Collection Development Committee
Meeting Summary
April 25, 2006


Newspapers: The Committee welcomed Mary Stuart and Nathan Yarasavage from the History, Philosophy and Newspaper Library. Mary reviewed recent changes in the newspaper collection policy driven by both publishing shifts in the newspaper industry from print to online as well as pressures from the budget. There is an explosion of digital newspapers that have allowed us to move away from some of our paper subscriptions, thus helping to balance the budget. Microfilm continues to be the preferred preservation format. We have cancelled many print dailies, including Illinois small town newspapers. Our print newspaper collection now is a representative, geographically-balanced, pedagogically-focused collection. Some of the challenges that she and her staff are facing with newspapers are the variable quality of the online content, the lack of choice among aggregators, the cost, the lack of attention to minimum standards on the part of vendors, and the intense demand for digital access from our users. CRL is emerging as an ever more important partner in newspaper, especially foreign titles.

Nathan and David Ward led the Committee through the review they have done of the newspaper databases and aggregators (analysis is attached.) The 2 titles that have demonstrated the strongest showing for access and quality are ProQuest’s Library Press and Newsbank’s Access WorldNews. These titles cost more than titles we are currently subscribing to, but the added value is substantial. They are talking to subject specialists and divisions to help identify money to move to these titles. The cancellation of current titles of lesser value will substantially help cover the additional cost, but they are still some $16,000 short and hope to garner budget support to provide these to our users.

Budget: Lynn Wiley reported that we are rapidly spending down our FY06 budget. Ordering has stopped and the focus is on paying invoices; staff is reviewing open purchase orders to help speed that process. The intention is to have everything paid by May 15. She asked for feedback from divisions to the idea that we build funds next year that have the Monographic Continuations (“4” funds) and the Monograph (“0” funds) collapsed together.

Rod and Karen discussed the prospects for the FY07 budget. The General Assembly is in overtime now in Springfield and we will not know anything specific about our Library budget until the Provost – CBOC meeting on May 23. Karen asked that divisions discuss priorities for allocating new money or managing without new money, to be discussed in detail at our CDC meeting in May.

Preservation: Tom Teper reported that the Conservation Lab is only about 2 days behind schedule at this point. His staff is continuing to work with the new bindery. He reported
that we have recently learned that our CIC Springer print archive is being dropped shipped in 5-8 pallets. We are discussing ways to address this large influx of journal subscriptions.

**E-Resources:** Wendy is immersed in licensing agreements and invoices, pushing through as many as possible before our end-of-year deadline. ISI and Elsevier will be coming in May to demonstrate Web of Knowledge and Scopus. Our Scopus trial ends in October of 2006. We recognize that we cannot afford both of these and need to make an informed decision as a Library about which product best suits our needs. Wendy also reported on the Springer eBooks product that was recently released to a few Springer customers. The pricing, archival arrangements, and content are extremely favorable.

**Approval plans:** Lynn noted that Mary Stuart and John Wagstaff have nominated publishers to add to our approval plan, for which they wish to add the money needed. The Committee agreed that we should move forward on adding them. Lynn will also work with other subject fund managers to move forward on using the Approval Plan to purchase continuation series (using subject fund dollars). Guidelines will be hammered out for determining physical locations of books that are purchased via the AP on subject funds.

Next meeting: May 23, 2:00 p.m., 428 Library