

CTLC Spring 2014 Planning Meeting Summary Notes

The Cross Timbers Library Collaborative Spring Planning Meeting was held on March 28, 2014 from 10 am to 3 pm in the Joyce Thompson Library Lecture Hall in the Blagg Huey Library on the Texas Woman's University campus in Denton, Texas. These summary notes were prepared by Barbara Halbert.

Attendees were: Sherilyn Bird (Texas Woman's University), Mary Boyd (SMU), Sian Brannon(UNT), Mingyu Chen(UT Dallas), Jeffrey Guintivano (UNT), Barbara Halbert (CTLC Volunteer), Martin Halbert (UNT), Cathy Hartman (UNT), Elizabeth Howard (Texas Wesleyan), Scott Jackson(UNT), Ling Hwey Jeng(Texas Woman's University), Ronnie Jessie(Dallas Public Library), Spencer Keralis (UNT), Connie Maxwell (Texas Woman's University), Gillian McCombs(SMU), Cindy Potter (Texas Wesleyan), Kris Reed(Texas Woman's University), Heather Scalf (UT Arlington), Lisa Smith(UNT-HSC), Linda E. Snow(UT Dallas), Gloria Jean Vik(UT Dallas), John West (Austin College)

Agenda

10:00 – 10:30	Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda, Update on Affinity Groups
10:30 – 12:00	Presentation by Rick Lugg of Sustainable Collection Services and Q & A
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch and informal discussion
1:00 – 2:00	Discussion of Collaborative storage agreements
2:00 – 2:45	Planning for the second annual CTLC Conference
2:45 – 3:00	Set time for next meeting and wrap up of day

Sherilyn Bird, Dean of Texas Woman's University Libraries welcomed the group and Martin Halbert, Dean of Libraries at the University of North Texas moderated the discussion.

An update was shared on the Affinity Groups – details are available on the CTLC website. Members shared information on events being hosted by their institutions including: SMU is partnering with Baylor University to host an ACRL workshop on "Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement" on May 2. UNT Libraries is hosting its Open Access Conference at the UNT Health Science Center on May 19 and 20. UNT Libraries is also hosting the Digital Frontiers Conference September 18-20 with April 15 as the deadline for proposals. Information about the events will be posted on the CTLC website.

Rick Lugg of Sustainable Collection Services made his presentation "Rethinking Library Resources: Local Print Collections in a Digital Age" to the group. (The slides from his presentation will be posted on the CTLC website.) Mr. Lugg presented a review of how his company started and the trends he has seen in the need for libraries to deselect materials to keep up with growing collections and the lack of space available to maintain the collections.

During the Q&A following the presentation, attendees asked about how did subject selection affect the criteria for deselection, how allocation of costs were determined, what the best policies were for the process of deselection.

Lunch was served after the Q&A and attendees had the opportunity to tour the new Pioneer Center for Student Excellence on the second floor of the Library.

After lunch, the attendees discussed Collaborative Storage projects. Gillian McCombs (SMU) told the group about the renovation project happening at her library. They had initially been interested in setting up compact shelving as part of the renovation but due to budget and design changes, the SMU libraries are now looking for a remote storage location. The staff has been working on criteria for what materials to place in remote storage.

Martin Halbert (UNT) said that the UNT Libraries currently have space in their remote storage site and he had been in discussion with SMU about the possibility of moving some of their items to UNT's site. Both directors indicated that more planning was needed before moving forward with such a project.

Sherilyn Bird (TWU) mentioned that she had also explored the possibility of placing items in UNT's facility but the timeline and concern whether the storage would be a good collaborative project influenced TWU to choose another solution.

At this point, there was a suggestion that Mr. Lugg's company SCS could create a data set that would help with collaborative projects. The amount of materials made available for a collaborative project would benefit libraries' statistics for access to materials. It was also pointed out that libraries need to evolve their services to serve their populations and space for students to do collaborative work is now very desirable.

Heather Scalf (UTA) mentioned that UTA would be interested in participating in a shared collections analysis. UTA currently has storage facilities on the campus that still have room.

Gloria Vik (UTD) said that UT Dallas has run out of space and they are concentrating on purchasing electronic resources. The provost is not interested in participating in the UT and A&M joint remote storage project because of the distance. Their library is migrating to a new system and the historic circulation data is currently being maintained on the old system for a short while.

Sian Brannon (UNT) offered to contact Mr. Lugg to find out what kind of data SCS would need to produce a shared collections analysis. At this point, the attendees from UTA, SMU, Tx Woman's, Austin College, Tx Wesleyan, UNT and UT Dallas all indicated they were interested in exploring further the idea of a shared collections analysis. It was pointed out that this is a proactive project and can show how the libraries are supporting their parent institutions focus on efficiency. A collaborative collection development project could also be seen as expanding the collection access of individual libraries. It was also pointed out that when considering costs, members need to keep in mind the cost of staff supporting the project. Delivery of materials was one example. Attendees were asked to confirm with their library directors that they would participate in gathering data for a request for a price quote from SCS. Dr. Brannon will coordinate between SCS and CTLC members regarding the next steps to get a price quote.

The group then turned to planning for the second annual conference that will be held on July 25 at the Dallas Public Library. Dr. Halbert shared results of the survey of opinions of attendees at the first conference. Overall the attendees were positive about the conference and the sessions offered. The survey results will be posted on the CTLC website.

Dallas Public Library has graciously offered to host the second conference and is waiving its rental fee. Mark Smith, the new Director of the Texas State Library has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

Ronnie Jessie(DPL) provided details about the physical set up of the library's meeting rooms. There is an auditorium with seating for 179 people as well as 4 break out rooms with A/V capabilities. An atrium space will be used for lunch. There is wifi access in the building and an underground parking garage as well as DART access.

Several suggestions were made on possible topics for sessions at the conference but the group agreed to not limit the request for proposals to any specific topics. A call for members to volunteer to be on the program and local arrangement committees will be posted on the CTLC listserv. It was suggested that the Call for Proposals(CFP) should go out in April to give people plenty of time to respond.

Ling Hwey Jeng (TWU) brought up issue of concern for library schools and library directors. She has heard many comments that library directors were having trouble recruiting qualified librarians especially in the area of assessment. Discussion of how ALA standards and library schools' curriculum and workplace needs seem to be misaligned led to a suggestion for a working group on Competencies. A call will be posted on the CTLC listserv.

The group deferred setting a date for the next planning meeting until after the conference. The group will be polled on the listserv in August to set the next meeting date. The group then adjourned.

Outcomes and Actions:

1. Rick Lugg at SCS will be contacted by Sian Brannon (UNT) to find out next steps for creating a shared collections analysis for participating CTLC members.
2. CTLC meeting attendees will confirm interest at their institutions regarding the shared collection analysis proposal.
3. Survey results from the first conference will be posted on the CTLC website.
4. Call for nominations for the Planning and Local Arrangements Committees will be issued to the CT-LC listserv.
5. Slides from Rick Lugg's presentation will be posted on the CTLC website.
6. Call for members for a Competencies Work group will be posted on the CT-LC listserv.
7. The next Planning Committee Meeting to be held in Fall 2014 – details to be worked out via the CT-LC listserv.