E-Content Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

6/4/2014 3:00 p.m.

Attendance: J. Benedetti (UHLS); J. Widrick (UHLS); J. Chirgwin (RENS); J. Wines (ALTM); J. Murphy (APL); D. DiCarlo (APL)

The minutes for the 4/23/2014 E-Content meeting were approved.

- Pre-agenda announcement: J. Chirgwin reported that Library Reads offers professional librarians an opportunity to review forthcoming materials; they publish a monthly list of the top ten items librarians recommend. More info: http://libraryreads.org/for-library-staff/

- Weeding project: J. Benedetti and J. Widrick (UHLS Intern) have begun selecting titles that are candidates for weeding according to the guidelines determined at the 4/23/2014 meeting. J. Widrick will create "recommended to replace" carts containing outdated items the consortium may wish to consider replacing with an updated item.

- Updating titles
  - Dated materials: Dated materials are defined as items that have not circulated in five years and/or outdated items (e.g. medical texts, test prep, dummies and idiots guides). Items with evergreen value will be retained even if circs are low (e.g. classic literature).
  - Abridged vs. unabridged: Selectors should purchased unabridged audiobooks only with very few exceptions (e.g. a series gap that is only available as abridged)
  - WMAs: The latest version of iTunes does not support transfer of WMAs from the OMC Transfer Wizard, so selectors should no longer purchase titles that are WMA only.

- Additional collection development discussion: J. Widrick noted a lack of "classic" literary ebooks and audiobooks and volunteered to create carts of suggested purchases. J. Benedetti suggested creating a "staff picks" cart. J. Widrick created a Maya Angelou cart and D. DiCarlo volunteered to purchase it. J. Benedetti asked that APL look at "Summer Reads" (Adult/YA) and "Fun in the Sun" (Juvenile)" Must Haves before 6/20—if there are titles worth purchasing, OverDrive will create special collections in the main digital collection and the Children's eReading Room by July. D. DiCarlo agreed to ask APL selectors to take a look in the next week.

- Linking to the Children's eReading room: J. Wines reported that a UHLS director noted that when choosing "children's fiction" or "children's nonfiction" from the main digital collection's menu (under "Children & Teens), the menu links to titles in the main collection's interface, not the Children's eReading Room. J. Wines asked if the

committee recommended changing the link. J. Murphy noted that when looking at the subject headings in the Children's eReading Room, nonfiction was not included. J. Benedetti will ask OverDrive to expand the subjects in the eReading Room and if they are able to do so satisfactorily, the committee will consider changing the link.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.