

E-Content Meeting October 28, 2015

Attending: Lenny Zapala, Deanna Dicarolo, Jane Chirgwin, Amy Peker, Jendy Murphy, Laurie Dreyer, Judith Wines, Matt Graff, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Laurene Teachout

3:00 PM.

Minutes approved from last meeting.

Intern Laurie Dreyer presented her findings on the accessibility and content of our digital collection as compared to other libraries and library systems.

Results on survey on proposed changes to improve hold wait time on e-books. The majority approved of implementing either option. No one was neutral. The committee decided that reducing the number of items a patron had out at a time would only irritate our super-users and would not reduce waiting time significantly. Changing the default loan period to two weeks might improve the wait, and patrons can switch it back if it bothers them.

The committee will recommend to the Directors to change the default to a 14 day loan in Overdrive.

GVRL titles. The central library budget has a proposed \$5,300 to purchase titles from the Gale Virtual Reference Library and needs help making selections. The committee members will go over copies of the spreadsheet and delete unwanted titles, sending in their copy to Deanna, who will merge together a list. Jane mentioned that the pricing was oddly inconsistent and suggested making a price cap of \$100.

GVRL will have the ability to show circulation statistics for individual libraries. The records will be imported into Sierra. The database call pull out individual chapters like they were articles, allowing printing and translation. No app is needed, but an optional app is available.

Limit on RTL? The limit on recommending items to the library is 3 per month. It should refresh each month. While that is a low number, the committee did not want to change the limit at this time. It is felt that raising the number of items patrons can suggest might lead to an overly enthusiastic user.

Hoopla is available for a free trial on request. It has no platform fee, instead having an upfront \$50,000 deposit for per-use fees. Hoopla is working on being available through Roku (it currently is not). The committee does not recommend purchase of Hoopla at this time.

Magazines are up for renewal. Some of the funds we received last year were from a patron donation and might not be available again. The committee will determine what to keep out of the core collection by using a cost per circ evaluation, and the central library will purchase those subscriptions. A letter will go out to our designated e-content purchasers with a list of “optional” titles that individual libraries can add to the group collection. Since we want to keep the renewal dates the same, we will give individual libraries a deadline of December 1.

Recorded Books items are now available on Overdrive.

Amigos Library Webinar- an online conference is available at \$90 for individuals or \$149 per group to learn more about the Amigos Library product.

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Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 24 at 9 AM.