

## Timing

Assessment of subscription e-resources should be conducted well in advance of actual renewal dates. But these dates are typically buried in acquisitions modules. How are librarians to discover these dates, keep track of them, and obtain a larger overview of renewal cycles?

## Programming

At Columbia University Libraries, we have constructed a program that feeds acquisitions data directly from our library management system into our shared Google Calendar. For each fund code that is used for recurring e-resource expenditures, a calendar is generated. In that calendar, each payment is represented as an event. Each payment event generates two subsequent notices, the first timed five months prior to the next renewal, and the second timed three months prior to the next renewal. To the right is a calendar view showing three e-funds: **History and Humanities**, **Social Sciences**, and **Sciences**.

## Promoting

The e-fund calendars have been demonstrated to meetings of subject selectors and library division directors. They are designed to help selectors keep track of *when* they might want to begin assessment of a given subscription e-resource. The *how* of assessment requires consideration of usage data and other factors.

This poster session, including a link to the Python coding for this project, is accessible at: <http://hdl.handle.net/10022/AC:P:9978>  
The coding was written by Nada O'Neal, Columbia University.

# E-Resource Renewal Awareness: Using Google Calendar to Bring Selectors on Board

### Agenda view by date

<b>Wed Dec 8, 2010</b>	All day	<a href="#">renew Waterloo directory of English newsp 05/10/2011</a>
	All day	<a href="#">renew SimplyMap [redacted] by 05/10/2011</a>
<b>Thu Dec 9, 2010</b>	All day	<a href="#">renew CQ.com [redacted]</a>

### Agenda view by resource

<b>Thu May 13, 2010</b>	All day	<a href="#">renew HAPI online [redacted]</a>
<b>Sat Dec 11, 2010</b>	All day	<a href="#">renew HAPI online [redacted] by 05/13/2011</a>
<b>Fri Feb 11, 2011</b>	All day	<a href="#">renew HAPI online [redacted] by 05/13/2011</a>

Jeff Carroll  
Colleen Major  
John Tofanelli  
  
Columbia University

## Three types of notices

**Expenditure** notices always begin with name of resource. **Reminder** notices always begin with the word "renew." Key acquisitions data is included in all notices.

### 1. Expenditure

ARTFL American research on the treasury of the French language. \$### Fri, December 10, 2010, 12am – 12am  
**Calendar** 2462E  
**Created by** \_backup@apps.cul.columbia.edu  
**Description** 2462E 1ACG1460 20101210 ARTFL American research on the treasury of the French language. 1 Chicago, Ill. : ilu expenditure \$### ARTFL 2011-41 ags1 ARTFLPROJ USD \$### CUL 11 ARTFL PROJECT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO January - December 2011

### 2. Five-Month Reminder

Occurs five months before resource is due for renewal

renew AnthroSource \$### by 05/26/2011  
Fri, December 24, 2010, 12am – 12am  
**Calendar** 2463E  
**Created by** \_backup@apps.cul.columbia.edu  
**Description** (five months reminder) 2463E SAS99593 20100526 AnthroSource 1 Berkeley, Calif. : cau expenditure \$### 0076474 ags1 EBS09 USD \$### CUL 10

### 3. Three-Month Reminder

Occurs three months before resource is due for renewal

renew Berkeley electronic press bepress: the new standard in scholarly publishing. \$### by 03/31/2011  
Thu, December 30, 2010, 12am – 12am  
**Calendar** 2463E  
**Created by** \_backup@apps.cul.columbia.edu  
**Description** (three months reminder) 2463E SAS113501 20100331 Berkeley electronic press bepress: the new standard in scholarly publishing. 1 [Berkeley, Calif.] : cau expenditure \$### NDI3169 ags1 NERL USD \$### CUL 10