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The Spring/2002 meeting of the LACUNY Interlibrary Loan Roundtable Committee was held on Mon., May 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Baruch. In attendance were Sheila Beck (QCC), Nancy Egan (JJ), Ann Grafstein (SI), Bonnie Hack (NY), Richard Hickerson (ME), David Koenigstein (BCC), Gene Laper (LE), Clementine Lewis (LG), Louisa Moy (BB), Eric Neubacher (BB), Beth Posner (GC), Evelyn Silverman (QC), Rick Uttich (CC), Susan Vaughn (BC, Central Office).

Clementine Lewis opened up the meeting with introductions.

The minutes of the Fall/2001 meeting were approved.

Evelyn Silvennan asked to revisit the issue of the intracuny borrowing function of Aleph and wanted to know if there had been any further discussion of the possibility of ILL and Circ. Librarians holding a joint meeting. Susan Vaughn said that there had been no plans as of yet because when Phase I of the changeover to Aleph takes place this August, it will not include that function. Implementation of intracuny borrowing will be addressed in the future.

Evelyn Silvennan asked if anyone else had noticeable decreases in ILL use due to the growing availability of electronic resources. She said that her numbers are down. Eric Neubacher said that his totals are not down, but that he does reject about 60 to 70 requests a month because of electronic availability. Other schools have seen a difference but not that significant.

Susan Vaughn passed out document delivery statistics. She noted that ISI is no longer available and CISTI is the biggest deliverer by a wide margin. She also pointed out that SI is the only school over its allocation. Of the schools in the "Pool", YC has been the only significant user. SI will not be cut off yet and there is still money available in the Pool because the total use is significantly lower than expected so far. Evelyn Silverman wanted to point out that if the total is lower than expected, this is not an accurate reflection of need and that QC would use a lot more of the money if it could.

Susan Vaughn said that next year, subscribers to Wiley can opt to keep their tokens to be used for ILL rather than giving their patrons access to them. She also said that you can change your Wiley subscription and add titles that tokens were used for. This should be discussed with your ERAC representative as that is the person that signs the Wiley contract.

Steve Koenigstein asked if everyone routinely searched electronic holdings first before searching OCLC. There was general agreement that it was good practice to check electronic holdings first.

Beth Posner said that the next METRO meeting would be in early June.

Clementine Lewis did an online demonstration of a few OCLC features like the "participating institutions" and "First Search Periodical Titles" links at http://www.oclc.org
And then briefly went over the web based ILL service at http://illweb.oclc.org:80

Ann Grafstein said she attended an ILL web workshop with John Penn at NYLINK as he said that it was not worth her time to learn Passport because it is being phased out. She also said that the pricing for the ILL web is identical to Passport. One problem with the web version is that Constant Data can not be updated via the web version.

Rick Uttich showed the custom holdings capability in the web version and also mentioned that in the web version you can get the management statistics online. Eric Neubacher added that you have to pay a separate subscription price for them that is higher than the price of the print statistics. Ann Grafstein said that she had also made some inquiries about statistics packages. To use Illiad a library must do a minimum of 2000 transactions. Installation is $1200.

Some of the document delivery services were also demonstrated. Rick Uttich demonstrated CISTI and Clementine Lewis demonstrated Ingenta searching and registration.

Clementine asked if anyone thought we should have a summer meeting but it was generally agreed that we should wait until the fall.