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

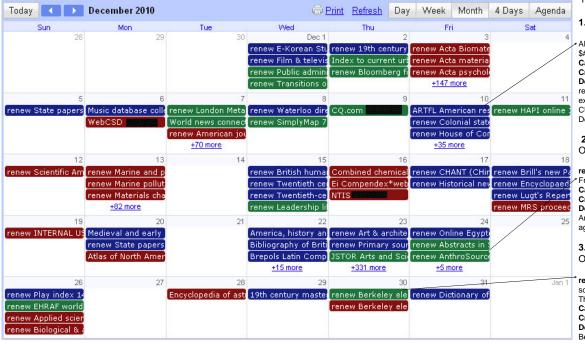
At Columbia University Libraries, we have constructed a program that feeds acquisitions data directly from our library management system into our shared Google Calendar. For each fund code that is used for recurring e-resource expenditures, a calendar is generated. In that calendar, each payment is represented 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 resource

All day

All day

All day

Thu May 13, 2010

Sat Dec 11, 2010

Fri Feb 11, 2011

Wed Dec 8, 2010 # renew Waterloo directory of English newsp All day 05/10/2011 ⊕ renew SimplyMap by 05/10/2011 All day Thu Dec 9, 2010 All day ⊕ CQ.com

Agenda view by date

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

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Description 2462E 1ACG1460 20101210 ARTFL American research on the treasury of the French language. 1 Chicago, III.: 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

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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 2463F

⊞ HAPI online

• renew HAPI online

⊕ renew HAPI online 1 by 05/13/2011

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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

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