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To: SAG3 via Diane Bisom, Chair

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Re: Current Shelf Ready Programs in UC Libraries: Survey Results

Current Shelf Ready Programs in UC Libraries

The following information is from the comments of a survey conducted by the Shelf Ready Consortial Agreement Task Force in July, 2013. Except for Riverside, the rest of the 9 UC campuses currently have shelf ready arrangement with YBP. In terms of level of services, even if 3 campuses indicated that they have premium service with YBP, it was discovered in follow-up that all campuses have the basic service. All campuses, including UC Riverside, have expressed interest in a shelf ready consortial agreement if it can reduce cost.

UCLA

There are three libraries: Young Research (graduate) Library, College (undergraduate) Library and the Arts Library. Not all material received from YBP is shelf ready. It is limited to specific approval plans and subaccounts. We receive over 10,000 items on the subaccounts with shelf ready processing. Our cataloging requirements are set to accept only DLC/DLC or pcc records. Over the last couple of years, we have found that anywhere from 10-40% of the books do not meet the cataloging requirements at the time they were shipped. Anything that does not come shelf ready will be either cataloged upon receipt in Acquisitions or sent to the Cataloging and Metadata Department.

UCB

Main Library and all subject specialty libraries. 15,930 Labels Delivered

UC Irvine

7800 Volumes annually. $21K cost. All our approval and firm ordering via YBP receives shelf ready service.

UC Santa Cruz

The shelf ready program is in flux. We recently moved most of our approval plan to DDA. We will still get art books and library science shelf-ready through YBP approval. It is a small amount.

UC San Diego

Covers the UC Library collection (includes Biomedical Library) Receive approximately 10,000 shelf ready volumes a year.

UC Davis

We are not getting items with full physical processing at time of delivery. We get binding with some Chinese material.

UCSB

For the consortial agreement, I tried to answer neither yes nor no. I would say that we would need more details, and the time and money savings would need to be demonstrated. We have compared our local processes, which maximize triage of YBP material, and YBP charges for physical processing. We have found our costs and turnaround to be competitive with outsourcing. We still need the physical processing unit for other vendors that have less comprehensive (and/or reliable) shelf-ready programs. Approval plan books only at this time: UP titles and selected subject funds; approximately 5,300 titles/year. We are interested in pursuing shelf ready for firm orders as well.

UCSB is interested in participating only if it results in a discount AND if we would be charged directly for the consortial service. We are not interested if it involves setting up a central or deposit account with a need to process charge-backs, etc., which may surpass in costs any discounts we may save.

UC Merced

All approvals and firm orders from YBP; approximately 5,000 volumes/year. We are not sure a consortial agreement will save us time; may be able to save some money.

UC San Francisco

We purchase a la carte service for per volume processing of physical items both FIRM and STOs (spine label, tattle tape, wand barcode, property stamp 2x); pass through fees for OCLC's WCCP (PromptCat) service for print and eBooks. For FY 2012-13, approximately 86% of our total firm orders are via YBP; 36% of those were eBooks. This year, we purchased fewer than 900 titles. Our low-volume of purchasing makes the annual subscription fees for YBP services (GobiTween, GOBI export) more costly per title for us. We prefer eBooks over print.