Acquisitions Working Group April 23, 2018 Meeting

Attending: April Davies, MaryEllen Donathen, Marianne Foley, Jin Xiu Gou, Katherine Latal, Kristy Lee, Sarah Maximiek, Leslie Preston, Shannon Pritting, Susanna Van Sant

• Survey of use of Aleph for acquisitions activities

The group continued discussion about surveying all SUNY libraries to determine current use of ALEPH for acquisitions activities, planned future use of Alma, how to identify correct contact at each campus and survey questions.

Possible questions included: Using ALEPH now? Will you use Alma acquisitions? Who is your acquisitions contact at your library? Do you want to migrate data to Alma? What are you using ALEPH for and to what extent?

One factor in the migration of data is retention of acquisitions data; what is the state requirement for retention of data on expenditures?

Kristy to provide list of Institutional Leads for each campus. May reach out to lead to identify acquisitions personnel.

April noted that in order to develop policies we need to know what people are using the system for currently. We can guide campuses to use acquisitions effectively and help each other form best practices.

Shannon noted that other working groups are reaching out to other consortia to see what they are doing.

The group was not set on moving forward with the survey after the discussion.

The working group discussed whether libraries can be required to use Alma for acquisitions. The group will draft and propose a policy to highly encourage its use. There may be reasons to recommend using Alma for particular activities, such as placing orders through Alma could provide better coordinated collection development opportunities.

Jin noted that using an ILS or LSP would benefit a library by making the acquisitions work more effective.

Other advantages noted:

Ability to interface with campus financial module (for invoice payment).

The financial details provided by using the LSP would be helpful to the library because it would provide operational data and insight for the library.
Meeting on 4/30/2018 cancelled because of the ELUNA conference.

For next meeting:

Look at links to information from other consortia related to acquisitions (All)
Draft policy proposal about use of Alma for acquisitions activities (Kate)
Continue to add questions to survey draft document for initial survey and subsequent surveys (All)