

UHLS Automation Advisory Committee (AAC) – Meeting Minutes

8/9/17

Attending: Jill Dugas-Hughes (EGRN), Mindy Fowler (SNLK), Ryan Moore (COLN), Catherine Stollar Peters (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS).

Absent: Natalie Hurteau (BRUN), Melanie Metzger (APLM), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Melissa Tacke (CAST).

Guest: Tim Burke (UHLS)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by J. Thornton at 9:05 am.

Election of Committee Chair: M. Fowler agreed to fill the chair position.

Encore customization: Discussion of old business regarding Encore customization:

Book reviews: The book reviews have been up for a while but were not announced because reaching them is a bit clunky. Joe will continue to follow up with iii about fixing this. There was discussion of using Novelist instead of Content Café for reviews. The cost for Novelist would be \$24,000. It is very popular & very expensive; contains Goodreads reviews. Currently paying \$4,000 for Content Café. Novelist will come up for discussion at the Central Libraries Committee (CLAC).

Search facet changes/Youth audience facets: J. Thornton will talk to M. Fellows about surveying the Youth Services Committee regarding a change in terminology for the youth collections (from Juvenile and Young Adult to Children and Teen, respectively).

New York Heritage (NYH) search facet: J. Thornton will follow up on changing the facet label “Digital Collection,” to “Digital Image” and will inquire with iii whether the label must stay under “Collections” or not.

Search widget: J. Thornton will send out an email letting people know about the search widget he created and provide the code to insert into their websites. If you are using the widget to find results for a specific library, the widget will not maintain that filter for subsequent Encore searches.

Sierra (8/23) and Encore (8/30) Updates: The upgrades will happen overnight. The system should be ready to go when we come in. The Encore update includes a Java script update that the techies will handle.

Boopsie mobile app: Boopsie is live. No feedback so far. Deanna has a couple of tweaks particular to individual libraries. Book Look feature is not working on some phones – may need to go into settings and give app access to the phone’s camera.

Automatic renewal of items: According to iii, this feature will be available sometime in 2018. iii is actively working on it. Policy decisions will need to be made within UHLS.

New Business:

Holds Audit: There is a training session offered by iii where they have a trainer review the system holds. It could be useful to answer why certain libraries seem to be getting or loaning much more (or less) than they used to. Joe will get a price.

Datalogic Quick Scan QD 430 Driver’s License Scanner from Bay Scan: These scanners are able to extract new borrower info from a driver’s license scan (name, address, dob). The scanner pulls the info that is encoded in the DL barcode. The scanners must be set up which takes just a couple of phone calls with the company.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 9:00 am at UHLS (in the green conference room)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted, M. Fowler