eDesiderata Forum - Community Input

A vital component of CRL’s 2016 eDesiderata Forum is feedback from CRL member libraries on resources of interest for potential licensing or purchase. We invite you to help inform CRL and NERL licensing agendas, and to inform the data investment decisions of member libraries, by sharing your input through eDesiderata.

CRL has created in eDesiderata entries for more than 60 commercial and open access digital resources characterized as “Big Data,” offering access to large datasets and data services for scholarly research. Please provide comments, ratings, and feedback on these and other resources through the following steps:

1. View CRL’s list of “Big Data” resources and create a Watchset.

The following links will take you into eDesiderata to view the list of resources CRL has tagged as “big data” resources related to four areas:

- Business and financial data
- Public opinion data
- Census and population data
- Geospatial data

(You will be prompted to log in or sign up if you have not already done so; your username and password are the same you use to sign up for events at CRL.)

From this entry point, we encourage you to create a Watchset, which will allow you to monitor sets of resources based on the specific categories above (or, you can create a set for all “Big Data” resources here). To automate the creation of the Watchset, select the “Watch” button at the top of the selected resource list.

2. Provide comments and ratings for listed resources

eDesiderata allows logged-in participants to post comments and other feedback on specific resources. Comments are seen by members only. This allows you to share input on issues such as a resource’s utility, scope, cost, or licensing terms. If your institution subscribes to or uses a listed resource, we welcome community ratings and comments on your assessment of the resource. If you do not subscribe, share your interest or questions in the comment section.
3. **Flag resources of interest for further consideration by CRL and NERL**

Through your recommendations, CRL and NERL may prioritize resources for further evaluation and potential licensing. Items recommended by you are added to your personalized Watchlist in meDesiderata to allow you to track updates, including changes to CRL license status, and community comments.

Watchsets and Watchlists can be accessed from the meDesiderata dashboard in the upper right section of eDesiderata. The intro video to meDesiderata highlights additional features of this resource.

4. **Suggest resources not included on eDesiderata**

Don’t see an item that should be included in our list? Feel free to Suggest a New Resource, through the links provided at the top of the Resources list (or toward the bottom of the left-hand menu bar). CRL staff will review and consider for addition to the eDesiderata list. (Your Watchset will alert you when new entries are added.)

*eDesiderata supports informed investment in electronic resources. Through critical assessment and member input, eDesiderata provides a knowledge base of information about electronic resources and providers of digital resources and services. CRL measures success in its licensing initiatives by the engagement of members in the eDesiderata platform.*