

Digital Services Committee Minutes

Tuesday January 26, 2016 - 9:30 am at Morris County Library

Present: Diane Alimena (PEQ), MaryLynn Becza (MMT), Phillip Berg (MAIN), Tom Brooks (MTWP), Cassidy Charles (MAD), Lesley Karczewski (CHS)-Chair, Cinthia Levy (MCL), Marina Maffia (FLO), Rachel Pekar (MON), Amy Puskas (WIP), Korin Rosenkrans (PT), Robert Schrick (CHA), Karen Vaias (BER)

BUDGET - Lesley reported that we still need to allocate 67K for this year. Possible products to purchase for MAIN are a genealogy product or ComicsPlus.

Product allocations already in place are: 3m – 78K /Content Cafe – 18K /Pronunciator – 8.295K/ Zinio – 52K

GENEALOGY - The committee will look into genealogy products. Under consideration are AncestryLibrary.com, HeritageQuest and My Heritage. Phil was asked to see if we can have Ebsco do a webinar on the My Heritage product. Bernard's Family History Interest Group may be asked to help evaluate products.

PatronLink/CollectionHQ - Phil reported that it is unlikely that CollectionHQ or PatronLink will be MAIN consortium products, at least initially, but he will try to negotiate a discounted price for each library that wants to opt-in. He will also look into the possibility of having the MAIN office be the only license for these 2 products and run all desired reports for libraries. There was a discussion on Simply Reports vs. PatronLink or CollectionHQ reports. There is no current budget for this product.

3M - Lesley reported that we have had the 3M product for one year which means that many metered access titles have expired. She repurchased 1 copy of titles which were well used at a cost of 4K. Lesley anticipates spending 3K per month this year on metered content repurchase, holds management and bestseller buys. This would leave about 39K for additional purchases. Lesley suggested we take advantage of an audiobook sale. She put together a cart which comes to 17K. The committee thanked her for the work and gave her the go ahead to make the purchase.

Polaris has a service patch which would place private cloud content in the PAC. Although this will create a glitch which may not allow borrows or holds on titles owned by both MAIN and a private cloud, it was thought that the benefit to patrons would outweigh that glitch. Patrons are confused by having to sign into MAIN or their home library cloud. Because the Polaris 5.1 upgrade will not take place until the fall the committee urged Lesley to request that Polaris be authorized by the ILS committee to put the service patch in place.

It was also reported that Amazon no longer supports its Kindle Fire first generation. Because of this 3M may no longer be compatible with the first generation Kindle Fire.

ZINIO - MaryLynn reported that Zinio dropped The Nation so she replaced it with New York Magazine. Zinio also has come out with a replacement app that allows patron to check out items from within the app. The iOS version is live but not the Android version. The Zinio landing page will be changed quarterly featuring some magazines on a seasonal theme.

TRAVELING ROAD SHOW - Lesley suggested that because of changes to the Zinio app and the possible changes in 3M in the PAC, we delay the Road Show until March.

PRONUNCIATOR - Lesley said that Pronunciator is now including multiple 30 minutes classes online with a live teacher. She asked that we review this Pro:Live feature and report back on its usefulness. Lesley also suggested we continue to view alternate products such as ListenLive as a possible online language product for MAIN.

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 26 @ 9:30 am, at MCL

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Alimena