ILL E-Book Pilot with Occam’s Reader & Springer Science+Business Media

As announced on January 31, 2014, GWLA has entered into a 1 year project beginning March 17, 2014 with Springer to test Occam’s Reader (henceforth noted as OR) for reciprocal interlibrary loan of Springer e-books. All thirty-three (33) GWLA members are eligible to participate in the pilot. We have the exciting opportunity to influence the landscape for e-book lending using Occam’s Reader as the testing bed. The aim is to test interface functionality and further eILL suggested standards of eBooks.

Here is a brief outline of the pilot parameters:
Springer will provide a list of eligible titles and holding libraries that have purchased titles directly from Springer (not through a third party platform). The entire Springer book content and book chapters can be loaned. The Occam’s Reader loan period is set at 14 days. OR functionality will remain unchanged during the pilot. Improvements may be logged and enacted on an updated version but not implemented until after the pilot.

Pilot plans include the creation and incorporation of an integrated discovery tool ILLiad add-on for Springer e-book titles, a statistics-keeping/record-tracking component, and a method for capturing patron and staff feedback.

As an overview, Occam’s Reader includes three components:

- ILLiad integration
  - ILL borrowing staff submit requests via the ILLiad Borrowing Occam’s Reader add-on
    - The add on will automatically fill lending strings and route the item to awaiting OCLC sending
  - ILL lending staff process and deliver e-book content via an OR ILLiad Add-on
    - Lending staff will receive an OR request as a special queue in Lending called “Awaiting Occam’s Reader Processing”
    - From that queue they can use the lending OR add-on to process the request

- Delivery notification via email with secured url login and password to OR server
- Web-based client for device-agnostic patron access to the Springer content

During March 2014, the Occam’s Reader team at TTU will be contacting each GWLA member to set up a scheduled time for ILLiad add-on installation and training on the OR system. [Please note: The OR GWLA/Springer pilot requires its own reciprocal participation agreement with each participating library which will be distributed soon.]

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