

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES QUADRANT

April 14, 2003

Present: Victoria Pifalo (presiding), Anne Armstrong, Carol Scherrer, Julie Hurd, Wendall Sullivan, John Shuler (teleconferencing)

Absent: David Austin, Ann Weller

### **Electronic Resources Lists:**

Victoria sent a list of those things currently missing from the main e-resources alphabetical list, but present on others. To consolidate list, we must tell Scott Collard (or whoever in Reference is maintaining the list) to add those resources.

*Full Text Journals and Electronic Journal Collections and Full Text Databases*  
(three separate lists, all maintained by Reference under the ERQ aegis and in Reference webspace) will be combined into one list called "Full Text Resources". Two sections will be maintained on new list, Full Text Journal Collections and Full Text Article Databases.

### *Subject Guides:*

Haven't been examined in detail, but are quite different. Very selective, useful for beginners, specifically describes electronic resources.

Confusion on the Resources page between Pathfinders and Subject Guides.

Subject Guides focused more generally on undergraduate, introductory resources.

Subject Guides name change suggested: Guide to Starting Your Research.

Any change to these pages should be congruent with the MyLibrary portal development.

Further subject area development deferred until subject specialists have developed congruent subject areas in the MyLibrary portal. (At most recent Steering meeting, it was decided that ERQ will oversee the subject specialists developing the MyLibrary subject areas. There are some existing people, and ERQ may be allowed to select specialists in other areas; the University Librarian may also play a role in selecting people in some areas.) If we have subject specialists identifying the resources for the portal, we may use their input to revise the Subject Area Guides.

QUICsearch to be maintained as a separate link below the others in the top selection boxes.

### *MyLibrary Portal*

Links are to be live on **April 29** for May 1 announcement

Top box on Services page to be split.

Dropdown menu on Services menu; text for MyLibrary in disjoint rollover for

Services: *customize your own MyLibrary page*

Change "My Library" under UICCAT menu to "My Account" to reduce confusion for users.

*New ERQ Team*

Resources management team (see above under "Electronic Resources"). Further consideration deferred.

*Quicsearch*

Up and running on Webfeat server in Irvine. Old server taken down due to a technical issue. Traffic seems to be heavy; some timeouts before results have been received have been reported.

Observe usage for a couple of months before deciding how to handle addition/subtraction/alteration of subject areas. QUICsearch subject areas should be made consonant with the subject guides, and MyLibrary, eventually.

*Digital Services Task Force – LIB-SUGG/Privacy issues*

May link to other privacy pages on UIC site.

DSTF asked ERQ if we have noticed a drop in libsugg email now that Ask A Librarian is active? No study has yet been done; we seem to have had an overall drop in questions, dating back to before either Ask A Librarian or the beginning of the redesign process.

*Services Task Force*

To be prompted about deadlines; due to other issues, ERQ may change deadlines for this and other task forces.

*Evaluation Task Force*

Has not yet reported back to ERQ.

ERQ to ask if they have met yet; deadlines may need to be changed due to other work priorities.

*Digital Sanborn Maps*

Heavily formatted MS-word document contains instructions for use. To be converted to PDF and linked next to item in Resources list.

*Future Meetings:*

For May and June, to meet biweekly on a regular day. Best day to be determined via email. Videoconferencing to be (hopefully) utilized more frequently.

*DEFERRED:*

Feature stories for Library home page

Campus Hot Spots quick link – for 4/25 meeting  
To have a mockup done for next meeting