**URSUS Library Directors**

**Retreat**

**August 5-6, 2010**

Thursday, we appreciated the tour of Portland Public Library and the dinner at Caiola’s.  It was a great start to our retreat.

Present at Friday meeting:            Tom Abbott, Donna Bancroft, Greg Curtis, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelly, David Nutty, Steve Podgajny, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery,

Summon/Collections Discussion

Action Outcome One:   Continue to pursue Summon

Summon was not  funded through the Strategic Investment Fund.  We are now working on a business plan that Ralph Caruso will carry forward, Tom and James will work on the plan.  David and Joyce called Jeff Ridell about other options for pricing for the UMS and we are awaiting his response.

Comments:

Is Summon the way to go or do we need to explore some other product that will work with the catalog

If we do not get Summon now what are we going to do about the antiquated URSUS interface and “discovery”?   How is URSUS going to remain viable and relevant?

We need to bullet point the benefits, some in administration did not understand the significance of the product on the users and how it would leverage the use of and investment in the collections.

How much overlap is there in our campus based subscription databases?  What impact will this have on each library in Summon?

Is this an URSUS question or just a seen campus UMS question?

The academic libraries do have the experience of Science Direct.  It is purchased for the UMS by a few entities.  It did result in work that needed to be done by all libraries – cancelations in particular.

We need to bring this to the collection development discussion

Maybe we can reallocate the postage money from Donna Bancroft to the Summon project.

Maybe UM and USM go in together and then the other libraries could acquire it on their own or as a group.

Is there a way to get all of the unique databases from each campus as a system-wide resource?

There is a strategic benefit to going to the one library concept, but across the UMS we have unique curricular challenges

The database piece is not part of Summon funding, so that is the place where we can get funding for this project

The cost of Summon will go up – we should expect that, so it will be an ever increasing impact on our acquisitions

If one library implements Summon it will be able to demonstrate the dramatic increase in successful hits, like the Lib Guides have increased by 300%

Summon takes 6 weeks for implementation

Investigate what it would take to have the five smaller campuses share a common set of databases

               Get best Summon pricing, we need to know what the commitment would be for all

David will collect lists of databases beyond MARVEL from the five campuses and analyze cost of sharing in commons

Making cooperative collection development real

Action Outcome Two;  Create a URSUS Collection Development Committee;  Buy E-Book module

Refer to the Seven Libraries/One Collection document.  What can we do to make this real?

Should we all get the e-book module from Serials Solution?  Consensus was Yes.

We need system-level policies  for the campuses

               Buy an item if it is requested X number of times

               Set up a Collection Development Committee and fund

               MIN can be the purchasing agent

Each library should appoint a staff member to this committee, ask them to find solutions and figure out the next steps.  We need to write a charge for this committee.

We should all expect a 10% cut in FY12

What do we have for statistics, we all ran LibQual three years ago.  Maybe we should do LibQual Lite in a couple of years.

We need institutional research regarding libraries, we have no R&D money

Maine InfoNet

Action Outcome:  Hold a Reference Summitt

Ebooks

Reference Summit – maybe April 12, 2011, James, Joyce, and Barbara will work on this.

                              Possible locations:           Husson, Hutchinson Center, Orono, EMCC

                              Possible topics:                 Futures for reference

Impact of mobile devices

Virtual/digital reference

At the desk or embedded or roaming

Reference collections – print and (or versus) digital

Information literacy – the K-16 connection

Marketing of reference

Ohio’s KnowItNow24x7 (includes HomeworkNow and ReadThisNow)

“book a librarian”

Information is a commodity

Frank mentioned that we have held a state-wide reference meeting, Laurie MacWhinnie, coordinated an information literacy meeting that involved reference staff from public/private/community colleges.  A follow-up would be a good addition to the summit.

Material Delivery

This is a backbone of the collaborative work of the state.

It is operating okay/Joyce reported funding for the delivery for the URSUS libraries appeared to change after the last two delivery companies and we now may not have enough funds in the system line.  Joyce is looking into this issue.

Presque Isle

Greg reported that a study group was formed to discuss the library director position.  IT and the Library were split last June.

Goals for FY11

Summon

Collection Development Committee

Legislative work

Send notes to gubernatorial candidates

Form a research group

Transition to a new system/if we build a new system how do we do it?

Next meeting :                  September 24 at Bangor Public Library

                                             Lyrasis representative will be invited to attend.

Retreat 2011 will be held at Orono – Joyce and James will ponder