

DRAFT E-Content Advisory Committee Meeting, 10/26/18 3:00pm

Present: Deanna DiCarlo UHLS, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Sue Hoadley WSTR, Bekah Jarvis-Girtler COLN, Matt Graff COHS, Melanie Metzger APL, Kristina Ronald GUIL, Melissa Tacke CAST, Judith Wines RCSC

Minutes: Approved August 2018 Minutes

Flipster Title Selection



Discussion: which magazines should we recommend be added or removed from Flipster for 2019?

- Can't get *Redbook*, which is going out of print format
- Can't get *Cooking Light*, which is merging with another cooking magazine
- Looking through the circulation stats, *ESPN*, *Muscle/Fitness*, *Essence*, *Field & Stream*, and *Organic Gardening* all circ poorly in comparison to other magazines



Motion to approve the following proposal passed:

- Replace *Cooking Light* with *Eating Well*, which it is merging with
- Add *Out*
- Add *Ebony* (if it will be published on a regular schedule – see next steps below)
- Drop *ESPN* and *Muscle/Fitness*



Next Steps:

- Deanna will look into the publishing situation with *Ebony*, which stopped publishing for a large portion of 2018

Appointments and Elections



Discussion: Reviewed current composition of committee

- Sarah Clark is moving to a new position as the director of VOOR, but will continue to serve as an at-large member
- Katie Farrell will no longer be on the committee due to a job change
- Melanie Metzger will replace Katie Farrell as the Central Library rep

Overdrive Advantage Plus Ordering



Discussion: status update and impact of Adv. ordering

- 27 Adv orders have been placed so far, totaling to around \$30k spent
- Wait time on the system level was 40 days, now down to 33
- COLN will begin ordering soon, and WTVT has signed the agreement



Discussion: what's next for Adv ordering?

- Focus on popular new content
- Encourage top circers to participate



Discussion: impact on non-adv library patrons

- It appears that we cannot see the current wait time for individual libraries, so we can't assess if there is a difference in wait times between adv and non-adv libraries at this time
- With more copies in the system of items overall, this is likely not a problem under our current agreement, but would be a concern to be discussed further if we moved toward an all-Advantage ordering system like what Mid-Hudson is doing



Next Steps:

- Deanna will look into whether it is possible to see the wait time for patrons at different libraries

Great Courses



Discussion: Should we purchase *Great Courses* audiobook items for the system?

- It was requested that we look into purchasing items from the *Great Courses* series for the Overdrive collection
- These educational items are priced similar or a little more expensive than regular audiobooks



Next Steps:

- Recommending that each library purchase one, and then we will put up a featured collection to see how they circ, assess further from there

J/YA Circ in Overdrive



Discussion: Spending versus usage comparing adult to youth titles

- In the past, J/YA items have not circ'd well
- Has the selection improved? Would that impact wider usage of these items? More exploration is needed
- One popular idea discussed was to buy audio titles appropriate for families for road trips



Next Steps:

- Deanna will look into if spending is in proportion to usage
- We will ask our Youth and YA selectors at our libraries to weigh in on if the content available has improved
- We will all have a look at the ordering guidelines for this area, and in general in preparation for putting together revisions for 2019



Motion to Adjourn Approved

Next Meeting: January 25, 3pm