Electronic Resources Committee
Special Meeting
Agenda Packet

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AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

      1. The public may comment on any action items on the agenda.

E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

      1. ACTION: Recommend addition of Udemy to Systemwide Resources (Attachment 1)

F. CALENDAR ITEMS

      1. Set date and agenda for next meeting, tentatively January 16, 2025, on Microsoft Teams

G. ADJOURNMENT

DATE: November 14, 2024

TO: SJVLS Electronic Resources Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Nathan Boyer

SUBJECT: Recommend Addition of Udemy to Systemwide Resources

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend to SJVLS Administrative Council that Udemy be added to our existing package of Gale resources beginning in January 2025, at a prorated cost of $37,500, with an annual subscription to begin in FY 2025-26 at a cost of $75,000/year.

With this recommendation, Gale would reduce the cost of our main Gale package by $30,000 to $33,000. Gale would also hold our existing costs at the same rate for the next two years. Current and proposed costs for FY25-26 and FY26-27 are shown below.

Resource	Pro-rate to June 30, 2025	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
Gale Presents: Udemy	$37,500	$75,000	$75,000
Gale Package	Already paid ($63,389)	$33,000	$33,000
Peterson's Test and Career Prep	Already paid ($35,035)	$35,000	$35,000
Total Cost	$135,924	$143,000	$143,000

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

As an alternative, ERC could recommend to SJVLS Administrative Council that Udemy be added to our existing package of Gale resources beginning in FY 2025-26 at a cost of $75,000/year.

With this recommendation, Gale would still reduce the cost of our main Gale package by $30,000 to $33,000 for FY25-26. Subsequent years would be subject to a 3% increase in costs. Current and proposed costs for FY25-26 and FY26-27 under this option are shown below.

Resource	FY2024-25	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
Gale Presents: Udemy	None	$75,000	$77,250
Gale Package	Already paid ($63,389)	$33,000	$33,990
Peterson's Test and Career Prep	Already paid ($35,035)	$35,000	$36,050
Total Cost	$98,424	$143,000	$147,290

As a third option, ERC could recommend the addition of Udemy without a start date, deferring that decision to SJVLS Admin Council. Annual subscription costs and increases would be determined based on Admin Council's decision.

A final option would be to not recommend the addition of Udemy. Annual subscription costs for existing Gale resources would increase at a rate of 3-5%. (Actual increases have not been quoted.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The first recommended action would result in an increased expenditure of $37,500 in January 2025. For FY25-26 and FY26-27, annual systemwide resource subscriptions would increase by about $43,000 over our current costs, depending on rate increases for each year if we do not offer Udemy.

The second recommended action would have no immediate fiscal impact. Systemwide resource subscriptions would again increase by about $43,000 in FY 25-26 and FY26-27.

Fiscal impacts of the third recommendation option would be the same as either option one or two above, depending on Admin Council's determination of a start date for Udemy.

The final option, not offering Udemy, would have the smallest fiscal impact. Total subscription costs for existing resources would increase by about $3,000/year.

DISCUSSION:

In November 2023, patron responses to a survey on digital resource offerings indicated interest in several resource categories. During the December 14, 2023, Electronic Resources Committee meeting, committee members determined that online learning platforms should be considered as a potential systemwide resource.

SJVLS libraries previously offered a variety of online learning and career preparation resources through the California State Library's Career Pathways program. That program ended September 20, 2024, and online learning resources are no longer available to patrons across the entire system.

Udemy is available from Gale to provide more than 20,000 online learning courses in areas of job training, skills development, certification, and general personal interest. Offering Udemy as a system resource to all member libraries would restore patron access to career development resources. It would also allow libraries to provide courses in personal skills and interests that were identified in the patron survey as a category of interest.

PRIOR AGENDA REFERENCE:

ERC Agenda: December 14, 2023 – announcement of patron survey on digital resources
ERC Agenda: February 15, 2024 – discussion of priority resource categories
ERC Agenda: April 18, 2024 – discussion of priority resource categories
ERC Agenda: August 15, 2024 – discussion of trial access to Udemy
ERC Agenda: October 17, 2024 – discussion of Udemy as a potential systemwide resource

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

None

Action:

Motion: Second:

_____ Passed   _____ Rejected