

# UHLS ad hoc Committee on E-Content Collection Development

## Meeting minutes - Approved

12/15/11

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

### **Note - Tasks are highlighted in bold**

- 1) A. Peker called the meeting to order at 9:18am.
- 2) The committee reviewed the minutes from the 11/15/11 meeting. J. Zelman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. R. Naylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) The committee reviewed some e-content use statistics that A. Peker and J. Benedetti have been working on in preparation for the 2/3/12 e-content trends presentation.

**It was decided that J. Benedetti, A. Peker, R. Naylor, and J. Zelman will take each specified sections of the e-content collection divided by subject and analyze the collection/use stats based on the following 5 questions:**

- 1) What titles are circulating most in this subject category and what is not circulating**
- 2) Is this subject category a valid category?**
- 3) What other e-content material is available for purchase in this subject category?**
- 4) What is the acceptable level of use for this subject category?**
- 5) Analyze the print collections in this subject category and compare by proportion, use rate, etc. to record any correlations between the two collections.**

**B. Nichols Randall and R. Naylor will share with the committee their library's Dewey to BISAC conversion/comparison chart.**

- 4) J. Benedetti explained that the 2/3/12 presentation on "Trends and Statistics in E-content for Collection Development" is coming together well and that A. Peker has been a big help in the statistical analysis process. She is looking forward to the presentation.
- 5) General discussion topics:
  - Video e-content - J. Benedetti reminded the committee that member libraries can buy video content for the Overdrive collection and that there is new content available such as titles from the A&E catalog now available for purchase through Overdrive. The committee agreed that we should make sure that member libraries know that they can add video e-content to the collection.

- Weeding in Overdrive - In response to a question regarding how to weed the e-content collection J. Benedetti explained that the only way to deselect titles from the e-content collection in Overdrive is to “hide” the specific file from the public catalog, which does not remove it from the collection, but makes it invisible to the public.
- Holds “trigger point”, standing order plans - Overdrive can set up a holds trigger point for a library account that would automatically order an additional copy (or copies) when the number of holds on a title reach a pre-set level, which is determined by the library/library system holding the account. Overdrive can also put in place standing order plans to automatically order titles for the collection based on criteria established by the library/library system holding the account. The committee thought that these tools would be very helpful, especially for the Central Library (APLM), to help it to handle the large volume of ordering they will be doing to spend the e-content allotment of Central Library \$ and help to make sure that the collection growth keeps up with use patterns and user demand.
- Patron Driven Acquisition - The committee agreed that any patron driven acquisition system that we would put in place would allow patrons to make request/suggestions for new e-content titles and all requests would be reviewed for purchase consideration (similar to what most libraries do for print collections). There would be no automatic ordering of titles based on a patron request. The committee felt strongly that the libraries needed final say as to what was purchased for the e-content collection. **J. Benedetti will investigate patron driven acquisition options with Overdrive and report back to the committee.**

6) The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 9:00am in the “Green room” at UHLS.

7) The meeting adjourned at 11:20am.