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TRLN to Convene Librarians, Publishers, and Vendors at E-Book Summit

Chapel Hill—Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) will bring together a select group of librarians, publishers, and vendors to determine mutually sustainable ways to license e-books for library consortia. The two-day Beyond Print E-Book Summit, funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will take place in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, August 22-23.

To maintain the breadth of their scholarly collections in the transition from print to electronic, academic libraries are striving to close the gap between current market offerings and the needs of research libraries. Later this month, thousands of librarians will head to the American Library Association Annual Conference, where a dozen panels and sessions will explore issues relating to e-books. At the same time, publishers and vendors are confronting the need for new business models as consumers increasingly prefer electronic formats. At the recent [Association of American University Presses conference](#), publishers “embraced the challenge and the opportunity to publish and distribute scholarship digitally, globally, and sustainably.”

The TRLN Beyond Print E-Book Summit will bring together key players to collaboratively explore new e-book licensing models and address core issues such as inter-institutional access, cost models, and selection options, including demand-driven acquisition.

All parties will benefit from discussing new, flexible models, said Michael Zeoli, Director for Global Consortia Sales at YBP, and one of the summit participants. “Costs and risks associated with digital books have caused many organizations to turn inward and to follow known models like coastwise sailors, even as the shape of our coasts changes rapidly. This summit is a wonderful opportunity for dialog across the e-book ecosystem to consider models that most effectively support the requirements of all constituents.”

To allow for seminar-style discussion, TRLN invited a small group of librarians based on their experience with e-books. Judy Luther, an expert consultant with experience in both library acquisition and publisher business practices, will facilitate the discussion. Participants include:

Faye Abrams, Ontario Council of University Libraries

Ivy Anderson, California Digital Library

Rick Anderson, University of Utah

Kim Armstrong, Committee on Institutional Cooperation

Greg Doyle, Orbis-Cascade Alliance

George Machovec, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries

Tim Rogers, NC LIVE

John M. Saylor, Cornell University

Jay Schafer, UMass Amherst and Five College Librarians Council

Melissa Trevvett, Boston Library Consortium

On the second day of the summit, the following representatives from university and commercial presses and e-book vendors will join the conversation:

Steve Cohn, Duke University Press

Bruce Heterick, Portico

Bryan Keane, ebrary

Rich Rosy, Ingram Content Group Inc.

Brett Rubenstein, Springer

Rebecca Seger, Oxford University Press

Dean Smith, Project MUSE

David Swords, Ebook Library

Michael Zeoli, YBP

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The summit will provide a space for publishers, vendors, and libraries to collaborate, said Rick Anderson, Associate Director for Scholarly Resources and Collections at the University of Utah. "E-books are increasingly central to our content strategies in research libraries, and being able to meet with library and industry leaders in a small group environment to work towards mutually beneficial and sustainable e-book options is a tremendous opportunity."

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