LEVERAGING LIBRARY CONSORTIA: DEVELOPING A SHARED E-RESOURCES COLLECTION & IMPROVING VENDOR E-RESOURCE ACCESSIBILITY

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Fostering Intentional Shared Collection Development of E-Resources in an Academic Library Consortium: USMAI’s Work in Progress

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Our Consortium: **USMAI**

- 17 member libraries: 16 from Maryland’s public universities & colleges and 1 library serving two private universities
- Library types include general academic libraries, law libraries, a medical/health & human services library, and an environmental sciences library
- Libraries serve institutions across the state which represent a wide variety of Carnegie Classifications
20 Years of Shared Collection Development in the USMAI Consortium

- Late 1990’s: “Buyer’s club” era for USMAI
- Early 2000’s: First shared e-resources “core” collection
- Late 2000’s: Failed attempts to expand “core” collection
- 2011-2013: Shared E-Book DDA collection established; USMAI Executive Director hired
- 2014: White Paper on Consortial E-Resources Licensing; USMAI Working Group structure revised
- 2015: Shared Collection Development Policy developed by RSAS
Operationalizing ERM - Governance

• USMAI Executive Director hired – April 2013

• Development of new governance structure
  ◦ Prior to 2014: Focus primarily on ILS support and ERM buyers club operations
  ◦ Since 2014: Working groups restructured; broadly represent work of consortium; shared governance

• Resource Acquisition & Licensing Subgroup (RALS)
  ◦ Mission – Enable effective and scalable selection and acquisition of shareable information resources
Operationalizing ERM - Governance

Current USMAI Working Group Structure:

- Recognizes expertise of subgroup members
- Empowers subgroup members to:
  - Formulate policy and identify future initiatives
  - Represent member library interests
  - Conduct assessment and reporting
  - Better serve in an advisory capacity to administrators
- Allows for a holistic approach – Subgroup serves as an ERM incubator where ideas “bubble up” to become actionable, strategic initiatives
- Creates a culture where shared collection development is possible with diverse libraries
USMAI ERM Framework - Portfolio

1. Establish an ERM collection development policy & selection criteria
2. Employ dedicated ERM staff for the consortium
3. Review role of consortial ERM procurement/subscription agent
4. Licensing issues: Inventory & Terms
5. E-Resources workflow practices
6. Training and professional development
7. Open access: Impact and strategic direction
8. Evaluation & Assessment: Formal and intentional
Intentional Shared Collection Development – Current Initiatives & Next Steps for USMAI

- Continue Building the Core Collection
  - Survey # 1
    - Disparate needs and preferences

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- Strong preference for subscriptions
Intentional Shared Collection Development – Current Initiatives & Next Steps for USMAI

- Continue Building the Core Collection
  - Survey # 2
    - Ranked 63 e-resources and also indicated if they license locally.
    - Allow us to identify areas for possible subgroup opportunities within the consortium
Intentional Shared Collection Development – Current Initiatives & Next Steps for USMAI

- Continue Building the Core Collection
  - Print and electronic books
  - Business Process Management – actionable strategies
Next Steps / Lessons Learned

- You must first build a foundation.
- Communication & buy-in.
- Training & documentation.
- Make agents, vendors, publishers aware of our needs and advocate.
- Process will take time.
Two Purposes to Our Work

• Internal – Just discussed.
• External - Dialogue with ERM practitioners from other consortia.
Thank You

• Questions, concerns, etc. please feel free to contact us

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