

**AGENDA ITEM:** Statewide Information Databases**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:****CURRENT STATUS:**A. Regional trial database projects

Staff is continuing to work with Regional Planning groups to assist in trial database projects funded by the Regional Library Network grants.

## Regional database licensing grants:

Region	Database
Region 1 Cascade Pacific Libraries	Gale Health Reference Center
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Region 2 Golden Gateway	Electric Library
Region 3 Sierra Valley	Electric Library
Region 3 Sierra Valley	OCLC First Search
Region 4 Arroyo Seco	Noticias en Español
Region 4 Arroyo Seco	Los Angeles Times/Orange County Register
Region 4 Arroyo Seco	Full text cooperative licensing arrangement
Region 5 Tierra del Sol	Gale Contemporary Authors/Literature/DLB
Region 7 Gold Coast	Gale Biography Resource Center

Registration data maintained by staff from recipients of the RAND California, Z39.50 grants and ILL trial projects have been shared with the Tierra del Sol, Arroyo Seco, Cascade Pacific Libraries and Golden Gateway regional planning groups to assist in the promotion of these trial database projects.

B. Arroyo Seco Cooperative Purchase Pilot

The Arroyo Seco Planning region is forming a steering committee to oversee the process for a full text cooperative licensing arrangement that will be used as a model for other regional and/or statewide licensing activities. Staff met with the Regional Planning Group on June 8<sup>th</sup> and will keep the LoC Board apprised of developments in this project.

C. Statewide Information Database Licensing

While staff are monitoring the pilot project in Arroyo Seco, as well as the regional trial database projects, work on options for statewide licensing arrangements continue. Staff are currently exploring participation by the Library of California in national regional library networks as a method of obtaining reduced rates for cooperative database licensing.

D. RAND California Trial Database Project

A survey of participants in the RAND California trial project is underway to analyze the impact of the trial program and to gather information relevant to future database licensing activities. Information about cooperative purchase arrangements for the 2000–2001 fiscal year has been disseminated. The data from this trial project and the other trial projects have provided valuable contact information for the regional library planning groups.

E. Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII)

Eleven libraries now co-brand the LII allowing their library name and navigational links to appear with the LII web page. A weekly current awareness service supplied by LII, *New This Week*, (Exhibit A), is sent out to over 6300 subscribers.

At the April Board meeting staff reported that an editorial and advisory committee for the LII will be formed and in operation prior to June 30, 2000. InFoPeople staff was contacting representatives from the library community concerning their participation on an advisory committee at the time this report was written.

Some recommendations for participants on this committee include:

- SunSite Management (LII Host)
- InFoPeople Management
- Indexers
- State Library, to represent the Board
- Information Scientist(s)
- LII Staff

A list of committee members will be provided at the August Board meeting. The first meeting of the advisory committee is scheduled for one day during the last two weeks in July.

F. Library of California Periodicals/Serials Database

Staff is working with the serials service bureau and the California Digital Library (CDL) to increase the frequency of updates to the database. Staff will begin a planning process to analyze the system used to gather holdings data from participating libraries. Implementation of an improved process will be coordinated with new system components planned for CDL's MELVYL catalog.

Relevant Committee: Support Services

Staff Liaison: Ira Bray