License Review Committee (LRC) Annual Report

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The LRC did not review any licenses in the past quarter, but did evaluate new language to be added to the SCELC Contract Points document regarding accessibility of resources and added that language.

The LRC continues to pay particular attention to accessibility issues and ILL rights and specifications in reviewing licenses, as many licenses are showing more restrictive ILL clauses but more expansive promises of accessibility, both of which are concerning. Resource sharing through ILL is extremely important and requires particular scrutiny in reviewing and negotiating license agreements. In the area of accessibility, many licenses make broad promises, but actually holding the vendors accountable for living up to those promises is a continuing challenge.

During the past year, the LRC reviewed 5 licenses:
Mango languages
AAAS
ArtStor SharedShelf
Taylor and Francis journals
R2 Library

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