The University of Edinburgh

Library Committee

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Agendum 8

Update on projects

Brief description of the paper
This paper gives brief updates on library projects, including UKRR, Pure, E-thesis digitisation, Resource Discovery, shelf-ready pilot, and University Card.

Action requested
For information

Resource implications
Where appropriate the resource implications of the project are noted.

Risk Assessment
There is no risk assessment included in this paper.

Equality and Diversity
Does the paper have equality and diversity implications? No

Freedom of Information
Can this paper be included in open business? Yes

Originator of the paper
Project owners have been listed with each project.
Sheila Cannell
April 2012
1. **UKRR - UK Research Reserve**

The Library has been an active participant in UKRR since 2009. In that period we have submitted content for collaborative retention and benefited from enhanced document supply from the British Library. SFC have decided to withdraw funding from UKRR from July 2012. Like the other participating Scottish universities Edinburgh has decided, nevertheless, to remain a subscribing partner though we will cease receiving income for our journal submissions to UKRR.

As part of our continuing involvement in UKRR we intend to submit for Cycle 7 (May 2012), which will still be funded, our STEM print journal titles available in perpetuity in JSTOR for collaborative retention. The focus of attention for this particular submission will be on the relevant titles in the Library Annex and those titles remaining in the Main Library, and other site libraries as appropriate. It is estimated that 500-700 linear metres of space will be released for further development of the physical collection.

This proposal builds on previous papers discussed at Library Committee, namely *Proposals for Dealing with Print Journals in Edinburgh University Library* (December 2008) and *JSTOR Journals in Edinburgh University Library* (April 2009).

John Scally, Director of Collections  
Laura Macpherson, Library Collections Manager

2. **PURE project**

*Current status*

The PURE implementation project is entering its closure stages now the system is being rolled out in preparation for the REF exercise. All planned project activities are near completion, with some small revisions required to the finance extract.

The rollout is going well, with almost all Schools actively engaged with the system. Research outputs being logged into PURE have now reached over 33,000, with staff adding around 2,500 items per week. The project team are continuing with the programme of training for PURE via public sessions and by arrangement with the Schools. We have recently recruited a temporary data administrator working primarily on MVM content.

*PURE portal*

A simple beta version of the PURE portal, called the Edinburgh Research Explorer, has now been released to the public at www/research.ed.ac.uk. Planning is underway to implement a revised version of Edinburgh Research Explorer in the summer to improve the aesthetics and functionality of the portal. Planning work is also underway to prepare methods for embedding PURE data into local School websites, and to provide broader access to the PURE web services.

*Next Steps*

The project team have begun to schedule activity in the next academic year to look at the integration of a number of data sources that were removed from the initial scope of the project, such as EUCLID (Student database), Inteum (Patent database) and the University Asset database.

James Toon, Research Publications Service
3. E-thesis digitisation

Background and current situation
EUL was one of the original members of the JISC-funded EThOS project (2005/06) and has been a member of the Ethos service since its inception in 2008. In the original business model each Ethos member paid a membership fee of £8000 per annum which funded on-demand digitisation of theses. Once the fee ran out the digitisation costs were passed on to the end-user. To date we have had 740 theses digitised and are in the process of archiving them in ERA. There are 3500 records from Edinburgh in the Ethos catalogue with poor coverage for recent years. In terms of on-going usage each month we are sending between 5 and 10 theses for digitisation which are all paid for by the end-user. The outward postage costs are met by the Library.

Changing business model
The Ethos membership is now up for renewal and the underlying business model has changed; a basic fee of £2000 is being requested to be a member of the Ethos service. This figure does not include any digitisation costs and will only cover costs of harvesting content from ERA (not currently done) and the administration overhead for thesis handling. We suggest that this is not good value for money and that an in-house digitisation service would be preferable.

In-house digitisation service
A pilot digitisation service would be extremely easy to set up. As soon as the kit is in place at the Annex, the trial could begin as early as mid-April, using existing payment models for CRC digitisation. The pilot service will aim to digitise one thesis per day as a rolling programme, and on-demand as requested. The rolling programme would 'start from the top' with the earliest non-digitised theses, and moving chronologically as completed. New catalogue records will be created for the older content.

Theo Andrew, Research Publications Service

4. Resource Discovery

Following a procurement exercise in 2010 to purchase a 'discovery layer' product, two products were selected in order to allow us to run a more in-depth evaluation. The two products, EBSCO Discovery Layer and Summon, allow searches to be made over multiple sources. These include the library catalogue, the institutional repository, and many of the electronic resources that we have licences to. In addition to simple searches such as title, author, and subject, some electronic resources have their full text available to search.

Over the past year the project team have been continuing to evaluate the two products to decide which provides the best service. The evaluation has been completed, allowing us to make the recommendation that we continue with EBSCO Discovery Service, and discontinue our use of Summon. The project board approved this recommendation at the end of March.

EBSCO Discovery Service is the tool that is currently powering the library's 'Searcher' system, therefore no difference will be seen as a result of this decision. The Resource Discovery project will now extend its reach into other complimentary library systems to ensure that we continue to provide the best search and discovery solutions possible.

Stuart Lewis, Digital Library
5. “Shelf-ready” pilot
As a result of the review of Acquisitions and Metadata, we are commencing a pilot to fast track the process of getting new books to the library shelf. For straightforward English language acquisitions, the cataloguing record and book processing will be provided by the supplier with minimal input from library staff. We will be using the time freed up to deal with cataloguing projects.

Elize Rowan, Acquisitions and Metadata

6. University Card
Following a procurement exercise in 2010, a new University Card production system capable of producing smartcards was implemented in the first quarter of 2011. The new smartcard uses embedded microchip technology to support new and enhanced services, as well as continued delivery of existing services. New services include Cashless Catering at Accommodation Services’ managed catering outlets and proximity activation of door access control units, such as those fitted to 3 entry speedlanes in the Main Library which provide first-read response and quicker access for users.

Dissemination of the smartcard has had three phases. 1. By distribution of pre-printed cards to discrete user communities through managers/administrators to staff and by collection at local collection points, including ECA Library and The Lady Smith of Kelvin Library. 2. Via Card Roadshows offering print on demand for certain weeks at four locations across the campus. 3. By attendance at one of the four Card Replacement Helpdesks based in the Main Library, ECA Library, Darwin Library, and The Lady Smith of Kelvin Library. More than 79% of University card holders are now using the new smartcard (77% staff, 82% students, 60% Visitors).

Further service enhancements are planned utilising the smartcard technology. The remaining speedlanes in the Main Library that currently require the card magnetic strip to be swiped will be fitted with proximity readers in June 2012: this will mean that only users with a smartcard can access the Library through the speedlanes. In addition, self-issue units in the Main Library and in some site libraries will be fitted with proximity devices this Session to allow quicker user self-identification.

Further information about the smartcard is available at: www.ed.ac.uk/is/smartcard

Barry Croucher, Head of Help Services, User Services

7. Reading List project
Since the reading list paper was presented at the March Library Committee, progress has been made regarding procurement. Permission has been given that allows us to procure the Talis Aspire software directly without tender by using the single supplier option. Talis have recently visited the University to present the software to a mixed audience, including teaching, library, and e-learning staff. The demonstrations were well attended and received, showing the benefits that the software can bring to teaching staff who compile the lists, library staff to have visibility of the lists, and students as they consume the lists. Feedback from these sessions is now being collected in order to inform the decision to pilot the system. If the decision is favourable, we shall be seeking pilot courses to use the system and shape the service as it develops.

Stuart Lewis, Head of Digital Library