DOE National Laboratory Libraries Coalition (NLLC)

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Note: try not to duplicate data or information from the benchmarking report or the Working Group reports.

Budget and staffing changes – *discuss any substantial or significant changes in library budget or staffing since last annual meeting and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

Library staffing reduced by 0.5 FTE, so down to 1 FTE. In the process of a search for new Scientific Publications Coordinator. There has been no significant change to library budget.

Organizational changes – *discuss any changes in your immediate or organizational mission or management structure and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

While the LBNL Library has been under IT at large for the past decade, it is now under Science Services division of IT. We are now in with Scientific Computing and Scientific Consulting.

Current initiatives – *discuss significant library initiatives, accomplishments, awards or collaborations (internal or external). These can be on any topic including library operations, projects, research and development, physical space, just cool stuff, etc.*

1) Initiate research data management services.

Challenges – *discuss any issues or situations, not already mentioned above, affecting your library in the past year and how they were addressed or planned to be addressed.*

1) Current librarian staffing both library and publications management duties.

2) Have a search for new Scientific Publications Coordinator.

3) Short staffing for the near future, as we re-think position descriptions/duties.

4) Due to break down in negotiations between UC system and Elsevier, LBNL will have the eventual loss of 2019 Elsevier journal titles. This will most probably result in an increase the amount of ILL borrowing/Document Delivery requests we will receive.

5) Determining the extent of data management services the Library provides.

Future initiatives – *discuss ideas, proposals or plans you may have for the immediate or strategic future of your library and the expected impact on your organization.*

1) Expand research data management services.

2) Providing outreach and training in SciVal, InCites, etc.

Trends – *have you noticed anything changing, mutating, fluctuating or shifting in your library or in your organization? Changes in customer or staff habits, needs, collection use, expectations? Changes in the external information world that might affect your library or libraries in general? Please share.*

1) LBNL is in a consortial agreement with University of California – Berkeley. This allows our researchers to request books and articles found in their collections. Over the past few months, the number of books requested have gone up considerably. Possibly due to continuing education activities.

2) Open Access It will and is already disrupting publishing workflows. Plan S and Elsevier vs. UC, Germany, Hungary, Sweden, etc. and the impact on researchers and libraries.

3) The LBNL Library budget is stable

4) Adding new Nature titles, even though we said we were not going to.