



Rethinking Resource Sharing

Tenn-Share

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Overview

- Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative and their vision
- Changes in our environment
- Rethinking Resource Sharing Manifesto
- RRS Committees
- Next steps



What is the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative?

an ad hoc group
that advocates
for a complete rethink
of the way libraries
conduct resource sharing



Mission

- ✓ Catalyst for systematic change
- ✓ Inspiring a change in provision of services
- ✓ Offer people options



A White Paper

“It’s Time Again to Think about Resource Sharing”

- Published February 2005
- By: Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Eric Jung, Gail Wanner, Dan Iddings, Clare MacKeigan, Mark Needleman, Ted Koppel, Candy Zemon



What's Different?

- Internet has changed user expectations
- People work outside the library context
- The publishing world is changing
- More use of mobile devices



Policies Committee

- Purpose
- Manifesto for Rethinking Resource Sharing
 - Remove barriers
 - Reduce cost
 - Offer users options



Manifesto #1

- Fewer restrictions
 - Imposed only as necessary
 - Lowest possible barriers to fulfillment presented



Manifesto #2

- Users can choose from options
 - Delivery format
 - Method of delivery
 - Fulfillment type
 - Loan, copy, digital copy, and purchase



Manifesto #3

- Global access
 - Use both formal and informal networking agreements
 - Goal is lowest barrier to fulfillment



Manifesto #4

- Share resources from all types of cultural institutions
 - Libraries
 - Archives
 - Museums
 - Expertise of all types utilized



Manifesto #5

- Reference service facilitates sharing
 - Use reference expertise to aid fulfillment
 - No findable object should be totally unattainable



Manifesto #6

- Offer service for a fee rather than refusing service
 - Strive to achieve services that are not more expensive than commercial services



Manifesto #7

- Everyone could be a library user
 - Registration should be as easy as signing up for commercial web services



Manifesto for Rethinking Resource Sharing

- Endorsed by:
 - ALA/RUSA/STARS Exec. Committee, January 2007
 - ALA/RUSA/STARS Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee, January 2007
 - Rethinking Resource Sharing Steering Committee, February 2007
 - IFLA Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Standing Committee, May 2007
 - MAILL (Maryland Interlibrary Loan), October 18, 2007
 - DELNET (Developing Library Network-India) January 2009
 - Danish Research Library Association September 2009
 - Tenn-Share February 2010



RRS Innovation Awards

- Recognizes and honors an individual or institution for changes they made to improve users' access to information through resource sharing in their library, consortium or state or country.



RRS Innovation Awards

\$1,000 Cash Awards

We are grateful to
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RRS Innovation Awards

- Factors considered in selection of award winners
 - Impact on users
 - Scalability
 - Sustainability
 - Ability for other libraries/consortia to replicate the idea
 - Initiative and risk taking



Interoperability Committee

- Identify technical challenges in resource sharing
- Identify communities who are interested in building solutions
- Outreach to these communities (include systems vendors) to understand interoperability issues
- Promote fledgling solutions to libraries to gather feedback and make the solutions more effective



Communications Committee

- Created RRS logo design
- Designed stickers for distribution
- Tracked
 - Articles
 - Presentations
 - <http://www.rethinkingresourcesharing.org/index.html>
- We are in search of a chair



User Needs Committee

- Gain insight into the needs of the common user inside and outside the library environment
- User survey
 - Will develop a tool kit for all types of libraries
- Will need a new chair July 2011



Delivery Committee

- Physical and virtual delivery of materials is important
- Current possible projects
 - Home delivery clearinghouse
 - International branding of home delivery
 - Investigate digitization
 - Participate in NISO Physical Delivery Task Force



RRS Steering Committee

- Sets the direction of the Initiative
- Developed a three year strategic plan
- Monthly conference calls
- Write an annual report of accomplishments
- Organize the forums



Forums

- 2007 Rethinking Resource Sharing Forum
- ALA RUSA STARS Preconference, 2008
- The 2009 Rethinking Resource Sharing Forum, May 2009
- ALA ASCLA Preconference, June 2010
- 12th Interlending and Document Supply Conference (ILDS) October 2011, Chicago, Illinois



Become Involved with RRS

- Join the RRS listserv

<http://www.rethinkingresourcesharing.org/involve.html>

- Change things in your library/consortium
- Volunteer to be on a working group
- Volunteer to chair a working group
- Find a way to share resources

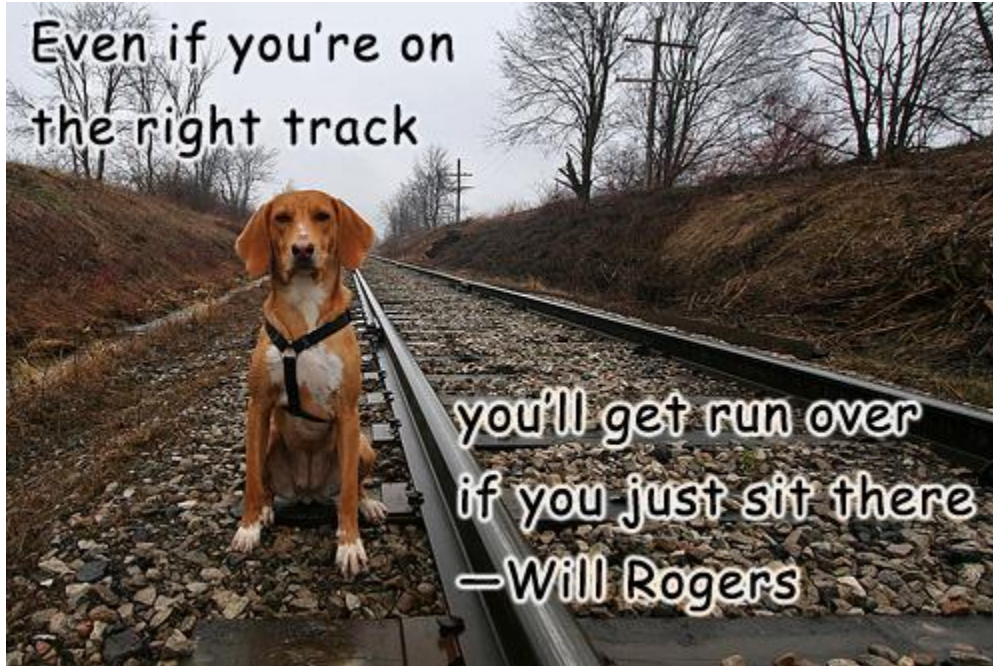


Next Steps

- Review or write your policies
- Communicate your policies
- Measure success and user satisfaction
- Identify 1-2 steps to take at your library



Even if you're on
the right track



you'll get run over
if you just sit there
—Will Rogers



Questions and Comments?