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CONTRACT RENEWED FOR ELSEVIER "FREEDOM" AND CELL PRESS COLLECTION

After months of intensive negotiation, the Colorado Alliance and Elsevier B.V. have agreed on the terms and conditions of a five-year renewal of the contract that provides electronic access for the eleven members of the "Elsevier Cluster" to Elsevier's Freedom and Cell Press Collection. The collection includes the entire Elsevier inventory of nearly 2,000 journals. This is a consortial contract. Each participating library has access to the entire collection regardless of how many titles were subscribed to in the past. The existing contract covered three years and will expire at the end of calendar 2007. The renewal runs through 2012.

According to Alan Charnes, Executive Director of the Alliance, the contract renewal is an important example of the power of collaborative purchasing. "We feel that the price, terms and conditions of the contract are fair to all and more favorable to our members than might have been achieved through individual institutional purchases. The major benefit is access to the entire suite of Elsevier journals by all participating libraries. Based on usage statistics and thanks to 100% availability, we find that the libraries at the more diversified institutions now use almost the entire collection. And for our smaller libraries, those who in the past subscribed to a limited number of titles, this is a bonanza."

The details of the new contract were essentially finalized in the discussions and agreements reached in developing the 2005 contract. At that time, the participants struck a balance between the unique needs and desires of their library and the value of collaboration. That approach permitted the consortial contract to go forward. Many have remarked how this effort was a model activity, useful in future negotiations with other vendors.

The result has been a very favorable reception by the students, faculty, library staff and administrators at the eleven institutions. The Elsevier name and the quality of their products are well known to a wide audience. Also well received is the certainty of having access to the entire collection at a very reasonable institutional cost with price certainty over the next five years.

The eleven participating libraries are Auraria, the University of Colorado at Boulder, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Colorado College, Colorado State University, the University of Denver, the Colorado School of Mines, Regis University, the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Wyoming. Only one Colorado Alliance member, The Denver Public Library, did not participate for reasons of low potential usage. One participating library, UCHSC, is not an Alliance member.

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ALLIANCE ACQUIRES ELSEVIER BACKFILE COLLECTION

In addition to the recently completed five-year renewal of the contract with Elsevier B.V. for electronic access to the Freedom and Cell Press Collection, the Alliance has acquired a significant collection of Elsevier journal backfiles. In each case, the journal titles have been acquired back to its first issue. For one journal, *The Lancet*, the backfile reaches back to 1823.

Negotiations on this contract began early in the year. It wasn't until September 25 that agreement was reached on final contract price, terms and conditions. The negotiations were prolonged because of Alliance members funding constraints, members' prior backfile purchases and differing price to value considerations. Several approaches were considered before all parties were satisfied. Alan Charnes, Executive Director of the Colorado Alliance stated that "this is another example of the power of resource sharing, in this case the sharing of priorities and available funds. Funding for this collection is not based on any formula or payment scheme. The participants offered to pay what they could, knowing that by collaboration, they would all have shared access to an important collection."

Although this is a one-time purchase, as opposed to the five annual payments of the Freedom and Cell Press Collection, the sharing provision is identical. The eleven libraries of the Elsevier Cluster carefully selected twenty-one of the total Elsevier backfile inventory of twenty-eight titles to populate the Alliance collection. The Alliance Collection will be available electronically to all Cluster libraries. In a special arrangement, the University of Wyoming will have access to all twenty-eight files.

Participating libraries were requested to identify their top priorities out of the Elsevier inventory. The titles that were acquired includes every library's first priority and in many case, priorities two and three. The twenty-one chosen titles are quite diverse, reflecting the great variety of programs among Cluster libraries. The collection includes such titles as "Agricultural and Biological Sciences," "Mathematics," "Medicine and Dentistry," "Business, Management and Accounting" and "Social Sciences."

The backfile participants include all the Alliance member libraries except for The Denver Public Library and one non-member, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.



