UKB

35 years of collaboration in the past - a future 'in the cloud'?
UKB
Consortium of 13 university libraries and the National library of the Netherlands
Since 1976
Collaboration

UKB is originally set up:
• to identify as a group and act when necessary
• “to operate as an orchestra not as an army”

Main activity in the first years is ‘Shared cataloguing’ with Pica (Project integrated cataloguing)
1995 Shockwave

- A national report was published: libraries would develop into the ‘book museums’ of the 21st century
- Action plan called “the library ‘breaking new ground’”.
- This would lead to the idea of a ‘national virtual library’
- Start of SURF tender programs for developing parts of the virtual library
1999 New world of Licensing

• Dutch initiative (in collaboration with Germany) for ‘The licensing Principles’

• Based on this initiative ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) started in 1997/8

• Start of a ‘licensing bureau’ in NL without any governmental role or support
From Licensing bureau to Professional Service

- The new ‘big deals’ required negotiation strength - a group of librarians/directors forms a licensing bureau, 1 fte administrative support
- Model for cost division between the participants
- In 2006 outsourcing to a professional support/negotiation service for content management under the national SURF umbrella
- A licensing working group (directors + licensing managers) now acts as partner on behalf of UKB
UKB 2007-2010 Strategic plan

• Intensify cooperation and join forces to reinforce the infrastructure for scientific information
  – interoperability is the key to an efficient information infrastructure
  – the resources needed to implement such an infrastructure can no longer be generated by individual institutions.

• In the present information-rich environment, researchers' and students' productivity is increasingly determined by their ability to manage the information overload.
  – an integrated, shared infrastructure will allow libraries to deliver tailor-made local information services which enable the universities to excel in research, education and patient care.

• The UKB libraries take inspiration from the speed and ease of access introduced by internet search engines, and add their own traditional qualities: locally tailored services, validated content, information skills and integration into research and education.
Strategic plan 2007-2010

• **Improve delivery of content**
  - acquire content which is not available or easily accessible on the open internet > university collections/ Cultural heritage programs
  - develop a publication infrastructure for the scientific output of the institutions > repositories
  - promote publication with open access
  - deal with imminent collection budget deficits

• **Enhance the infrastructure for discovery and delivery**
  - develop an efficient, integrated infrastructure for discovery and access, including both open and restricted information resources

• **Support e-research and e-learning**
  - develop facilities for e-learning and e-science: storage, publication and valorisation of research output, data management
Delivery of content

• Acquire new funding sources for access to new content
• Explore possibilities national licenses
• Pilots in open access environment, with Springer and Elsevier
• Cooperation in digitisation projects/cultural heritage
• Get VAT on the political agenda
Infrastructure for discovery and delivery

- Project Plan digital library and infrastructure:
  - Interoperability, standardization, free exchange of (meta)data
- Future of a national collaborative infrastructure
  - National catalogue and collaboration with OCLC
- Develop common user interface
- Implement generic systems for the administrative/business processes in the digital library:
  - Electronic Resource Management
  - Identity Management
  - Repositories
Support e-research and e-learning

Develop services and integrate these seemlessly in local research and education environments

- National Repository for educational resources (LOREnet)
- Develop repositories to allow new content categories
  - Educational resources
  - Multimedia objects
  - Datasets
- SURFShare project 2008-2011: digital workbench for researchers, enriched publications, support for collaboratories, data preservation
- Develop library’s role in knowledge valorisation/transfer
- Participate and collaborate in EU projects
Organization/Management

- Improve communication/knowledge sharing between organizations/working groups
- Reposition Benchmarking
- Personnel development; talent scouting and training
- Strengthen national collaboration with other groups of libraries
- International orientation
Future ‘in the cloud’
Thank you!