

Circulation Advisory Council
May 3, 2017

Present: Betty Albright (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Hoadley (WSTR), Debbie LaRose (COLN), Pegeen Lorusso (SNLK), Claudia McGrew (APL), Carol Melewski (RCSC), Marion Pierson (EGRN), Michele Reilly (VOOR), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Disallow holds by Online registrants?: There's been a little confusion with patrons who register online and place holds, but who do not live in Albany or Rensselaer Counties. When they show up at the library they're told they're ineligible for a card, and the holds languish on the shelf. A library asked if we could not allow online registrants to place holds. After a brief discussion we agreed that it isn't a big problem, that it might make things worse for the eligible registrants (the vast majority), and that we should leave things as they are.

Standards/Item Types: AAC and the Cataloging Advisory Council are working on a project to reduce the number of *Sierra* Item Types, with the longer, related goal of agreeing on standard Loan Rules for the system. Joe brought this topic to the meeting but all agreed that it's really in the purview of the other two committees and not something we need to tackle.

"Test" online patrons: While testing Online Registration we created a lot of patron records with the word "Test" in the name. We decided to get rid of these, and Rob will take care of it.

Other business:

- Family cards: A short discussion about which libraries use them and how.
- Can we write a program to convert patron names to uppercase? (The online registration form allows mixed case names and addresses.) Joe: We'll check but I don't think it's possible.
- Agency Cards: A short discussion about which libraries use them and how.