Joanne Lerud-Heck and Mary Scott

JONI LERUD-HECK RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM ALMA MATER

Joanne Lerud-Heck, Director of the Arthur Lakes Library—Colorado School of Mines and Mary Scott, Head of the Orton Memorial Library—Ohio State University are this year's recipients of the Arthur Gray Leonard Award. The award was presented at a ceremony on September 27, 2007. The Arthur Gray Leonard Award was established by the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering of the University of North Dakota in 1992 in honor of its namesake A. G. Leonard (1865-1932), who, as a pioneering geologist across many fields of interest in North Dakota, was also a leader and a scholar. Award of this medal recognizes outstanding achievement in the geosciences in research, teaching studies and projects applied to societal needs, teaching, educational development, and leadership in conservation of Earth's resources and environment, conferred by faculty and alumni of the Department and of the University of North Dakota.

Mary and Joanne are receiving the Arthur Gray Leonard Medal because from their first jobs at the Geology Library at the University of North Dakota to the present, they have promoted geology nationally and internationally.

More than any of the other graduates, they have used their geological education as a stepping stone in the service and education of others. Now they are leaders in library science at two of the foremost geosciences schools in the nation.

The Colorado Alliance congratulates Director Lerud-Heck for receipt of this honor.

DIGITIZING DENVER'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded the Denver Public Library's Western History/Genealogy Department a grant in the amount of \$778,000 for the Library's *Creating Communities: Digitizing Denver's Historic Neighborhoods* project.

"We are very pleased that the Denver Public Library will become the home of the archival records of the City of Denver," said Jim Kroll, manager of the Western History/Genealogy Department. "The project will create a centralized digital repository of materials about Denver."

According to Kroll, manuscripts, photographs, published narrative, cartography, audio and video recordings and newspaper clippings from private sources will be linked with the public records to provide in-depth information about the history of Denver and its neighborhoods. The project will create a model of local public-private collaboration to preserve and provide access to cultural and historical materials. "As these irreplaceable documents are preserved and digitized," Kroll adds, "they will become the basis of an unprecedented electronic resource."

Over the next three years, the Library will be working on this project in partnership with the City of Denver, the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, DU Penrose Library, Auraria Library and the Colorado Historical Society. The Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent Federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities, supports the Denver Public Library.

A SHORT DISCUSSION ON DIGITAL PRESERVATION

By Greg Colati, Digital Initiatives Coordinator, DU Penrose Library

What is Digital Preservation?

"Digital preservation is the series of actions and interventions required to ensure continued and reliable access to authentic digital objects for as long as they are deemed to be of value." More than just a technical implementation, digital preservation includes strategic, policy, and organizational considerations that relate to the long-term management and survival of digital content. Digital preservation is a curation activity as well as a preservation activity. That is, it is concerned with the active management of content through policies, systems and value added information such as preservation metadata and audit trails.

The Reference Model for an Open Archival Information System (OAIS) is a widely adopted conceptual model for a digital repository and archival system. "An OAIS is an archive, consisting of an organization of people and systems that has accepted the responsibility to preserve information and make it available for a Designated Community." Going beyond an OAIS, a repository may seek to become a certified trusted digital repository. To be certified as a Trusted Digital Repository (TDR) an archive must meet a specific set of criteria that guarantees not only technical preservation of digital content, but also an organizational and procedural commitment to preservation activities. The Alliance is committed to following the attributes and responsibilities of a TDR in building the Alliance Digital Repository (ADR).

Why Digital Preservation?

Digital content will cease to be accessible without active management and intervention. Many digital files and formats rely on a specific computing platform or environment for accurate access to their contents. Changes in the computing environment can result in inaccurate rendering of the digital content, loss of content, or the complete inability to access the content. Planned strategies to counteract these risks can insure continued access.

Digital Preservation vs. Backup

Disaster recovery strategies and backup systems are not sufficient to insure access to authentic digital content over time. Backup is an important short-term strategy that allows for recovery of data following loss or corruption. It is not designed for long-term management of digital content

A good preservation strategy will use both digital preservation and backup activities as appropriate to ensure both near-term and long-term access to digital content in active systems like learning environments and digital libraries, as well as preservation systems like digital repositories and dark archives.

1 Digital Preservation briefing paper, JISC, 20 November 2006, http://www.jisc.ac.uk/publications/publications/pub_digipreservationbp.aspx. Accessed 14 September, 2007.

2 Reference Model for an Open Archives Information System, Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems, 2002. <http://www.ccsds.org/publications/archive/650x0b1.pdf> Accessed 12 September, 2007

3Trusted Digital Repositories Attributes and Responsibilities. RLG and OCLC, 2002. www.rlg.org/legacy/ongterm/repositories.pdf. Accessed 16 September, 2007

ALLIANCE LAUNCHES “ROUNDTABLES”

On September 7, 2007 the Alliance held the first of what will be a monthly “roundtable” on topics of special interest to many members. These roundtables are intended to be informal, one-time meetings of library staff at various levels to discuss and share ideas on a single subject.

