

STARS Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 12, 2008
1:30 pm – 3:30pm
ALA MidWinter Meeting ~ Philadelphia, PA

STARS PreConference for Annual Conference 2008

“Throw Off Your Policies and Expose Your Resources: Rethinking Resource Sharing”

Anne Beaubien reports:

- Stephen Abram to keynote event
- Will include an overview of RRS and the Manifesto
- A panel will cover different ways to do resource sharing
- Participants will have breakout sessions to get ideas of things to take home

Facilitators Guide

- Guide was completed and post online at <http://www.rethinkingresourcesharing.org/docs/facil-guide.doc>
- A discussion was held in Maryland. They will have a wider discussion about the Manifesto and using the Facilitator’s Guide in 2008.
- Members that have used the Facilitator’s Guide are asked to share their experiences on the STARS-L mailing list to demonstrate how easy it is and encourage others to follow suit.



Access Document

- This past November, Mark de Jong, the STARS Rep to the RUSA Access to Information Committee asked STARS Exec to respond to questions about the meaning of “access to information” as background for a new RUSA statement on this subject.
- The STARS Executive responded with some thoughts and included a link to the RRS Manifesto.
- If the RRS Policies Committee has further input to share with Mark De Jong, we should do so as soon as possible.
- Gina will request input via e-mail after the MidWinter meeting as some additional information about the request is not currently retrievable due to technical difficulties.



Brainstorming Future Directions for the RRS Policies Committee

- Would like to have examples of each point in the Manifesto.
 - Move it beyond the day to day
 - Identify libraries making it happen
 - Need more success stories
 - Stories about when we tried, but it didn't happen as you wanted to because... the barriers encountered...how to get by them. What lessons were learned?
 - Identifying those barriers so we can start to address them.
 - Advocating to overcome the barriers. What kinds of
- Could the committee help publicize the "innovation award" to get more success stories out there?
- Could we do something w/ credit cards over the web (interacts w/ ILLiad?) to serve those individuals that aren't affiliated with a particular library or particular ILL library. Holds payment 'til later time?
- Home delivery policies?
- Developing ideas that are more difficult to do as an institution, but could be done as a group. Exploring partnership ideas.... (e.g. we already pay CCG, but there's a pay per view option out there... what if we paid them instead? Would it be better service for the end user?) Explore these types of ideas....
- Pursue partnerships that could benefit multiple libraries.
- What about ILL partnerships with BookSwim
- Advocating with law-making bodies on laws/code that conflicts with providing service.

What can we tackle now?

Copyright:

- Do we promote creative commons or more intelligent copyright rules to authors when they are signing their contracts?
- Can we suggest an articulation of how to promote different rules?
- Shorten the amount of time until it's available to us?
- We should develop a guide or checklist or something to get that kind of thing started.

Next Step: Gina will forward that idea to the Legislation and Licensing Committee of STARS.



Examples for each of the 7 points of the *Manifesto*:

- Becky Ringwelski will tackle this task and bring work back to the committee.



Endorsement of the *Manifesto* by State Library Associations

- Can we encourage state library associations to affirm the Manifesto with a strong statement of support?
- Example “... by affirming the Manifesto, {state} libraries agree to uphold the principles by doing these things.... 1. 2. 3. “
- The following individuals have committed to take this to their state associations
 - Nada Vaughn (MO)
 - Gina Persichini (ID)
 - Wendy Dobson (MD)
 - Anne Beaubien (MI)
- Send a letter to send to each state association describing the RRS Initiative and the *Manifesto* and invite them to discuss it within their state and affirm with a statement as described above. Provide RRS contact information if they'd like someone to speak about it with their membership or have other questions/comments.
 - Nada Vaughn agreed to draft a letter
 - Gina will communicate with the Chapter Relations Committee (CRC) of ALA and the State Library Agencies Section (SLAS) of ASCLA to alert their membership that a letter and information about the *Manifesto for Rethinking Resource Sharing* will be going to the state library associations.



Research Needed to Support RRS

- Research is likely already done, but it needs to be pulled together
- Talking points would be helpful to those in the wider library community supporting the RRS initiative
- Beth Posner of the RRS Marketing Committee will work on pulling together those talking points from the research.
- Beth Posner will contact the RRS User Needs group and Joan Stein of the STARS Research and Statistics Committee to let them know our plans.



Links to services, programs, or other things we touched on during conversation:

- Book Mooch (<http://bookmooch.com/>)
- Read & Return at airports (<http://www.theparadiesshops.com/>). Click on “special programs.”
- Books to Your Doorstep – Denmark (http://www.deflink.dk/upload/doc_filer/doc_alle/1382_Books%20to%20your%20doorstep%20quick%20guide.doc)