

Minutes for E-Content Committee, February 27, 2015

Meeting started at 3 PM.

Attending: Amy Peker, Judith Wines, Jane Chirgwin, Jo-Ann Benedetto, Lenny Zapalla, Richard Naylor, Tim Burke (briefly), Deanna Dicarolo, Matt Graff, Laurenne Teachout

Minutes reviewed and approved.

2015 Selection Guidelines: Deanna led a discussion of what changes needed to be made to the selection guidelines document. Suggestions included reviewing metered access and timed leases to see if a repurchase of lapsed titles was actually called for, and making sure all subjects have new and varied material. Request made to Overdrive to have a date of purchase on items so that it is easier to determine usage.

Motion by Deanna to revisit selection guidelines after completion of subject analysis by this committee. Seconded by Amy.

Subject Analysis: It has been over two years since we analyzed our collection. Jo-Ann set forth a “snapshot” method to see what is in and what is out for a subject heading. “Turn-over” rate, number of circulations per copy, can be done as a report for a whole category. Judith will set up a Google document will help the committee assign categories to each member to split up the work.

Chinese Content: There is a sale on Chinese content. Currently the content has not been updated in a while. Suggested we see if there is demand by looking at circulation. “Snapshot” of collection revealed that 73 out of 75 items were on the shelf. Expert at Albany will be consulted to see if there is worthwhile content on sale.

WMA titles will be going away. After March 1, 2015, they will not be sold, and in May 2015 the WMA files in our collection will be removed. Overdrive has transferred many WMA files into the MP3 format. Overdrive is not expected to refund the loss of the WMA, but we are not sure if there are items that have not been transferred.

Holds and Patrons who belong to two systems: Discussion of usage of Overdrive App to allow users to create simultaneous holds for an item in different systems/libraries. It will be a benefit most to Overdrive. Concerns included not wanting show approval of out-of-system use and possible abuse by non-tax payers, possible publisher disapproval, and that there was little benefit to libraries to do so. Positive comment was that it was a beneficial feature to patrons that might increase usage.

Holds/reorder/RTL spending: The Director’s Association received the committee’s recommendation to spend 25% of their suggested digital budget on ordering second copies. Small libraries making carts should create note field stating what is original and what is a

replacement or second copy. Second copies should be purchased following the selection guidelines, but there is more leeway to respond to demand. Jo-Ann will help libraries with this process. The need to purchase second copies, patron requests and reorders is expected to increase.

Streaming Video Update: Overdrive is offering a new page for streaming video called Screening Room. Discussion of adding this feature concluded that we do not recommend it at this time, as our collection is relatively small (300) and we do not want to lead our users off the main page. Members are not pleased with content that is available. There is a lot of competition for streaming video market, and Overdrive is not accessible on game systems or Roku, which already offer free movie selections. Comment that we should focus building our collection of books and audio.

Central Library Committee is exploring options for other usage of central library funds. No change is planned at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Jo-Ann, seconded by Lenny, meeting adjourned 4:35 PM.

Plans for world domination were tabled.