E-content Advisory Committee
October 3, 2012
UHLS Green Room

Minutes

Attendance: Jo-Ann Benedetti (UHLS), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Jennifer Murphy (APLM), Amy Peker (CAST), Richard Naylor (COLN), Judith Wines (ALTM)
Absent: Gene Schatoff

1. Tim Burke welcomed everyone to the group and thanked each participant for his/her willingness to serve.
2. Introductions
3. The group reviewed the E-content Collection Development Guidelines that were adopted by the UHLS Directors Association on 7/6/12. The committee reviewed the charge and selected term limits.   J. Wines, J. Chirgwin and A. Peker will each serve one-year terms. R. Naylor and G. Schatoff will serve two-year terms. J. Wines was selected Chair of the committee.
4. Overdrive updates: There is a new OverDrive app for Nook, making the USB transfer of content on certain Nooks obsolete. J. Benedetti has not yet tried it out, but will report on the functionality once she does. Adobe Digital Editions 2.0 has been released, making the software compatible with text-to-speech technologies.   Finally, OverDrive has announced the dates of the 2013 Digipalooza…their bi-annual conference. J. Benedetti recommends attendance.
5. Issues:
    a. Communication. UHLS will establish a listserv for member library directors and their staff who need to keep up with OverDrive/digital updates. We will call it "digitalcollection" so that it can grow with the changes in the ebook environment, and to make it vendor-neutral.
    b. Training / Support. J. Benedetti has done a great deal of training and is trying to encourage all librarians to become more facile with the devices and the process. As librarians are trained, it is hoped that they can take on some of the support questions that come in through the website. This is becoming a huge issue, as the downloadables are becoming more and more popular.
    c. Collection Development. The group looked at a spreadsheet showing 2012 purchases to date by library, and compared this to the "recommended" e-content contribution chart. A lively discussion followed. The group reviewed the

role of the Central Library, the background of the Advantage Plan and the philosophy behind consortial sharing of e-content. R. Naylor stressed that we do not want to build collection "silos." He also believes strongly that we should raise the amount that each library contributes to the collection. He supported his position by showing statistics on the number of circs per copy of e-books and e-audio. J. Benedetti suggested waiting until after the Central Library Advisory Committee meeting in order to see where their budget for e-content falls. J. Murphy said that staffing at APL is in a state of flux, which is why the Central Library has slowed down with their content ordering. J. Benedetti will provide a spreadsheet with the YTD purchasing amounts to J. Wines to present at the Directors Association meeting on Friday.

d. Searching for OverDrive Titles. R. Naylor received an email from a director whose library is lending e-readers, and wants the titles on the reader to appear in our catalog. The group believes this is beyond the expertise of this committee and suggests the director bring it to the database committee. There was a suggesting that all e-content be searchable and linked in Horizon. J. Benedetti told the group that we have been doing this since the inception of offering digital content, and we have spent over $15,000 on MARC records. This was demonstrated on VuFind and the HIP, and several suggested this was a better way to search for content than using OverDrive's Digital Branch Webpage.

6. We should make a concerted effort to meet as often as necessary. Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM to discuss next year's content contributions.