

ECAC meeting 6/11/24, 3pm

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

[Minutes from 4/30/24 meeting](#)

Update on Expanding RLA

[Comparison with Ramapo Catskill and Westchester library systems](#)

Judith: Tim reached out to counterparts at Ramapo Catskill and Westchester. RC said they're in the middle of a migration and to check again next year. Westchester said the last time this came up numerous directors strongly disagreed with it, but they will be retiring soon, so it's possible they may be more open to it later. Everyone agreed to wait a year to ask again.

Update on SCPL Request to Join UHLS Automation

[E-content Implications](#)

-SCPL got a bequest that was meant to go towards purchasing books, and it was suggested that this could be SCPL's contribution to put a deposit towards the collection in addition to their contribution of \$60K.

-We are still waiting on Overdrive to answer some technical questions regarding SCPL joining the consortium.

-Sarah asked if they would need help with ordering since no one there orders right now. They don't currently order because they're not allowed to; Charity said she would want to be able to select.

-SCPL has their own Hoopla subscription and they spent \$140K last year.

-Geoff reported that the DA wants an actual rejoining of the system, not a re-creation of Joint Automation.

-Everyone wants to stay the course with our recommendation last time: we are not interested in SCPL joining our OverDrive consortium (besides RLA) unless they officially join UHLS.

Update on SORA [Sweet Reads](#)

Kristen Roberts at BETH made slides with some of the SORA Sweet Reads titles they chose. Mary Fellows sent it out to youth departments to encourage students to read these books.

Diversity Audit of OverDrive

Content inventory looks at the number of titles owned that fall into certain subject categories; in almost every one of these categories we have trended upwards compared to last year with the exception of Urban. For languages, we have a very limited number of non-English titles, with a total of **1,498** circs in 2023. Ebook unique titles went down but was balanced out by an increase in audiobook OC/OU titles. There was a decrease in both juvenile and YA titles. We're assuming circ went down because holdings went down after not spending central library funds on J and YA. Geoff asked if there was a simultaneous use "package" that we could purchase for non-English items.

Updating E-Content [Selection Guidelines](#)

The document is called OverDrive Overview, but we now have Hoopla. There are a few things about Hoopla that aren't documented anywhere like how the finances work and how to manage one's budget. It was decided that Hoopla information should be added to this document. The document currently includes directions for purchasing expiring metered access content; it was decided that it should stay in the overview, but with a note that it's typically done by UHLS.

GUII sent us a question about why there was an item in the catalog that wasn't available in Hoopla, and Hoopla said we needed to switch over to a different kind of MARC record.