Joint Meeting: Committee on Resource Sharing (CORS) and Regional Automation Advisory Committee (RAAC)
Minutes of the Meeting
November 18, 2015

CORS Attendance:

Members of the Committee: Jennifer Acker, Jane Bentley, Katherine Brent, Sue Dague, Tia Felock, Deb Ferguson, Timothy Jackson, Andy Krzystyniak, Kim Mitchell, Robyn Reed, Angela Strong, Eric Trahan

CDLC staff and liaisons: Kathleen Gundrum, Kari Kakeh, Sue Rahn, Chris Tosh

Absent: Debbie Booth, Wendy Quinn Decatur

RAAC Attendance:

Members of the Committee: Jane Bentley, Carrie Buff, Jennifer Ferriss, Laura Gable, Walter Grattidge, Geoff Kirkpatrick, John Myers, Sharon O’Brien, Nancy Poehlmann, Colleen Smith, Maureen Squier, Mary Ann Warner, Christopher White

CDLC staff and liaisons: Kathleen Gundrum, Kari Kakeh, Sue Rahn, Chris Tosh

Absent: Jim Gandy, Tim McDonough, Gary Schwartz, Joe Thornton

The meeting was called to order by CORS Chair Angela Strong and RAAC Chair Jennifer Ferriss at 9:40 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Members of the CORS and RAAC committees were introduced to each other using a candy game icebreaker.

Facilitated Conversations
The chairs of each committee (Angela Strong and Jennifer Ferriss) facilitated discussion between the group to review and share the roles and responsibilities of each committee. The notes that follow will be a brief summary of the discussion.

Angela Strong began the discussion by reviewing the role and responsibilities of the CORS Committee. The CORS committee began in 1991, and includes representatives from all types of libraries and systems who serve a three year term. The CORS committee is a CDLC Board of Trustees appointed committee. The committee meets monthly at CDLC. The CORS committee has been instrumental in developing the CDLC ILL e-Form, the consortial CDLC ILLiad group for academic libraries, and the DAP program (Direct Access Program). The topic of e-books and interlibrary loan has been increasingly discussed by CORS over the past few years. The CORS committee plans an ILL Field Day every two years. A. Krzystyniak noted that in setting up the consortial ILLiad project, CDLC and the CORS Committee were leaders in the field. A. Strong summarized this CORS introduction by noting that libraries cannot facilitate interlibrary loan today without talking about the technology that supports it.

Jennifer Ferriss discussed the role and responsibilities of the RAAC Committee. The RAAC Committee is also a CDLC Board of Trustees appointed committee. The committee was formed in 1986 and is charged with helping CDLC manage the RBDB (Regional Bibliographic Databases) Program and budget. Funds are provided to CDLC from the New York State Library Division of Library Development to benefit regional resource sharing and information technology in the region. It is the responsibility of the RAAC Committee to develop automation/information technology goals, in consultation with member libraries, which take into account regional needs. Some CDLC projects that have been developed using RBDB funds include: CaDiLaC, the Union List of Serials, the Partial Union Catalog, the ILLiad consortial project, Ask Us 24/7, New York Heritage, Cataloging and Metadata grants, and NYS Historic Newspapers. J. Ferriss also reported that the RAAC Committee meets 3-4 times per year. It typically plans a Continuing Education program yearly. The committee has been discussing adding an interlibrary loan component to CaDiLaC for many years. Walter Grattidge noted that a role of the RAAC Committee may be to measure the impact of technology on libraries and to determine how RBDB funds may be used to support this.

Technology has certainly impacted interlibrary loan in the region. J. Acker noted the creation of the CDLC ILL e-Form, which is being used heavily in the region by libraries that are not OCLC subscribers. S. Dague noted that the interlibrary loan of journal articles has become almost instantaneous because of technology. Technology has also created some challenges for interlibrary loan, such as the interlibrary loan of e-books.

C. Smith started a discussion of CaDiLaC by noting that the group of libraries that use CaDiLaC might be small, but their need is high. Typically library staff in a library that is an OCLC subscriber are not using CaDiLaC, except to find materials from CDLC libraries that are not on OCLC. Libraries with no access to OCLC are relying on CaDiLaC exclusively. Should CDLC focus on ILL for CaDiLaC? Several committee members thought that the development of patron initiated ILL for CaDiLaC would be a great next step. Other comments noted that CaDiLaC needs to exist within a whole suite of ILL tools. A. Strong noted that some new technologies and
tools are creating a more complicated regional resource sharing environment. Some of the new tools may actually form silos for some libraries. For instance, if a library is a member of Connect NY (a consortium of private academic libraries in NY), they might actually borrow items from Buffalo instead of Albany.

The group moved the discussion to the topic of what projects the CORS & RAAC committees could work on together. One idea suggested was to work on the patron initiated ILL component to CaDiLaC. The RAAC Committee has recently formed a Working Group to review “RAAC Services” which will be looking at CaDiLaC as a RAAC service. Any CORS or RAAC committee member may participate in this group. Volunteers for this Working Group initially include:

- CORS: Jane Bentley, Sue Dague, Timothy Jackson, Andy Krzystyniak, Kim Mitchell, Robyn Reed
- RAAC: Jane Bentley, Mary Ann Warner, Chris White

CORS and RAAC committee chairs, as well as CDLC staff, will also serve on this Working Group.

A suggestion was made to increase the communication between the two committees. Jane Bentley of Questar III School Library System serves on both committees, and is able to bring information to each group. CORS and RAAC committee chairs might also attend each other’s meetings.

**Announcements**

The CORS ILL Field Day is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2016.

**Next Meetings**

CORS: The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2015, 9:30 am.

RAAC: The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2016, 9:30 am.

Minutes compiled by Sue Rahn.

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