

# UHLS ad hoc Committee on E-Content Collection Development

## Meeting minutes (DRAFT)

9/28/11

Members in Attendance: Jo-Ann Benedetti (UHLS), Richard Naylor (COLN), Barbara Nichols-Randall (GUIL), Amy Peker (CAST), Julie Zelman (BRUN), Tim Burke (UHLS) - ex officio non-voting

### Note - Tasks are highlighted in bold

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 9:05am.
- 2) The committee reviewed the committee description document. It was suggested that the charge be rewritten using the same language but separating the suggested components of the charge using bullets to make it easier to read. The committee agreed with that change and **T. Burke said he would revise the description as agreed.**  
There was some discussion of the suggestion that e-content collection development needs youth services input. The committee agreed that ys was an important component of any library collection, but the discussions of this committee would be focusing on “the big picture” of collection development and there will be time further along to include the audience specific considerations for e-content collections.
- 3) Nominations were solicited for the chair of the committee. B. Nichols-Randall nominated Amy Peker as Chair, J. Zelman seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Amy Peker was elected to serve as committee chair unanimously.
- 4) J. Benedetti distributed some selected e-content statistics for the committee’s review. The stats were discussed. **It was suggested that the “e-content purchased” and the “circulation activity by branch” charts should be shared with the Director’s Association as part of the committee’s report to the DA at their 10/7 meeting.** The committee agreed with that suggestion.  
R. Naylor explained that he developed a white paper on the impact of e-books on public library service for his board of trustees. **He said that he would share that document with the committee.**
- 5) There was a wide ranging discussion about e-content collection development. Based on the discussions R. Naylor suggested 4 general areas for the committee to work on in developing its recommendation(s):
  1. The amount (\$, titles, items,?) that each UHLS member library should contribute to the e-content collection and how that should be accomplished.

2. How can the Central Library funds be used to support the development of the e-content collection.
3. The members need some support (training, guidelines, etc.) in how best to do collection development for e-content.
4. How is collection development for e-content different from other formats?

Further discussion followed. B. Nichols-Randall said that GUIL will often purchase both print and e-content formats for popular titles, but not all libraries would be able to do that. A. Peker explained that when she buys e-content she looks at it as buying for the System and not necessarily for CAST. J. Zelman suggested that holds statistics for e-content would be useful information for the committee to review. **J. Benedetti will pull holds stats from Overdrive and share them with the committee.**

The discussion moved to how Central Library funds could be used to support e-content collection development. B. Nichols-Randall brought up the staffing support for APLM that has been a feature of the central library budget for a long time now. She suggested that Overdrive must have a standing order system available that could be used to purchase current core fiction material for the e-content collection, which would require very little staff time at the central library. The selection of non-fiction for the e-content collection using central library funds would be the more staff intensive task and perhaps some of that could be shared among all of the member libraries to minimize the staff burden on APLM. She said that both of these ideas could reduce the need to use central library funds to support staff at APLM and provide more funds for e-content purchase.

The committee discussed the relative importance of having the e-content collection records in the UHLS catalog rather than in a separate Overdrive catalog. It was suggested that perhaps central library funds could be used to support the purchase of the bibliographic records for the e-content that could be loaded into the UHLS catalog.

- 6) The committee agreed to meet on Wednesday 10/26 at 9:00am at UHLS.
- 7) The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.