

Resource Sharing Committee

User Group Report

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Resource Sharing User Group Meeting held at the Broome County Public Library, November 19 from 9:30 – 3:30. Attendance 25

The title of the panel presentation was **Innovations for Resource Sharing**. What role does “regional” resource sharing play in today’s technologically rich library environment? Delivery’s part of bridging the physical distance between libraries was important when all interlibrary loan material had to be hand delivered. The arrival of digital texts for non-returnable ILL materials combined with new and existing partnerships, collaborations, and consortia are transforming ILL’s dependence on a given region. What lies ahead? The panel will review the basic economics of ILL costs, potential new institutional or agency relationships, and status of direct borrowing in general.

Jon Penn discussed ***Resource Sharing in New York in a Changing Environment***. He considered the present state of RS in New York State such as, Regional 3Rs Councils, and initiatives such as Connect NY and the IDS Project. Jon discussed the resource-sharing environment in New York within the context of broad resource sharing trends.

Ben Hogben discussed ***Transparent Reciprocal Agreements: Borrowing and Lending in a Digital Environment***. How borrowing and lending based on technology and innovation is replacing traditional agreements. He made some engaging comments about ubiquitous character of reciprocity in our lives using non-library example. He argued that technology and reciprocity were key drivers in the transformation of RS using practical examples. He introduced people to a software application Crazyegg as a means to track website usage.

Matthew Hogan considered **Direct Borrowing from a User-Perspective**.

After lunch, the group held a Round Table. They reviewed and discussed a revised form used for collection regional ILL numbers by SCRLC. The group also discussed using BARC to assist maintaining the Regional Union List of Serials.

Respectfully submitted,
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