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LACUNY Collection Development Roundtable
Thursday, May 14, 2009
Graduate Center Library 18th Century Reading Room, 10:00am

Present: Sheila Beck (QB), Ching Chang (MEC), Alex de Laszlo (LG), Daisy Dominguez (CC), Jessica Hernandez (LC), Maria Kiriakova (JJ), Rob Laurich (CC), Thomas Riker (BCC), Ken Rosenberg (QC), Cecilia Salber (KB), Sharon Swacker (NYCT), Susan Vaughn (BC); *Guests:* Deidre Dowling (NYLINK), Lynne Graziadei (NYLINK)

Lynne Graziadei of NYLINK gave the Roundtable a demonstration of Spectra. The following is a list of product information and feature, particularly in light of CUNY interests and concerns:

Accuracy

- One of the key distinctions between Spectra and other products we have trialed before is that you control what you send; information is not based on a utility. Therefore, Spectra should reflect an accurate number of copies. Library Dynamics has 4 intake times per year so there is the possibility of updating your information four times a year. However, libraries currently only update once a year.

What part of our collection would be included?

- Spectra uses your MARC and associated holdings records to populate your collection on the system. Electronic resources would have to be cataloged in order to be available for comparison within the system.
- Since Spectra was designed for academic libraries, it uses LCSH. You cannot load records for items classified by Bliss, Dewey or any other classification system.
- Circulation data is shared.
- Missing items would not show up in system.

Other Features

- Spectra includes built-in collections and reviews from CHOICE to assist you with collection development. Lynne was not sure how far this goes back or how often it is updated.
- You can use Spectra for weeding. However, this makes more sense if you subscribe to **Spectra CRC**, which includes your entire collection with earliest circulation data (but does not have a timeline analysis). **Spectra Dimension** only includes the last 10 years of your collection; the upshot is that it is more granular. **Spectra Momentum** is an add-on to Spectra Dimension which provides yearly snapshots of collections versus cumulative numbers of usage. There is also a weeding add-on called **WeedlistPlus and Custom Reporting Services**. You may subscribe to both Spectra CRC and Spectra Dimension

Subscribers

- Once you subscribe to Spectra, you are part of the community of users” and can compare your collection to any single or group of libraries in the system. No permission is necessary.
- Many libraries in Colorado and Wisconsin use Spectra. Others include Bates, Bowden and Colby. Currently, no NY state libraries are using Spectra. It does not seem likely that we will be able to, at some point, run a comparison against SUNY because they have plans to create their own collection analysis system.

Support

- Spectra is completely hosted by Library Dynamics. Library Dynamics has programming staff and they may be able to produce a certain feature for you.
- NYLINK markets Spectra to consortiums. NYLINK also helps you set up your data profile and provides user support. NYLINK markets two other products as well.

Archives?

- You do not own the data that you retrieve. You would only have data available through the end of your subscription.

We were unable to see all Spectra’s features due to Internet outages that morning. Therefore, Lynne offered to set up another demonstration via webinar. We will be in contact through e-mail to set this up.

Next meeting: joint Acquisitions/Collection Development/ILL Roundtable meeting on Wednesday, June 17 1:30-3:30pm at the Graduate Center’s Segal Auditorium.