

ECAC meeting 3/19/24, 3pm

Attending: Judith Wines (UHLS), Karrie McLellan (COLN), Stephanie Anderson (APL), Kristina Ronald (GUIL), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Geoff Kirkpatrick (BETH), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Anne Myers (UHLS), Kim Roppolo (STEP), Catherine Snow (EGRN), Nate Heyer (GUIL), Sarah Clark (VOOR)

Review minutes from last meeting

The [minutes](#) from the 12/14/23 meeting were approved.

Expanding RLA

Geoff was surprised that there haven't been other systems reaching out about entering into a RLA with us, given that there is interest about it, and wondered if it is due to a general unawareness of RLA or a lack of interest. He suggested that we could do a presentation at NYLA about RLAs to potentially get more libraries involved. Nate thinks it would be a good NYLA session, except instead of being specifically about RLA, it could be about resource sharing of e-content in general, with a case study of RLA and how our patrons have benefited from it despite being a net lender.

Judith reported that Tim Burke noted that NYLA is attended by library staff and directors, while RLA is a system phenomenon and suggested that it may make more sense to present to PULISDO rather than NYLA. If we present it to PULISDO and everyone is on board, we might then present it to the state library with the goal of establishing a statewide consortium. There was a lukewarm reception to taking it to PULISDO. Stephanie said that we should get a couple more library systems in, Jane was concerned about the current "clunkiness" for users, and Catherine said that as long as we're a net lender it's difficult to sell it as beneficial.

It was ultimately decided that we would not present at NYLA this year on the topic, although Nate said we could perhaps do a professional development webinar about it. Moving forward, it was unanimously agreed to try and get the Westchester Library System to join our RLA. Judith said we would also do more research on other RLAs and the extent to which other libraries are doing this.

SORA and Libraries Connect

In order to push this out more to libraries, it was decided that ECAC will modify/generalize NCSD's existing SORA PowerPoint presentation and distribute it to member libraries so that they can share it at school visits/outreach programs to increase SORA usage among students. Geoff said that BETH YS staff can modify the "Sweet Reads" page as used in the NCSD presentation. Judith will send both completed PowerPoints to ECAC members.

Diversity Audit of OverDrive

We will request a diversity audit of OverDrive. ECAC members should let Judith know by Monday, March 25 if they have any specific inquiries for the audit.