

LLC Digital Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2023

11am

By ZOOM

- I. Call to Order – 11:05am 22 participants
- II. Addition and Approval of Agenda - Mary/Paula
- III. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – Two spelling corrections were noted.
Pam/Mary
- IV. Co-op Director's Report
Carol reported that Overdrive records will be loaded into the BiblioCommons catalog including Advantage titles. The Implementation cost is \$1,700 which will be paid by Lakeland which is a very low cost. Jeff Lezman will be working on this.

Another improvement is a request option for patrons. The request will go to a point person at the patron's library. More details about this will be given at an upcoming Advisory meeting. Sheryl Vanderwagen will be working on this implementation.
- V. Chairperson's Report:
Stefanie reported that Flat River's integration of LLC Overdrive titles with their local school system's Sora account has been successful. Titles are distributed by grade level through Sora using their school log in. Detailed discussion followed.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Overview of state of Overdrive
 - Unique Users 11,520
 - Ebook titles currently owned 50,440/58298 copies
 - Audio titles currently owned 9200/13,700 copies
 - Current checkouts 13,707

Overdrive has also implemented an auto weed for Advantage accounts which benefits those libraries that do not have the staff or time to weed their own accounts.
 - B. ARPA title usage –
 - from 3/9/2022-04/30/2023 - purchased 2,011 titles, 17,077 checkouts
 - highest fiction 268c/o, highest non-fic 253c/o

C. 2023-24 Budget

Carol presented a spreadsheet that listed all the libraries' magazine circ, all time Advantage contributions, Advantage 2022 contributions, total checkouts. It is the goal to make Advantage spending more equitable among LLC libraries. A number of different ways to achieve this goal were discussed. It was decided that a survey would be sent out to determine the best way to reach the goal since libraries in the Cooperative are dealing with different financial constraints. There was a lengthy, productive discussion on this topic.

The magazine subscription was also discussed. Carol will be working on possibly getting the subscription cost down and other possibilities on how to deal with this cost to member libraries. More to come on this topic.

D. Updated Libby Searching

Nicki shared the improvements to searching titles/authors in Libby. When a patron searches an item or an author, they will now see what each partner cooperative has available instead of going to each partner cooperative individually. There are also more filtering options for searches which helps the patrons narrow their searches.

Nicki reminded us that if patrons need to place holds on items owned by LLC and other partner libraries, they will get it faster through LLC because local patrons have priority. Patrons may also request items that are not available in the Libby catalog, and patrons will be notified when and if this item is purchased.

E. Marketplace reporting demo

Nicki showed the group how to go to their Advantage accounts and retrieve HOLD reports. She also showed the group how to evaluate highest demand holds, and see how long their patrons have been waiting on these holds.

There was a discussion on the best ways for Advantage users to purchase titles whether by metered access or one copy/one user, this can help alleviate the HOLD pressure on LLC titles.

Carol from LLC said to look for a survey in your email regarding monthly training on Overdrive/Libby topics.

VII. Next Meeting Date to be announced.

VIII. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 12:06pm. Mary/Paula

Respectfully submitted,

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