

Transportation Library Connectivity & Development  
Pooled Fund Study TPF-5(237)  
TAC Meeting – 3/21/13 – Minutes

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*HS InFocus:* Maggie Sacco, Kirsten Seeber

Guest: Greg Di Donato, Anna Enos, Nicholas Galvin, Steph Jones, Tom VanZoeren, EBSCO Publishing

Agenda:

**TOPIC: EBSCO e-books for Engineering - Product Demo - Free Trial through March 31, 2013**

1. Please promote the free EBSCO trial (and share the link) within your organization so we can determine if it is getting used. The trial can be extended if we need to.
2. EBSCO is one of the largest providers of aggregated databases in the world. The collection includes e-books, journals and industry reports. They provide access to content not easily accessible on the Internet.
3. We have a free trial of the EngineeringCore eBooks product, which contains 4,297 titles. EBSCO updates the collection monthly. The materials are accessible on an unlimited basis (unlimited downloads).
4. Pricing ranges from \$3,670 to \$8,000. Maggie will work with EBSCO to negotiate a consortium discount.
  - Kathy – The pricing is per library? Yes
5. Contact Anna Enos with questions. [aenos@ebscohost.com](mailto:aenos@ebscohost.com).
6. AZ DOT
  - Does the collection contain books that weren't e-books to begin with? They probably won't be part of this collection. EBSCO doesn't OCR'd books.
  - What about journal articles that require payment at their original site? The database provides as much access to full text titles as possible. The percentage of full text materials available depends on the publisher and the costs EBSCO must pass on according to the publisher's terms.

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- Does a subscriber have access to all products or only the EngineeringCore? Many materials are located in several products, but we will only have access to the product we subscribed to - EngineeringCore.
  - How does the library you add a title to their own collection? A customer can purchase individual titles. If your library wants to make individual purchases, the purchase becomes part of the EngineeringCore subscription and would be available to anyone in your organization.
7. Jim Byerly – MN DOT
- Does it work with Android products? Yes and No. You can access the platform but can't download any materials. The phones themselves don't contain the digital rights management system.
8. Rebecca Christie/Kathy Szolomayer – WS DOT
- Do the older titles get bumped off periodically or are they retained? Titles aren't eliminated unless a newer edition comes out.
  - When a new edition comes out, how long until it is added to the collection? It depends on the publishers. EBSCO tries to eliminate any embargo periods as much as possible and try to get titles in the collection as soon as possible.
  - It's important in our field to sometimes have access to old titles. Can you keep titles in the collection, even if a new edition comes out? EBSCO monitors usage and will keep titles that are being used within the product, even if there are multiple editions. Customer feedback is important and they will work with you to keep titles if they are needed.
  - Can you provide us with a list of the publishers' embargo periods? EBSCO is as transparent as possible within their journal databases and show embargo periods. With e-books the changes aren't as frequent, so it really depends on the publishers. Contact EBSCO when you need to know the embargo period for a specific book.
  - Is there a full list of the publishers you have? Yes, we can send you an Excel file with all of the publishers and titles in the EngineeringCore product. They can also set you up with trial access to see all publishers/titles across all products.
  - If we want to add new e-book titles, how does the cost compare to the printed version of the title? The e-book prices are comparable to Amazon's prices for a single copy for a single user. When you increase the number of users/copies the costs increase from 1.5 to 4 times the cost.
  - What are the annual price increases? They range from 4-7%. It is dictated by the publisher increases.
  - What sort of records do you make available if we want them in our individual catalog? EBSCO can make MARC records available to put in your catalog at no cost (part of your subscription). You will get an email from OCLC when a new title is added. When a title is removed, EBSCO will send you a notification to prompt you to remove the mark record from your collection.
9. Betty Ambler – CT DOT
- For downloading to a desktop, Adobe Digital Editions is the best choice. She doesn't have this available. It's free but she has to go through her IT department to get it. She wants to be able to say that other states are using it to make her case.
10. Carol Paszamant – NJ DOT
- How many of the 4,300 titles are related to civil engineering? They can send us that information.
  - How does EBSCO compare to Knovel? Maggie will ask Greg.
    - The biggest difference is that Knovel has the AASHTO publications and EBSCO does not.

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11. Jane Minotti – NYS DOT
  - Is there a typical loan period before the downloaded document goes away? You set that period for your users and it can be set that for up to two weeks. The default period is one week.
  - Is the collection just for e-books or does it include journals? This one is just for e-books. There is also a journal research database and most customer combine platforms in their subscriptions.  
Jane – She really likes the journal database, which she has access through the state library.
12. Greg - EBSCO – They need to know what products our members currently have access to so they can tie the subscriptions together.
13. Greg – EBSCO – He will send Maggie the titles list, the presentation and pricing. Maggie will send to everyone and also post the PPT slides to the Member’s Only section of the Library Connectivity website.

