E-Content Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
11/22/13 3:00 p.m.

Attendance: J. Benedetti (UHLS); J. Chirgwin (RENS); M. Graff (COHS); J. Murphy (APLM); R. Naylor (COLN); J. Wines (ALTM); A. Peker (CAST).

- The minutes from the October 1 E-Content meeting were approved.

New Business
- There was a discussion about adding content by local authors to OverDrive. OverDrive does not currently categorize local content. J. Benedetti will follow up with OverDrive to determine how librarians will be able to add local content. There was consensus that there will need to be a process in order to provide oversight of the content that is added.

Old Business
- R. Naylor shared information with the committee about his involvement in efforts to promote eBooks from independent publishers. The idea is to ask librarians to review titles that are purchased by member libraries that meet certain criteria. The titles and reviews by librarians will be shared on the OverDrive website for patrons to browse. This will help connect the community with reviewed titles from smaller publishers that offer eContent to libraries for a reasonable price. R. Naylor shared information about the criteria that would be used to create a list of items to be purchased and reviewed.
- Guidelines for purchasing eContent: J. Murphy proposed that the guidelines to purchase eContent are shared online so Librarians purchasing eContent have access to it when they need it. J. Benedetti will draft guidelines for the committee to review that can be posted.
- Non-participating libraries: J. Wines and T. Burke sent a letter to Boards and Directors of libraries who have not purchased any eContent. J. Wines shared the letter with the committee.
- Baker and Taylor Access 360 and Hoopla: The committee discussed inviting the companies to demo products to the eCommittee. At this time, the committee is not interested in demos from Hoopla and Access 360 because the services they provide will not integrate with current platforms and are not cost-effective models.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.