Overview: The Central Library Committee was asked discuss and examine how to 'merge' individual library databases/resources with Encore. T. Sloan stressed that the purpose of the meeting was to focus on/brainstorm ideas as to what member libraries want rather than how it will work technologically.

Discussion Items

ENCORE:

1. Is the database/resource supported by Encore (i.e., EDS Partner Database)?
   - List of EDS partner subscription-based databases and open-access resources were distributed and reviewed. T. Lawrence noted that the list would change for resources are continually being added.

2. In the case of subscription-based databases, does the licensing agreement permit interlibrary loan?
   - MHLS must review all licensing agreements and inter-library loan status for databases/resources delivered through Encore and provided to all member libraries.

3. How will databases be served by Encore?
   - If several libraries subscribe to the same database, how will Encore deliver citations to all and full-text to subscribing libraries?
   - Can EDS support databases not licensed by all?
   - R. Drake will look into further as to the technological aspects.

4. What will be the policies and procedures of libraries regarding patron requests for full-text articles/resources not available via databases licensed for all member libraries?
   - Uniform policy to loan articles by all members.
   - Direct patron-access vs staff-mediated access

5. What will be the policies and procedures of borrowing and lending libraries in providing full text articles/resources to library patrons?

6. Other considerations?
   - Develop 'skins' specific to each library?
CURRENT DATABASE USAGE/STATISTICS:

- M. Advocate distributed statistics for Chilton’s, Mango, Job Now, Cypress Resume and Learning Express. After discussion, the group recommended discontinuing Learning Express and Cypress Resume.
- M. Advocate will look into consortial prices for Credo & Consumer Reports

More information is needed before we can suggest any new policies/procedures to the Directors Association.

Minutes recorded by S. Ray