and utility of this resource, and also exploring free resources that are similar in nature. Kristy indicated that programs with a strong foreign language component may very much benefit from this type of resource. Fran indicated that there is a one-time purchase option. Pricing details are found in **Appendix C**.

- Submitted by Ali Konieczny

Agenda Item 1: Dean's Updates

Sent 4/28/2015

Colleagues,

Here are some updates for today's meeting. Please let me know if you have questions about these or other items.

1. Provost Blake will meet with library faculty representatives tomorrow morning to discuss the library faculty tenure policy. Issues that he and I will resume discussing following Commencement include: learning commons/literacy center development process; and creating a plan to refresh several parts of library space.

2. Please note that Steve Karnes and Robert von der Osten are coordinating a conference on aging at FSU, 10/22-24. Please contact them if you are interested in volunteering to help with the conference.

3. There will be two candidates for the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services position on campus next week.

4. UK room booking hardware/software vendor Telepen will visit the U.S. again in July, and will likely visit FLITE again (date TBA).

5. Joe Strohkirch and I will present to President's Council next Wednesday regarding the current state of FourWinds Interactive digital signage at Ferris, and seek human resources to support the system. Examples in production now include the History Task Force digital sign at the University Center, and menu boards at the Quad Cafe.

6. The search committee for the Assistant Dean for Research and Instruction Services had its first meeting yesterday, including an Equal Employment Opportunity presentation by Susan Cook.

7. I have asked the Checkout Desk team to inventory and prioritize desk policies and procedures for updating during summer, 2015.

8. I will be away 4/29-5/1, and Leah will serve as acting dean for those dates.

9. Registration for the conference entitled "Re-think it: Libraries for a New Age," August 10-12 at GVSU, is scheduled to open on or around Monday, May 4. Space at the conference is limited to 200, so if you would be interested in attending, please submit a request ASAP. Registration and more information is available at: http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/rethinkit/

Scott

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Agenda Item 3: Report on Driving-tests.org

Sent 4/27/2015

I thought I had forwarded this info to everyone previously, but I think maybe I'm remembering forwarding it to Melinda for discussion. Driving-tests.org has been marketing itself pretty heavily to various types of libraries, and they recently started a promotion aimed at university libraries. They had a booth at ALA Midwinter, and they also plan to be in San Francisco this summer. ERG would like some input from the librarians at large about whether it would be appropriate to put a link to this web site on our own web site. Since a significant percentage of young people are postponing getting their driver's licenses (my daughter and all her high school friends are examples), we thought there might be some value in making a link to practice driving tests available to students. We might put it in a database category that would include LearningExpress and any other online test prep collections we have. ERG had somewhat mixed feelings about the idea (some of that was incomprehension that students aren't getting their licenses earlier), so we would like some broader discussion at the Librarians Meeting. It appears that there are a lot of safety organizations that are helping to sponsor this website, plus there are paid advertisements, so there is no cost associated with linking to the site. I took the first test, and about half way through it made me take a survey about airlines in order to proceed, but once I finished the 10-question survey, I got a popup that told me I could use the site for 7 days survey-free. Maybe that's the price for free, or maybe we don't want to subject students to ads and surveys. Here is a direct link to just the Michigan driving tests so you can judge for yourselves: http://driving-tests.org/michigan/

Leah

From: "Driving-Tests.org Administration" <info@driving-tests.org>
Reply-To: "uls-l@lists.ala.org" <uls-l@lists.ala.org>
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2015 2:38 PM
To: "uls-l@lists.ala.org" <uls-l@lists.ala.org>
Subject: [ULS-L] Free driver's ed program for all US university libraries

Dear Library Team,
I'm writing on behalf of Driving-Tests.org, a website for learner drivers. In addition to being the largest and most visited independent online driver education provider in the U.S., we currently work with over 650 U.S. libraries, as well as 100+ schools, colleges and academies in a partnership where we provide them free access to our state-specific practice tests (free for the library and the patrons).

We would be happy to extend the same free driver's ed program to all US university libraries.
LEARN MORE HERE: http://driving-tests.org/library/

What's included?
Your online Driver Education program will contain the following state-specific information:
- 10 car practice tests
- 6 motorcycle practice tests
- 3 CDL (Commercial Driver's License) practice tests
- 3 online driver's manuals (car, motorcycle, CDL)
- An FAQ section with detailed answers to 100+ DMV-related questions

Best regards,
Andrei Zakhareuski,
Driving-Tests.org, Founder & CEO
info@driving-tests.org

PS: In Jan/Feb we presented our service at ALA Midwinter, and will be at ALA San Francisco in June again (Booth 2925) in case you would like to meet in person!

Appendix C

Agenda items 5 and 6: Index & Abstract subscription discussion and Mango Languages subscription discussion

Sent 4/27/2015

Hi,

These agenda items are mainly about process & how to approach making some decisions. I don't expect us to make any collection decisions right now.

I'd like us to start talking about how to choose among:
a) Relying on SmartSearch to get users to content
b) Providing specialized A&I resources
c) Purchasing the "+ full text" product

And

There has been some talk about Mango Languages as a resource we should add. I'd like to have some discussion about how we want to make the decision about whether to add that resource.

There is information about Mango Languages here:
http://www.mangolanguages.com/documents/higher-ed/academic_overview.pdf
and here:
https://www.mangolanguages.com/higher-ed/

And this is the quote I got earlier this year:
Essentials Package - $9,500 for the year or one time purchase of $47,500 The essentials package included Journeys 1 and 2 and Mango Premier.
   Campus Package - $12,825 for the year or one time purchase of $64,125 The campus package includes Journeys 1-4 and Mango Premier.

Fran