**Business meeting**

**National Library Week**

1. On the bottom of the Benefits page of the Library Connectivity website, you can find login to the Members Only section. Password = TLCDPF. Maggie transferred everything over from the old site.
2. Maggie put the NLW web files here. These graphics can be used for your NLW activities on your intranets and websites. We have a group license for these files so any of our members can use them. You have to get them from the Library Connectivity site on the Members Only page or get them from Maggie. Maggie will send out the .zip file to LIBCON-L – it’s small.
  - Kathy – From their past experience, you can only use these files for electronic purposes and not use them for print purposes.
  - Maggie – Does anyone need graphics for printing purposes? That will cost about \$140. If you need these types of graphics, let Maggie know and she will see what she can do.
3. Krys is altering our Library Connectivity map so that it includes the theme of NLW this year, which is Communities Matter. Thanks to Krys for volunteering to work on the map for us.

**Member updates**

1. The Alaska DOT is joining the pooled fund. MoDOT is waiting for their transfer of funds.
2. The Nevada DOT has a new librarian. Maggie will welcome him and get him set up on the listserv.

**Group Special Projects – Updates**

*Report Documentation page*

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*Report Distribution*

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3. Maggie – Is the AASHTO RAC TKN Task Force subgroup working on this? Yes, they have determined what is needed but no one has the time.

*Multistate Cataloging*

1. Maggie is searching for a cataloger. Her original candidate didn't work out.

*TKN Webs*

1. We have a signed contract for this project. We are scheduling a meeting to meet with Kendra Levine for an update on the ETKN and WTKN sites.

**RDA Toolkit**

1. Confirmed members who want subscriptions: IA , MI, NJ, NC, NM, MO, IL, and CT.
2. The cost is \$1,482.00 or \$185.25 per library.
3. We need TAC approval for the funds. The funds will come from the carryover or from special projects. Renee will ask Bill Stone from where they want to designate the funds.
4. Member vote – All yays, no nays.
5. If anyone also wants this subscription, let Maggie know ASAP.

**SLA**

1. Does anyone need a support letter to get travel approval? Please let Kirsten or Maggie know.
2. We can't make SLA registrations without approval because we forfeit the registration cost if we cancel.
3. Hotel - [Hotel Palomar](#). Please direct all hotel questions to Kirsten and do not contact the hotel directly. We will be providing the hotel with a rooming list for our group.
4. Kirsten will be making flight arrangements in April and will ask for itineraries then.
5. Pooled fund meeting at SLA. Maggie will arrange an informal meeting on Saturday night in the hotel lounge. The topics will be to discuss the upcoming annual meeting and member updates.
6. [Transportation Division Events](#) – We will provide a list of transportation-related events right before the conference along with your travel information, ground transport, cell phone list, etc.
7. Copyright course at SLA – It's designed to teach non-librarians about copyright compliance. It provides librarians with the tools to educate library users about compliance at their own organizations.
  - This is an issue that continues to challenge librarians as digital collections grow and we manage multiple licenses.
  - We can register one member to the who would develop a training session and share with the membership. Let Maggie know if you are interested in doing this.
  - The other possibility is to invite a copyright expert (Lesley Allen Harris or Laura Gassaway) to our annual meeting to present the information to our group.
    - Kathy – She feels that this is a topic the librarians to be up-to-speed on.
    - Jane – She feels it would be more beneficial to have an expert present to our group so that all of the questions can be answered.

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**Annual Meeting**

1. MN DOT, CT DOT and NM DOT all have offered to host the annual meeting.
2. MTKN would also like to have a joint meeting, so they would prefer a Midwest location.
  - Leighton – Suggests that the other TKNs might want to meet on the west or east coast.
  - Maggie - We have not been approached for joint meetings by the WTKN or ETKN. They have been holding annual meetings via web conference.
3. Possible dates would be in the last two weeks of September.
4. Karen – The MTKN meeting is at the same time as the annual meeting, so they try to coordinate with our annual meeting.
5. No objections to holding the meeting in St. Paul. If we need to decide which TKN to have a joint meeting in subsequent years, then we can vote. Thus far, they haven't been able to accept past offers for a joint meeting.
6. Maggie will confirm with MN DOT that they are able to host a joint meeting this year.

Next meeting: June 20, 2013 – 12:30pm – 1:30pm CST