

## UT Electronic Resources Librarians

Report to the University of Tennessee Library Council  
Submitted by Gayle Baker, Convener of the UT Electronic Resources Librarians  
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Since last summer's meeting of the UT Library Council and the UT Electronic Resources Librarians, the database of e-resources holdings was updated, and areas of overlap were identified.

The UT Electronic Resources Librarians met on September 27, 2012 at the Nashville Public Library during the Tenn-Share DataFest. Abbie Shellist, Associate Director of UT Purchasing, provided an update of her current, ongoing negotiations. The minutes of this meeting are attached. They include suggestions made to Abbie for her negotiations with Elsevier, EBSCO and Nature (NPG).

Other cooperative efforts, facilitated by e-resources librarians within the UT System, are:

- Purchase of IEEE Journals Archive – UTK and UTC. UTC was unable to proceed due to the cost.
- UTK librarians visited UTSI to talk to faculty about using UTK e-resources. (Administratively, UTSI reports to the UTK Chancellor.)
- UTGSM (Preston) manages the subscription for NEJM and JAMA for UTGSM, UTC, UTK and UTHSC.
- UTK and UT Law, being on the same campus, share IP ranges, and are able to share many electronic resources with access via IP.
- Long-standing binding contract for several UT libraries and the UTK Bookstore. This is being re-bid by Purchasing.

Some of the barriers to cooperation:

- Reluctance to change from one vendor to another for a database that is available on more than one vendor's platform.
- Reluctance to change subscription dates for a group subscription.
- There is also a lack of funding to prorate subscriptions in order to align them to a single date, which vendors usually require.
- Lack of individual administrative accounts for each campus, for obtaining individual institution's usage statistics, changing defaults, etc.
- Lack of staff time, on each campus, to deal with cooperative efforts. For each subscription it is necessary to name a Primary Contact, Technical Contact, etc. Those responsibilities must be handled by someone.
- Lack of central funding / seed money.

We have some questions:

- How many campuses have to participate in order to be part of a UT System deal negotiated by Purchasing? If it is all of them, then what we have in common is health sciences.
- Will purchasing work on a UT System deal for e-resources in subject areas that UTC, UTK and UTM have in common, like biology, business, history, foreign languages, literature, etc.? It has been suggested that Purchasing look into a "big deal" on databases with vendors like EBSCO, Gale and ProQuest.

Blake Reagan, Director of Contract Administration at the UT Treasurer's Office, has worked with UTK Librarians, Micheline Westfall and Corey Halaychik, on master agreements with several vendors of electronic resources: EBSCO, Facets Multi-media, Mergent, ProQuest, and SpringShare. Work on more agreements continues. These master agreements will help libraries move through the contract process more efficiently. The list of master agreements for libraries may be found at <http://web.utk.edu/~to/contracts/masteragreements/libmasteragree.html>. In collaboration with Purchasing and Contracts, Micheline and Corey will create a document explaining the paperwork and process involved for each campus for acquisition of resources relative to master agreements.

Before we can plan our next meeting and offer any detailed plans for the next six months, we would like to have:

- An update from Abbie Shellist on the progress of her negotiations with Elsevier, EBSCO, and Nature.
- Feedback from the UTLC

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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Minutes  
UT Electronic Resources Librarians  
Nashville Public Library  
September 27, 2012

Present: Gayle Baker, Sandy Leach, Katie Gohn, Charlie Remy, Marlow Peters, Loretta Price, Carol Collins, Martha Earl, Michael Lindsay, Rick Fought, Abbie Shellist

The meeting lasted from noon through 1:30 PM, CST. Box lunches and beverages, arranged by Katie Gohn, were consumed during the first half hour.

Abbie Shellist, Associate Director of UT Purchasing, provided an update of her negotiations:

1. JSTOR
  - Negotiations between JSTOR and UT/TBR for a 9% discount on new collections are almost complete.
  - Libraries will be invoiced by Tenn-Share.
2. Elsevier ScienceDirect
  - An initial negotiation with Todd Hallerman of Elsevier was challenging and did not yield a useful offer (too expensive) from him for the Freedom Collection.
  - Since UTHSC and UTK need to go ahead with their 2013 contract.
  - Abbie plans to talk with Todd again on Wednesday. Charlie Remy volunteered to be on the line, too, to cover possible negotiation terms.
  - Rick suggested that we try to get access for alumni.
  - Gayle suggested that we try to provide access to all of the UTK Elsevier “subscribed” titles for the rest of the UT system libraries at a low cost. It was suggested that Abbie ask Todd to pull together a list of Elsevier titles across all of the campuses.
  - It was suggested that we set up a Blackboard are for discussions.
  - Each campus library should send Abbie their serials/periodicals budget.
3. Cinahl Plus with Full-Text
  - Abbie plans to talk with Lainie Brown about this database.
  - Lainie told her that there would need to be two different types of deals, one for the health sciences libraries (UTHSC and Preston at UTMCK) and another for libraries at academic institutions (UTC, UTK and UTM) because EBSCO uses a different pricing structure for each type of library.
  - Looking at the summary of title overlap from the combined UT system library e-resources list, Gayle suggested that we might want Lainie to consider:
    - Adding PsycInfo and PsycArticles to the deal. (Could also add EconLit, GeoRer, MLA, Philosopher’s Index, in addition to the APA databases.) It was agreed to wait until the meeting at TLA to consider any other titles.
4. Nature
  - This one-year contract will expire at the end of the year. It needs to be renewed for multiple years.
  - The new NPG rep is Barbara Kaplan.
  - Rick asked about two of UTHSC titles that were dropped in that deal: Genetics in Medicine and Pediatric (Research?). He stated that we need to be able to add titles or swap low use titles for others.

- Katie asked that we have a true consortium account, with each campus having its own sub-account for use statistics and campus-specific interface options.
- We also need to know what archival access is available. (Note that UTK has acquired some of the *Nature* archives.)

The data group (Gayle Baker, Katie Gohn, Charlie Remy, Martha Earl, Michael Lindsay) will analyze the combined list of UT system libraries' e-resources and report their findings at our next meeting during the 2013 TLA Annual Conference (April 24-26) at the Chattanooga Convention Center and Marriott Hotel.

(Gayle Baker and Katie Gohn provided information for these notes.)