The initial roundtable met to discuss Access Services. Minutes of the meeting are available on the Alliance website. The minutes state that “all library participants saw the meeting as useful for several reasons: to share ideas, meet each other so we can contact later; thought both specific topics sessions and occasional general session would be useful. Recommend setting up session on staff training though attendees might change. A wiki might be useful to share training materials and ideas.”

A second roundtable was held on Friday October 5 on the subject of Spanish Language Acquisitions. Selectors from UCCS, DPL, DU and Auraria shared their individual practices for selecting Spanish language materials. They discussed topics such as choosing vendors, how the region/country makes a difference in purchasing items, budget allocations for Spanish materials, and some of the challenges of purchasing materials in a foreign language. The selectors decided that it would be useful to have a list of all Alliance selectors of Spanish language materials and the particular subject areas in which they select.

Topics for future Roundtables include:

- *Student Library Worker Training (as suggested by the Access Services Roundtable)
- *Working with Writing Programs
- *Storage Policies and Practices

Contact your library Dean or Director if you wish to attend any of these Roundtables or if you have recommended topics.

KEEPING UP WITH THE ADR IN FIVE EASY STEPS

Jessica Branco Colati

The Alliance Digital Repository (ADR) is developing its services at what some might say is a rapid pace. Keeping up with all the news, committees, working groups, and interested parties, can be a challenge! We find that people are telling us they don't know where to look for information, or when to expect new information and resources to be available.

To help people better connect with the ADR and its activities, the ADR staff have devised a simple five-step plan. Enjoy!

1. **Talk to your ADR representative(s).** Multiple times a month, ADR-connected library faculty and staff are meeting to further direct and develop the ADR's functions and services. They're looking at issues as wide-ranging as interfaces, images viewers and access permissions, mappings of \$h in a MARC 245 field and the opportunities surrounding potential non-Alliance member usage. The “big” Implementation Team meeting is held on the second Friday of every month—and is now rotating from institution to institution. Everyone is invited to attend these open meetings and learn more about the ADR development process, the current activities of ADR staff, and Working Groups' status reports. Listings of ADR Representatives and locations of upcoming meetings are available on the Alliance Web site (<http://www.coalliance.org>) under the Digital Repository (ADR) sidebar link.
2. **Visit the Alliance Web site.** (<http://www.coalliance.org>) After an informal summer hiatus, recent meeting minutes and other supporting documentation will be finding their way back on to the Alliance Web site. We will also be reworking some areas to better suit the kinds of information those interested in ADR activities are seeking. Currently you can find the ADR's mission and vision, as well as an outline of the administrative structure, and documentation about early development activities. There are also news blurbs about ADR activities available.
3. **Join a Working Group.** We have numerous working groups, with more forming as needed. Since the Policies 1.0 document is moving its way through the Alliance ranks for approval, the Policies working group is not as active as it once was—but Metadata and ETDs are still going strong! We are also planning to add three new working groups in October: User Interface and Functionality, End-User Instruction, and Institutional Administration. If you are interested in being involved in these areas of ADR development, please let us and your Dean or Director know! Descriptions of all of these groups are available

