

## **UHLS E-Content Advisory Committee (ECAC) - Meeting Minutes 7/14/23**

Attending via UHLS Zoom: Judith Wines (UHLS), Anne Myers (UHLS), Stephanie Anderson (APL), Karrie McLellan (COLN), Kristina Ronald (GUIL), Sarah Clark (VOOR), Geoff Kirkpatrick (BETH), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Christina Snow (EGRN), Melissa Tacke (CAST)

Meeting called to order at 2:06pm by Kristina Ronald.

### **Expired Hold Threshold**

Recap: UHLS has a set amount of money used to repurchase holds, but there are many things that have holds that we don't buy due to lack of funds. We need to decide how to handle these: are we going to weed them even though they have holds, do we ask for more money so we can purchase these holds, etc.

Jane mentioned that these holds don't ever expire. Judith said they can be requested to be cleared by Overdrive. Many of these holds were suspended holds which is why they've been around for so long (patrons are possibly using suspended holds instead of wish lists or reading lists).

Stephanie said that there are expired holds on copies of books that are no longer available for purchase. Can Overdrive delete the holds that are on books that you can't buy? Judith answered that Overdrive can't automate expired holds older than a certain date, they would have to do it manually.

Stephanie suggested that we ask Overdrive to do a manual purge of holds that were placed over a year ago for metered access titles that have expired. There was a unanimous vote to adopt this suggestion.

Judith said that once this is done, this will put us in a better position to weed everything with x or fewer holds after a certain period of time.

### **Local Content**

BETH asked if we can upload content from library writing programs into Overdrive. We initially discussed this several years ago and decided no (because the question centered on self-published authors), but do we want to reconsider?

If we allow this for kids, this would mean we would have to allow adults with self-published books to add their titles to Overdrive.

Suggested policy: UHLS libraries can, at their discretion, request that content created as part of library programs can be uploaded onto Overdrive.

We will need to bring this to the DA meeting before any policy is created. Until the DA weighs in on this, the answer is still no.

### **Hoopla - UHLS card patron access vs. non-subscribing library patrons access**

People with UHLS cards (who don't pay any library taxes) can have Hoopla access, but people who do pay library taxes don't get access if their home library doesn't have Hoopla. Judith and Stephanie have been getting requests from patrons without Hoopla access to have their cards modified so that they can access Hoopla. We will keep telling these patrons to ask their home libraries to get Hoopla access.

### **Add new committee member**

Can Nate Heyer be added to ECAC as an at-large member? We currently have 10 members, with 11 as the maximum allowed number. There was a unanimous vote to add Nate back to ECAC.

What are the numbers for using Central funds for children's content? Should we think about switching the funds back for holds?

Adjourn meeting at 2:51