

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

11/2/2020

Attending via Gotomeeting.com: Judith Wines, Chair (RCSC), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Natalie Hurteau, Secretary (UHLS), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Nathaniel Heyer (COLN), Kim Roppolo (STEP), Tim Burke (UHLS), Stephanie Anderson (APL), Geoffrey Kirkpatrick (BETH), Kristina Ronald (GUIL) Anne Pitlyk (UHLS)

Absent: Sarah Clark (VOOR)

Meeting called to order by J. Wines at 10:03 am

Minutes: J. Wines made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. S. Anderson seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Old Business:

- RLA
 - J. Wines noted that the RLA presentation slides were emailed out to the committee and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the function of RLA.
 - J. Wines asked the committee if it was their recommendation to move forward with RLA. All committee members agreed to move forward with RLA with Midhudson, RCLS, and Westchester library systems.
 - J. Wines led a discussion about the parameters of RLA. The committee jointly discussed the pros and cons of each parameter and are recommending:
 - Visiting patrons will not be allowed to recommend titles for purchase
 - Visiting patrons will not be allowed to place holds on titles
 - Visiting patrons will be allowed to check out metered titles
 - Visiting patrons will not be allowed to check out CPC titles.
 - *Task Item: N. Hurteau to reach out to T. Burke/Overdrive, to alert the other library systems that UHLS is interested in moving forward, with the recommended parameters mentioned above.
- Magazines
 - J. Wines reported that the CLAC (Central Library Advisory Committee) made the decision to eliminate Flipster from the central budget due to the 20% NYS withholding. CLAC also made the recommendation to remove Ancestry.com from the central library funds, but is looking to ECAC to see if there is any wiggle room in the magazine Overdrive budget. Could ECAC reduce the number of magazines offered, to save some money in the budget for partial Ancestry.com funding? CLAC has charged the ECAC to review the Overdrive magazine subscription.
 - N. Hurteau reported that Overdrive has changed their magazine subscription model. Overdrive has partnered with another magazine vendor, and now there are two different packages (package A and package B) of magazines to choose from. UHLS currently subscribes to 50 magazines, and 32 of those magazines are in package A and 18 magazines are in package B. Unfortunately, the new subscription does not allow for a la cart choices, and packages must be in specific quantities. Therefore, ECAC must decide to 1) recommend a number of

magazines to subscribe to and 2) Review the magazine lists, compare usage stats and recommend a new lists of titles to purchase

- After much discussion, ECAC agreed that there is a much higher need for e-content materials and now is not the time to reduce the amount of those materials further than the 7 titles in Flipster. ECAC recommends staying with the 50 title subscription within Overdrive.
- *Task Item: ECAC members to review the magazine lists on their own time and compare stats. Will meet again on 11/9/20 to compare research.

New Business:

- ATF requested to review purchasing guidelines of e-content, through the lens of antiracism
 - N. Hurteau reported that the ATF (Antiracism Task Force) has charged ECAC with reviewing its purchasing guidelines through the lens of antiracism, and to provide best practices for collection development of e-content materials.
 - The ECAC discussed a possibility of recommending a certain percentage of overdrive funds be designated for “ownvoices” collections. N. Hurteau has reached out to Overdrive to ask for stats on how many publishers are Black owned, how many Black authors etc.
 - *Task Item: N. Hurteau to ask Overdrive for a diversity collection audit
 - J. Wines recommends to review purchasing guidelines within the next meetings
- ERO Spending
 - S. Anderson reported that she is spending down the ERO funds in large quantities.

Task Items:

- N. Hurteau to reach out to Overdrive/T. Burke to move forward with RLA
- ECAC members to review Overdrive magazine titles and usage stats
- N. Hurteau to contact Overdrive regarding a diversity audit

Next Meeting: Monday, November 9th @ 10:00 am via Gotomeeting

Adjournment: M. Tacke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by N. Heyer. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am

Respectfully submitted, N. Hurteau