Collection Development Committee
Meeting Summary
July 6, 2006


Introduction of Hassen Al-Shawaf

The committee welcomed Hassan Al-Shawaf—Collections G.A.—who has compiled the inflation figures for periodicals for our “9” fund.

AUL for Collections

Karen Schmidt will soon be taking over as the interim University Librarian for Paula Kaufman. Shortly, a call for the Acting Head of AUL for Collections will be going out; however Karen will remain in her same capacity through Aug. 15, 2006.

Portico

Portico is a trusted digital repository, which “offers a person archiving of electronic scholarly journals.” UIUC is in the process of finalizing its agreement to become a member of Portico, along with our sister libraries at UIC and UIS. As members of Portico, we will have access to the digital archive when trigger events occur, such as when a publisher ceases operations or some catastrophe occurs to the publisher archive. Wendy Shelburne has negotiated the price to approximately $13,000 due to her ability to take advantage of various discounts. More information on Portico can be found by visiting their website: http://www.portico.org/

A working group has been established between UI Libraries to discuss what materials are good candidates for cancellation. The representatives include: Tom Teper and Wendy Shelburne (UIUC); Kim Armstrong (UIS); Deb Blecic, Sara Blaszczak, and Joan Fiscella (UIC).

Budget

We have $400,000 in new recurring dollars for FY07 for Collections. In addition we can reallocate $100,000 from existing general funds. Hassan created an Excel spreadsheet that showed 5 year rolling totals for inflation.

Last month, Karen polled divisions for suggestions of what we want to do with the remaining money, and the top 3 recurring suggestions were:

- cover costs of inflation
- interdisciplinary funds
- purchasing back-files

The new budget provided no special funding for the Health Sciences, so $175,000 needs to be taken off of the top. Also, a reminder was made that $250,000 for the approval plan must be found at the end of each year for it to be fully funded.
Rod Allen, from the Business Office, provided the committee with an overview of the $1.4 million allocation breakdown. In the next few days Rod will send out an email detailing the distribution of this money throughout the library.

Electronic Resources Update
Wendy Shelburne informed the committee on the progress made on the Springer e-books. Springer has a mature digital archive. In addition to the e-books we get an XML copy to use in any way we see fit. The e-books also come with the cataloging done and we can use them for ILL. Those librarians that expressed interest were eligible for various early bird discounts. The e-books come available in the Fall. The e-books and journals come together on Endeca.

The Springer e-books have 5 subject collections:
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Earth & Environmental Science

Preservation Update
- Tom Teper mentioned that the new Conservation Lab is nearing completion and that Conservation hopes to move over to their new location shortly.
- The Digital Task Force has been assembled and the group has met a few times thus far.
- The long-awaited Campus Disaster Response Contract is finally about to come out.
- Tom also mentioned the NEH project concentrating on the Spanish Plays Collection, which is turning out to be a fascinating and quite unique collection.

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Next Meeting
July 25, 2006, 2:00-3:30 p.m.