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SITE	TOTAL BIB RECS LOADED FROM SITE	TOTAL PROSPECTOR MASTER BIB RECS	UNIQUE TITLES HELD BY THIS LIBRARY	% SOLELY HELD OF OWN RECORDS	% SOLELY HELD OF PROSPECTOR UNIQUE	BIB RECS WITH HOLDINGS	ITEM RECORDS	ORDER RECORDS	CHECKIN RECORDS
UC BOULDER	2,641,689		1,136,115	43.01%	23.13%	2,317,597	3,902,167	394,787	157,130
U DENVER	1,580,380		342,040	21.64%	6.96%	1,574,423	2,097,177	95,432	29,740
CSU	1,477,626		361,257	24.45%	7.35%	1,473,399	2,204,831	204,460	94,880
WYOMING	1,397,327		457,730	32.76%	9.32%	1,351,701	1,989,756	3	45,833
CRL	1,281,605		1,222,183	95.36%	24.88%	1,237,306	1,987,146	26,107	15,869
AURARIA	954,543		139,065	14.57%	2.83%	912,194	1,112,452	79,377	11,186
DENVER PUBLIC	850,479		328,371	38.61%	6.68%	807,441	2,397,560	34,475	18,615
UNC	768,411		127,603	16.61%	2.60%	746,430	962,398	48,656	18,399
COLO COLLEGE	490,401		74,511	15.19%	1.52%	423,822	505,469	24,716	6,100
BOULDER PUBLIC	438,412		113,154	25.81%	2.30%	383,515	574,046	81,589	0
JEFF PUBLIC	413,489		99,219	24.00%	2.02%	400,904	1,140,353	48,780	5,336
MINES	390,975		72,309	18.49%	1.47%	380,793	602,212	0	50,533
MESA STATE	329,051		47,356	14.39%	0.96%	327,438	378,002	6	4,568
AURORA	327,608		59,099	18.04%	1.20%	278,062	486,815	20,294	1,290
REGIS	302,745		43,507	14.37%	0.89%	295,441	327,326	18,613	7,111
COLORADO SPRINGS	287,257		29,206	10.17%	0.59%	278,154	317,916	23,464	3,949
FORT COLLINS	241,143		52,555	21.79%	1.07%	240,332	407,970	56,563	832
ARAPAHOE	229,330		54,946	23.96%	1.12%	229,150	602,995	137,319	1,095
DENVER LAW	216,161		39,543	18.29%	0.80%	202,782	345,523	11,570	8,454
BOULDER LAW	204,458		30,291	14.82%	0.62%	204,411	427,211	18,535	9,581
FORT LEWIS	177,466		28,880	16.27%	0.59%	171,436	195,166	5,356	1,457
HEALTH SCI	115,946		48,830	42.11%	0.99%	114,587	282,752	9,427	5,803
COLO PUBLICATIONS	24,719		4,583	18.54%	0.09%	24,684	77,900	0	2,768
TOTAL	15,141,221	7,496,349	4,912,353	65.53%	100.00%	14,376,002	23,325,143	1,339,529	500,529
LINKS TO LOCAL SITES	# OF LOCAL SITES LINKED	# OF RECORDS	% OF TOTAL						
	1	4,912,353	65.53%						
	2	966,476	12.89%						
	3	481,694	6.43%						
	4	318,970	4.26%						
	5	266,707	3.56%						
	6	191,527	2.55%						
	7	120,115	1.60%						
	8	82,638	1.10%						
	9	62,893	0.84%						
	10	45,828	0.61%						
	11+	47,148	0.63%						
TOTAL		7,496,349							

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on the Alliance Web site under Digital Repository (ADR) sidebar link.

- 4. Follow along on the ADR Direct blog.** Part status report, part reading list, and part wish list—the ADR Direct blog is our way of communicating some of what we (the ADR staff) find to be the most interesting/challenging/surprising aspects of developing a consortial digital repository. This is where to find the day-to-day elements and the not-too-technical details of the ADR's construction. You can read the blog at <http://adrresources.coalliance.org/blog>.
- 5. And, of course, Explore the ADR Beta Preview!** (<http://adr.coalliance.org>) The content is “real” even if the interface is still “in progress.”

In the coming weeks we will be working with Digital Bungalow (<http://digitalbungalow.com>), an interactive web development firm based outside of Boston, MA, to define the end-user look and feel of the ADR, and well as tackle the customizable interface challenge for ADRLib. You will also see changes in the way content is presented, metadata is labeled and manipulated, and search results are structured as we prepare for the ADR 1.0 release scheduled for December 2007.

PROSPECTOR RELEASES NEW STAFF WEBSITE

In September 2007, the Alliance released a new Prospector staff Website (<http://www.coalliance.org/prospector/>) targeted to members of the Prospector committees and other interested staff. The new Website was built using Joomla, an open source Web development tool, the same software used to host the Alliance Website.

The old Prospector Website was built in 1998 and was basically just a large flat Webpage with hundreds of links. The new Website is more thoughtfully designed and organized into functional areas. Prospector committees will find minutes of meetings, best practices, committee rosters and other relevant material nicely grouped. The site will also offer Prospector statistics, recent presentations, background documents and an FAQ.

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