

Digital Services Committee Meeting

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Present: Phillip Berg, Jeanne Mauriello, Mauro Magarelli, Korin Rosenkrans, Amy Puskas, Karen Vaias, Robert Schriek, Parinda Desai, Gosmun Patoner, Catherine LaBelle

Bibliotheca Updates

Libraries still need to compile their statistics in the old way until we are fully integrated. In the future Polaris stats and Bibliotheca stats should be a close match. January 2019 is the desired timeframe for full integration.

Moving MAIN cloud patrons to their private clouds

- A message will be added to the Cloud Library app informing patrons still using the MAIN cloud that they will need to login to their private cloud by a certain date. The message will appear only to those logged into the MAIN cloud.
- A list of their patrons still using the MAIN cloud will be sent to each library so that library staff can contact them.
- On a designated date, holds will be set to zero in the MAIN cloud. Date to be determined.
- On a designated date, MAIN cloud login will be shut off. Tentative date is 12/31/2018.

Extravaganza Update

- Cloud Link integration seems to be working well. Consensus is that we are still in favor of Cloud Library.
- Bibliotheca offered to provide one-on-one sessions for the four libraries who did not send staff to the Extravaganza. Two out of the four directors responded to the offer. One wants to set up a session and the other was not able to.

Recorded Books

There will be a new website interface which will look like the app. We will switch over once the new subscription year begins.

MyHeritage

- EBSCO will do a little more marketing for us.
- They will not increase the cost in 2019.

Digital Services Roadshow

Scheduling options for 2019:

- Host at the MAIN office. It would be set up as regular training. A volunteer from the committee could come in monthly/every other month to do a session on a product.
- Rotate the Roadshow around to two or three designated libraries.
- MAIN will be the regular host with an occasional satellite location.

We will discuss further in January.

Old Business

Infobase – not much interest.

Library Ideas GoChip – not much interest.

2019 Budget Review

- Mostly flat
- Bibliotheca will decrease by \$2500.

RBdigital Magazine choices for 2019

- Platform fee has been reduced. We need to spend the savings on other RBdigital content. Consensus is to spend on purchasing comic books.
- The committee reviewed and discussed our current magazine subscriptions. If we want patrons to continue to use the platform we need to provide the standards.
- American Girl will be dropped. Patrons who like the title prefer the website or print, not the app.
- There is not much demand for gardening magazines even though many patrons are gardeners.

Comic Books

- Mauro sent an email out consortium-wide soliciting feedback on comic book titles. He received four lists of people's top 25 suggestions. Most were Marvel titles or TV spinoffs such as Buffy.
- Most people seem interested in what has just come out rather than the first or back issues.
- Recorded Books has suggested we start small in the number of copies per title that we purchase, then monitor how many turnaways we get.
- The committee reviewed and discussed the submitted suggestions and arrived at consensus list of potential purchases. This list has been emailed consortium wide soliciting further comments. The deadline for comments is 12/4/18.

Freegal

Things have changed. They would like to come back and show us. We will consider setting up another meeting in 2019.

2019 Committee Goals

- Develop a tips sheet for eBook/eAudio collection development. A common question is how much libraries should spend on eContent and what titles should be bought.
- Monitor comic book usage
- Evaluate Consumer Reports Online
- Work with the Public Relations Committee throughout the year to advertise our digital wares.