

OREGON STATE LIBRARY

Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee (SDLAC)
Annual Report: April 2011 to March 2012

Project Name: Statewide Database Licensing Program

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1. Summarize the overall purpose of the grant project:

A. Scope

The Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee represents Oregon libraries in the selection and procurement of databases funded at the State Library with LSTA funds.

Statewide Database Licensing Program

<http://www.oregon.gov/osl/LD/Pages/technology/sdlp/index.aspx>

B. Summary of Licensed Databases

- *Gale Databases*, August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2014: The package of databases provides access to full-text resources covering many topic areas.
- *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2014: Provides a small collection of electronic reference books.
- *Gale Opposing Viewpoints*, August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2014: Provides pro/con summaries on controversial issues.
- *LearningExpress Library*, November 1, 2010 – October 31, 2015: Provides career and education skill building courses and practice tests.

2. Summarize the project results to date:

A. Narrative Summary

Gale provides database usage statistics. SDLAC is exploring methods for in-depth statistical analysis, but in the short term, a summary of user sessions and searches are deemed sufficient.

B. Outputs Summary

Usage by Library Type

Number of Database Sessions Annually			
		April 2010 – March 2011	April 2011 – March 2012
Gale	Academic Libraries	1,589,896 (29.60%)	1,344,370 (25.19%)
	Public/Tribal Libraries	684,834 (12.75%)	1,362,015 (25.52%)
	OSLIS/K12 Libraries	3,096,589 (57.65%)	2,631,256 (49.30%)
	Total	5,371,319	5,337,641
LearningExpress Library*	Total	10,810	32,938

*LEL was added in November 2010. LEL stats are not tracked by library type for several reasons.

3. Report on specific project objectives to date:

A. Appropriating Funds

Over the last few years, SDLAC has used cost savings from the Gale contract to purchase additional databases for all libraries. SDLAC members met to discuss potential databases and polled constituents, which resulted in the addition of *Opposing Viewpoints* and *LearningExpress Library* to the Gale general database offerings.

B. Addressing Academic Library Concerns

During the last year the committee addressed concerns of academic librarians regarding lack of desired content in the Gale databases. Concerns were expressed to Gale representatives, who began a process of addressing them. One outcome was the addition of *GREENR* and *U.S. History in Context* databases at no additional charge when the contract was renewed in August 2011. Another outcome was Gale’s pursuit of journal content rights as a result of a meeting between Gale and concerned academic librarians. Gale agreed to begin work on obtaining content rights for some of the 1,088 suggested journal titles. Publishers declined to provide Gale with the rights for 432 of those listed titles. Gale has begun loading content after processing the rights paperwork for a handful of titles. Gale stated in a telephone meeting with SDLAC on November 4, 2011 that the focus is on current and future journal issues and that work will be done on “backfill” as time permits. As of November 2011, 456 *PubMed* titles are now available via Gale’s *Academic OneFile* via the “link out” service. Gale is adding all 1000+ *PubMed* titles as time allows because the titles need to be added individually.

C. Improving Transparency

SDLAC decided to provide the library service community with more transparency regarding SDLAC actions. Committee efforts resulted in the first SDLAC Annual Report, and the report will be distributed to Libs-OR after LSTA review. OSL staff and SDLAC members are providing routine communication through standard channels such as Libs-OR, FlashNews, and the new State of Oregon transparency web site. Meeting minutes are posted on the OSL web site.

D. Sponsoring a Survey

Members of SDLAC began contacting constituents by email to gather input at the very end of 2011 for a January 2012 survey. The survey was provided online first to constituents and then to the library community at large through Libs-OR and the OASL list. The survey closed January 17, 2012 and SDLAC will use information gathered to inform structure of future contracts.

January 2011 Survey Questions

- When using the databases currently provided via the State Library, does your library experience content gaps and needs?
- Can you tell us a bit about content gaps and needs your library encounters?
- Looking to the future (2-4 years), do you see any changes in content needs (i.e. more Oregon newspapers, fewer national newspapers)?
- Does a single database model fulfill the State's requirement?
- What makes a database appealing to your patrons; e.g., depth and breadth of information; availability of primary sources; ease of searching, etc.?
- Anything else you'd like the SDLAC to consider?
- Please indicate your library type.

4. Discuss significant developments:

A. Renewal of Gale Contract through July 31, 2014

The LSTA Advisory Council and then the State Library Board approved the committee's recommendation for a three year contract renewal beginning in August 2011 and expiring on July 31, 2014 with Gale. Two additional databases, *GREENR* and *U.S. History in Context*, were added to the existing general periodicals databases at no additional cost and with the full cost frozen for the three year term.

B. Federal LSTA Funding and Budget Cuts

The State Library staff is following federal budget cuts in Washington, DC and is projecting available funds in upcoming years.

C. Clarification of Terminology and Legislative Rules

The SDLAC has begun discussing the next RFP and has focused on the requirements spelled out in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). The phrase “General Periodical Database” no longer appears in the ORS or the OAR. SDLAC's goal is to provide the best contract while meeting the ORS requirement.

ORS 357.206 (a): To provide matching grants and other assistance to facilitate the statewide licensing of electronic databases for all types of libraries.

OAR 543-060-0010 Definitions (8): “Statewide database licensing” means the cooperative contract negotiation and purchase to make collections of electronically stored data, records or full text available to public, school, academic, and tribal libraries in Oregon.

5. Discuss future plans:

A. Review of SDLAC Survey

As noted above in section 3.D., SDLAC members prepared a survey for distribution and received over 100 responses. The committee will review survey feedback before preparing the RFP.

B. RFP Timeline

SDLAC has sketched a broad timeline in order to plan the procurement of the next statewide database license. SDLAC will extensively review the “LSTA 2013-2017 Five Year Plan” and the “LSTA 2008-2012 Five Year Evaluation” before writing the RFP.

Tentative RFP Timeline

2012: Summer	SDLAC will review survey feedback. SDLAC will review “LSTA 2013 – 2017 Five Year Plan” and “LSTA 2008 – 2012 Five Year Plan Evaluation.”
2013: Winter - Spring	Develop RFP.
2013: Fall	SDLAC to post RFP and score proposals.
2013: November	SDLAC selects recommended vendor with the State Procurement Office.
2013: December	LSTA Advisory Council recommends vendor.
2014: February - March	OSL board approves vendor selection. State negotiates contract with selected vendor.
2014: March	Implementation begins.
July 31, 2014	Gale contract ends.