

E-Content Meeting November 24, 2015 9:02 AM

Attending: Deanna Dicarolo, Jane Chirgwin, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Amy Pekar, Jendy Murphy, Sarah Clark, Judith Wines, Laurrene Teachout, Matt Graff.

Minutes approved.

Default Loan period: The recommendation to change the default loan period for e-books to 14 days was approved by the Director's Association, and Deanna will implement it December First. An email explaining the change will be sent to our Overdrive users.

Recommendations for GVRL: The committee members submitted lists of proposed purchases, which were compiled into one list by Amy Pekar. The committee reviewed and approved the list, totaling \$4,829, to recommend to the Central Library.

If individual libraries would like to add to the Gale Virtual Reference Library collection, UHLS will make the purchase and then send an invoice to that library (as they do with some e-content for small libraries).

Digital Magazine Subscriptions: Deanna, with the input of the committee, compiled two lists of magazines, one just of high circulating magazines, the other adding titles to round out the collection for niche users. The committee recommends that the Central Library purchase the demand titles list and suggest titles for individual libraries to add. A reminder that digital library subscription purchases should be made by January will be sent out to our Overdrive purchasers. The number of circulations allowed per issue should be taken into account when purchasing. Careful communication between the purchasers will hopefully prevent any accidental duplicate subscriptions. While it is expensive, there are newspapers available to add to the digital subscriptions, such as the Wall Street Journal and USA Today. These will be put on the list of possible additions sent out to Overdrive purchasers.

2016 Member Library spending levels: The 2015 suggested contribution chart was determined by a base total of \$105,000, divided among member libraries by their 2014 digital circulation. The committee discussed what should be the suggested contribution for 2016. A quick estimate determined that digital circulation in 2015 had a 26% increase from 2014. A 26% increase in the total was deemed too high to ask of libraries with tight budgets. Digital usage is becoming a larger part of our services, and budgets should be adjusted to recognize that trend.

The committee proposes to the Director's Association that the 2016 suggested contribution be raised by 7.5% to \$112,875.

Reports of usage would be a helpful tool for libraries to see how to allocate their materials budgets. Deanna hopes UHLS's new hire will be able to create individualized reports. One requested report is what percentage of a library's physical book circulation is e-books (not audio or video). Currently we can get a report comparing a library's total circulation to total digital circulation, but it would be better to remove the video circulation to make a clearer picture of reading usage.

2016 Selection Guidelines: Deanna has revised the digital content selection guidelines, and has asked the committee to review them for a discussion at the next meeting.

Move to Adjourn 10 AM.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 27 at 3 PM.