The transition from INN-Reach to ReShare is full steam ahead! I want to thank everyone who worked to clear out the INN-Reach queues the past few months. The Board will meet in August to determine if member libraries will charge each other for items not yet returned that were out in March 2020 when delivery was suspended. I also want to thank the group of ReShare Implementers that have been diligently working to get ReShare set up. Many thanks to the members of the User Experience & Metadata Committee that are assessing the VuFind instance that will serve as the new CNY catalog.

For more information, FAQs about ReShare can be found here. More information about the implementation will be sent out via the listservs as we get closer to our go-live date in mid-August. This has truly been a group effort to migrate systems!
The committee met roughly bi-monthly during the unprecedented 2020-2021 academic year due to the rigors our various positions faced due to the pandemic. However, through email, and our project management software, the group successfully met the goals outlined in our current charge. The committee felt in order to adequately explore ways of sharing and developing digital collections it was necessary to understand the digital landscape faced by ConnectNY members. The group adapted a “Digitization Survey” originally designed for the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries to meet the needs of CNY. This survey was graciously shared by PACSCL administrator Laura Blanchard for whom the current CNY chair co-created the document in 2018. The survey was customized throughout the fall of 2020, entered into a digital survey platform in early 2021, and then shared with the membership in March 2021. The survey was completed by all members and provides a wealth of information.

**E-Book**

This year, no recommendations were necessary regarding contract extensions, as ConnectNY is in year 2 of a 3 year contract. Instead, the E-Book Committee focused its efforts on communication and education. The committee also discussed best practices in response to changes including clean up to discovery after ConnectNY membership changes, changes in use due to the shift to virtual education, and the adoption of ReShare. Working as a smaller group, it was determined that subcommittees were not needed for this academic year. The move to ReShare created a challenge to e-book discovery, as e-books collections would not be reflected within ReShare. Inclusion of e-Books in ReShare would require payment for an additional instance. At the current time, discovery of e-books requires that each member library add e-book collections and titles to their individual discovery layers. This will also remove issues of ebook duplication in discovery layers.

**Community Engagement**

The committee was busy planning and hosting various virtual events for the past year including a Water Cooler event series. The first was in August 2020 to discuss reopening during the pandemic and the second Water Cooler event we discussed virtual instruction. The final Water Cooler event discussed navigating digital content at higher volumes. The committee also planned virtual workshops and events. In December, we hosted an event with Nancy Kirkpatrick from OhioNET on diversity, equity, and inclusion. We also hosted an event focused on assessment and collecting metrics with Heather Seminelli from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in April 2021. Lastly, we hosted Collaboration Day as a two-day virtual event focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in mid-June. The title of the event was Collaboration Days DEIA Conference: Creating a Culture of Representation, and welcomed speakers from various institutions throughout NY State and beyond.

**Shared Print Management**

OCLC’s Shared Print Registration allows libraries to add their print trust commitments to the WorldCat registry so that other libraries and organizations can see the commitments. The committee agreed that this registration will be helpful for the ConnectNY Pod 1 group. Siena College Library has participated Eastern Academic Scholar’s Trust (EAST) print trust project and Jennifer Fairall has experience working with the service. Le Moyne library agreed to be the first library in the Pod 1 group to contribute the print trust holdings to the WorldCat database. Jennifer wrote the instructions for Le Moyne to use. In general, the procedure of contributing holdings information to WorldCat through the registration is quite straightforward. With Pam’s and Jennifer’s help, we have the setup completed for the Pod 1 group. The code for the ConnectNY Pod 1 libraries is: CNNY.
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During the course of the past year, the User Experience & Metadata Committee (UX&M) conducted two initiatives. We explored the potential user experience of ConnectNY requests within member library discovery layers. This involved a substantive review of a usability study conducted in Spring 2020. We participated in planning the new Reshare/VuFind CNY Union Catalog. This involved evaluating and making recommendations based on our experiences with the ReShare demo site.

A HUGE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK THIS YEAR!!