Consortia E-book Licensing Workshops – save a date, roll up your sleeves, bring your cost, use, and other data spreadsheets and we need your help!

Pre-registration at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ICOLC-LYRebookWshop

Workshop #1 - With a focus on ebooks for Public libraries (secondarily multi-type) – 9 AM-5PM Thursday October 24, in downtown Boston – right before the DPLAfest.

www.nonprofitcenterboston.org/site/

NonProfit Center
89 South Street, Suite 700
Boston, MA 02111-2680

Whether attending just this meeting or DPLA as well, DPLA has no special rates. Expedia, Priceline or other sites may be fruitful options.

Workshop #2 - With a focus on ebooks for Academic libraries – College of Charleston – 9 AM-5PM Wednesday November 6. (Note: suitable space was not available for Tuesday or split Tues/Wed)

Avery Research Center (http://avery.cofc.edu/)

Whether attending just this meeting or the Charleston Conference as well, use the Charleston conference site for hotel possibilities. Expedia, Priceline or other sites may be fruitful options.

http://www.katina.info/conference/conference-info/hotelstravel/2013-hotels/

Read on... background, a request for help, and “registering”

BACKGROUND

For those who attended the ALA ICOLC consortia breakfast, you already know we had a very positive discussion about the possibility of day long extended workshops on consortia ebook licensing where we could roll up our sleeves with one another. Share more discussion and insights than the brief presentations we all have seen at ALA, ICOLC, and other meetings. We discussed the possibilities of front ending either the October DPLA or November Charleston conference.

Comments at ALA as well as further discussions indicate significantly different core issues for the consortia of academic libraries from those for public libraries. Even if we use a day-long workshop format to focus more deeply we are best off splitting into two sessions. Those consortia trying to license core collection of ebooks for a multi-type audience are difficult to address. On balance we suggest that the multi-type issues be considered as part of the Boston session rather than the Charleston session.

The purpose of these workshops will be to:

- Advance the exchange and understanding of current practices
- Help identify the lessons learned so far and how these might advance the development of best practices
- Stimulate ideas about what common practices and collaborative activities might be beneficial and share these with the larger community.

Keep in mind these are only one-day workshops to help move the process forward, not global summits. As substitutes for the LYRASIS annual practice of holding a small (30-35 attendees) fall consortia meeting each year for fellow consortia within our overlapping geographies we have worked as rapidly as possible since ALA to determine how we might makes these a reality. As such LYRASIS is pleased to underwrite some of the food and room costs. Otherwise these workshops will be bare-bones logistics – no registration fee, no fee administration, community volunteers to plan the detailed agenda. See volunteering and pre-registration details below.

CALL FOR HELP – LEADERSHIP in SETTING the AGENDA

Volunteer NOW to be a Planner – by August 23 - for either the Public focused or Academic focused by emailing Tom.sanville@lyrasis.org

For these workshops to be successful requires community leadership and participation. We need IMMEDIATE volunteers for two planning committees one for each workshop. Based on who can attend, specific speakers and agenda details can be set to cover key topics such as: Business models – Current, best, and desired practices, measuring results; Platforms for delivery – Commercial or community-based? Integration with library workflows and operations; conclusions/takeaways/recommendations for the community.

REGISTERING

For each workshop, to the capacity limits of the room, we would like to have as many current consortia ebook license practitioners and interested consortia attend. While budgets may by definition prevent multiple participants per consortium, we would like to layer attendance by multiple participants of each consortium based on demand.

The room in Boston will hold a maximum of 50 people.
The room in Charleston will hold a maximum of 75 people.

We ask you to register by consortium, listing in rank order the priority for individual attendance based on available space. We ask all priority lists be submitted by August 23. As these are received we will confirm attendance each day for all the #1 priorities of each consortium up to the room capacity. If there is still room as of August 24, that following week we will advise the #2s, then #3s, based on order of receipt, as capacity allows.
Complete the pre-registration attendee wish list at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ICOLC-LYRebookWshop Thanks everyone!!!