

# UHLS E-Content Advisory Committee (ECAC) – Meeting Minutes

8/25/2020

**Attending via Gotomeeting.com:** Judith Wines, Chair (RCSC), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Natalie Hurteau, Secretary (UHLS), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Nathaniel Heyer (COLN), Kim Roppolo (STEP), Sarah Clark (VOOR), Tim Burke (UHLS), Stephanie Anderson (APL)

**Absent:** Kristina Ronald (GUIL), Geoffrey Krikpatrick (BETH)

**Meeting called to order by J. Wines at 11:02 am**

**Minutes:** J. Wines time change request. Minutes passed as amended

## Old Business:

- Hoopla
  - A. Pitlyk created Hoopla chart to project member costs for following year
  - Committee reviewed chart and discussed best way to roll out to DA
  - S. Clark posed a question about privacy regarding Hoopla and schools
    - N. Hurteau to reach out to Hoopla rep to obtain privacy policy
  - J. Wines to ask DA which libraries are willing to continue with Hoopla at the current parameters. If a library still wants to opt in, but at different parameters, they are encouraged to reach out to Hoopla separately to start their own contract.
  - N. Hurteau to reach out to Hoopla/ T. Burke to ask the following questions:
- Sora/Library Connect
  - N. Hurteau and T. Burke updated the committee on their shared their efforts made on the Sora/Library Connect matter.
  - Capital Region BOCES have agreed to sign on to Library Connect and have encouraged their schools to “turn on the switch,” and a small handful have.
  - Questar III has not agreed to sign on to Library Connect at this time, based on privacy concerns, but there is still a lot of interest in UHLS Rensselaer county libraries to pursue this. T. Burke to schedule a meeting with Questar III and Capital Region Boces directors to move the conversation forward.
  - N. Hurteau to reach out to Overdrive for stats on school libraries gaining access to the UHLS overdrive collection via Sora with a public library card.

## New Business:

- RLA (Reciprocal Lending Agreement)
  - RLA was previous discussed in the summer of 2019, but no further action was taken because at the time no other library systems were interested in partnering with UHLS. Recently RCLS director, Grace Riario reached out to UHLS, Mid-Hudson and Westchester library systems to partner on RLA. T. Burke and N. Hurteau attended a webinar on RLA with Overdrive and the previously mentioned library systems.
    - T. Burke and N. Hurteau shared their webinar experiences with the committee. Most notable were the stats on the collection that stated over 70% of the collection was unique, complete control on parameters of

usage (no advantage, no CPC etc,) and an opportunity to provide more access during the pandemic.

- The committee agreed RLA would grant additional access to our patrons at a most needed time, however, the committee would like more information. N. Hurteau to reach out to Overdrive to schedule a demo, and share some successful stats. Committee to send questions regarding RLA to N. Hurteau to compose to Overdrive.
- Budget
  - J. Wines informed the committee that the withholding of the 20% library aid will affect central library funding, which covers the nonfiction titles in overdrive.
    - S. Anderson reported that APL has stopped spending as soon as they heard about the budget cut (sending updated stats to N. Hurteau for review) S. Anderson also reported that APL will start spending the ERO money again
    - J. Wines reported that the CLAC (Central Library Advisory Council) will be meeting later this week and will be discussing the impacts of Central Library Funding and Overdrive titles. Message to members will be to start buying nonfiction again to help meet demands after a potential budget cut.
    - N. Heyer reported that COLN will be stepping up to meet those demands.

**Task Items:**

- N. Hurteau to reach out to Overdrive on Sora stats, and to schedule a demo on RLA
- J. Wines to ask DA about Hoopla options
- T. Burke to follow up with BOCES and Questar II

**Next Meeting: TBD**

**Adjournment:** J. Wines made the motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Tacke. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted, N. Hurteau