RAC Access Committee Meeting – Online
September 7, 2007

Notes

Meeting Called by: Beth Wescott, RML
Present:

Sara Weatherman – Duke	Roxanne Nelson - Mercer
Jan Orick – St. Jude	Nancy Patterson, HS/HSL UMB
Barry Powell – VA Memphis	Holly Willis – Mercy Medical center
Karen Roth - Morton Plant Mease Health Care	

Introductions

Congratulations to Sarah from Wake Forest for their 92% fill rate!

Discussion

Members ruminated about producing Top Ten FAQ for questions asked by hospital librarians on the topic of site licensing. Once created, this list will be posted on the RML website. Some ideas for the Top Ten List were:

- How can I negotiate the licenses for electronic resources so they are ILL friendly?
- How can I negotiate the licenses for electronic resources so they do not impose embargo periods on recent years?
- How can I make sure that patrons can access all electronic information in a subscription remotely? (authentication issues)
- Where can I find examples of access-friendly license agreements?
- Is consortium licensing preferable to single campus/institution licensing? How is an access-friendly consortium licensing agreement obtained?
- When does it make sense to own versus lease an electronic resource?

Discussion about Yale University's licensing policies and the PDF to Paper issue. Many are frustrated by licensing restrictions that hamper work flow (as in printing off a PDF to scan, etc) but feel solid examples are lacking for real solutions. Yale sends PDFs electronically under the "limited sharing for scholarly purposes" exception in their licenses.

Discussion about the need to streamline processes for the end-users. Their experience should be seamless, ideally with IP recognition versus login requirement. What does a library do to account for the fact that users want to access resources from various computers at an array of sites?

Discussion about copyright issues and copyright reporting. Many expressed frustration with copyright restrictions and their impact on access to information. Consensus seemed to be that while we all try to comply and submit reports accordingly. There really are no copyright police so in those instances when the gray area is perplexing, it's safe to err on the side of access.

The idea of producing an interactive tutorial on any of the previous topics brought up ALA's self-paced tutorial on copyright and several members had enjoyed that resource. General consensus was that the ALA tutorial was probably several years old. UCITA was thought to offer one as well and it was agreed that follow up would include trying to obtain both tutorials for the group to view. All liked the idea of providing an updated self-paced tutorial on copyright, including much needed information on electronic resources and their licenses.

Nancy told the group that as chair of ALA's RUSA STARS ILL Committee, she can report that their group is working on a program for ALA 2008 or 2009 on electronic resource licensing and how to assure licenses are ILL friendly. Members felt that this could be helpful for our committee as well so Nancy will share information when she has it. Karen will check into the auspices of MLA copyright information and perhaps training.

Some concern was raised about the fitful copyright understanding of RN Educators.

Follow Up:

Everyone is to send whatever site licensing/copyright information resource recommendations they have or find to Beth so she can share them with the group.

We should all look into ILL and electronic resource licensing webinars and see what's out there or what is needed as a resource.

Look into technology grants ~ like the one NN/LM provided with Ariel/Adobe Complete and scanner. What other ways can we encourage people to take the digital leap?

In two months or so, we'll have another web meeting to follow up on the first and keep moving ahead.

Once extant materials are collected, the group would like to produce some "standard paragraphs" for licenses and alert members to be wary of certain licensing stipulations.

Jan serves on boards of Nature and Elsevier and will continue to speak for libraries and library users in that venue.

Sara was going to be in touch with GAIN to see how they handle licenses and ILL processes, since they have many members which are small libraries.

Subsequent to the Connect meeting: Committee members submitted the following materials:

Access RAC Useful links to e resource licensing content and methodology from Robin Klein, HSHSL

Access RAC Scenarios for possible errors with EZ Proxy authentication

Access RAC Jan Orick's List of Useful Sites

Access RAC Checklist for New Electronic Journal Activation

Access RAC Holly Willis' Trainers' Contacts

Access RAC Online UCITA Tutorial

Access RAC DOAJ Template for Titles that are free but require registration

Access RAC ACRL Copyright Committee

Access RAC Jan Orick's Licensing Classes and Instructors

Access RAC Karen Dillon's Point about Prepub e content

Access RAC Journal Processing Checklist 3rd Draft

Access RAC E-journals processing slip

Access RAC License agreements

Access RAC Print Cancellation, e-only Form

Access RAC Electronic Journal Processing Slip