

E-Content Meeting May 25, 2016 3:05 PM

Attending: Deanna Dicarlo UHLS, Anne Pitlyk UHLS, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Geoff Kirkpatrick, BETH, Sarah Clark APLM, Laurene Teachout, NASS/STEP, Judith Wines RCSC, Matt Graff COHS.

Minutes approved with amendment.

GVRL: Discussion of new titles to purchase for GVRL with central library funds. The committee recommends 24 titles out of the top tier, which include civil service exam books, test prep books and other secondary education materials.

GVRL usage is increasing, with the year-to-date cost per use being \$5.30.

Print to Digital comparison reports: Anne created individual library reports comparing digital content to print content circulation in the areas of magazines, adult fiction, and audiobooks. The committee saw that the report is helpful in explaining purchasing decisions to policy makers. Geoff recommended we remove the year-to-date increase/decrease percentages, as they are misleading in predicting actual trends, a month-to-month comparison would be more useful (ex. March 2015 vs. March 2016). As we move forward, our historical data will be more accurate to compare to.

Juvenile fiction e-book usage has increased. Anne and Deanna will investigate what content is most popular. It is possible that the Overdrive Read function makes looking at static content easier, making picture books more inviting.

Bookflix: Deanna enlisted the help of Mary Fellows and the Youth Services Advisory Council to raise awareness of Bookflix and encourage usage and promotion to patrons. The libraries that had the most usage had presented the service during children's programs. A webinar on Bookflix is scheduled for the next Y.S. meeting. The year to date usage is \$1.69 per use.

Our Tumblebooks subscription will end June 2016. Unless an individual library steps up to buy a new subscription, there is no plan to renew.

Central Library purchases: The committee discussed how to allocate funds for central library's purchase of e-book fiction. Holds, metered and request to library items have used a large portion of what was allotted to them. There was some confusion about what the central library committee had decided on this matter- should central library be purchasing new items as well? A request was made to clarify what had been agreed upon at the last central library budget meeting.

E-content committee feels that "request to library" items should be purchased by the resident library of the requesting patron. Deanna will send out an email to e-content purchasers reminding them how to create a report to see local requests of non-owned items. The individual library can curate what is coming into the collection at their own discretion.

The committee recommends that the remainder of the central library budget that can be used for fiction be used to purchase metered items and high demand extra copies.

Newspaper Access: Newsbank is a service that provides access to local newspaper archives. It is full text but no pictures. The \$20,000 price makes it too expensive for the committee to recommend.

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Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 28th at 3 PM