

## E-Content Advisory Committee Meeting, 7/12/2019 3:00pm

**Present:** Jane Chirgwin RENS, Sarah Clark VOOR, Natalie Hurteau UHLS, Bek Jarvis-Girtler COLN, Geoff Kirkpatrick BETH, Ann Pitlyck UHLS, Kristina Ronald GUIL, Kim Roppolo STEP, Melissa Tacke CAST, Judith Wines RCSC



**Previous minutes approved**

### Lucky Day and RLA



*Discussion:* What is Lucky Day?

- A new feature of OverDrive that allows us to create 14 day nonrequestable titles
- If chosen from our consortium titles, these will be available to all patrons
- Adv Plus titles can also be added to Lucky Day – but the mechanics of how this works is currently unknown



*Discussion:* What is RLA?

- A Reciprocal Lending Agreement can be set up in Overdrive, that allows for resource sharing with other systems
- Very little awareness of this option
- Overdrive said they would help us find a library system with comparable stats and collection size to form an agreement with – if we were to partner with some local systems, our patrons would probably not benefit due to inequities between our catalogs and level of investment
- Tim Burke is bringing this to POLISDO, to see what other systems think



*Discussion:* are we interested in other alternative platforms are available with similar features to RLA and Lucky Day?

- Looked at CloudLink for RLA type sharing
- CloudLink does not work with Kindle and has a platform fee
- You can move Advantage titles from Overdrive into CloudLink, but once they are in there, they can't be moved back
- Queens uses a platform called SimplyE to merge all their digital collections into one interface – could help if we decided to pick up more platforms
- Consensus was that given similar features in OverDrive, it's better to keep to one platform – it's better to spend money in OverDrive than to invest in another platform fee



*Discussion:* What parameters should we set if we are going to use Lucky Day?

- We agreed this was a good feature to try out and that Advantage titles should be allowed to be used for this purpose
- To ensure there are some LD titles available to all patrons, considering using a set portion of ERO funds to buy titles that hit a certain threshold for LD collection



*Next Steps:*

- Natalie will inquire about how Adv titles work with Lucky Day. She will also ask if it is possible to move titles back out of Lucky Day once they have been put in there
- Tim Burke will get back to us on what other library systems are thinking about on RLA

- Natalie will get a quote for SimplyE

## SORA



*Discussion:* What is SORA?

- A feature of OverDrive that allows students from local schools to check out items from our collection through their school's OverDrive interface (called SORA)
- Currently, we have some checkouts through this – but it's restricted to students who have public library cards
- We have the option to make it possible for any student with an ID to also checkout items
- Increases access and circulation – seems like a win win
- We would need to be in negotiations with the schools to create agreement



*Next Steps:*

- Begin talking with school libraries in our districts

## OverDrive Magazines



*Discussion:* Do we want to consider switching to OverDrive magazines?

- Still lacking some of our best circulating titles from Flipster



*Next Steps:*

- Natalie will request a title list

## Survey Results



*Discussion:* How did directors respond to the survey that was recently send about OverDrive?

- Should we switch to all Advantage purchasing? Slim majority said no
- Should we reduce the checkout limit to 5 items at a time? Majority said yes



*Discussion:* What implications would reducing the checkout limit have?

- Power users will likely complain
- Might see a reduction in circulation
- Aim is to encourage folks to return unused items, thereby reducing hold times
- The number of holds will not change



**Recommend a 5 checkout maximum at the next DA Meeting**



*Next Steps:*

- Geoff will bring this up at the next DA



**Motion to Adjourn Approved**

**Next Meeting:** TBD