

ECAC Committee In person Meeting

UHLS Small Conference Room

4/1/25

9:30 a.m.

Catherine (EGRN), Geoff (BETH), Kristina (GUIL), Kim (STEP), Karrie (COLN), Melissa(CAST), Sarah (VOOR), Stephanie (APLM) and Jane (RENS)

Judith- UHLS

Minutes from January Meeting

Minutes were reviewed without change. Geoff described the initial DA conversation about minimum contributions. Acknowledgement of budget challenges.

Stephanie asked for consideration of advantage-centric collection development. Group discussed pros and cons of Adv. model. Pro: potentially easier to convince Boards to spend more. Cons - less broad collection, less equitable model would adversely impact smaller libraries. Judith will reach out to MHLS to learn wait times, breadth of collection and circ stats.

Hoopla Costs

Examination of cost of hoopla vs. overdrive. Could Overdrive's Available Now serve the function of Hoopla. The group feels that hoopla has a unique value and for some, considering dropping it is a non starter.

Numerous Libraries are trying different approaches. After 4/1, we'll have initial data that we'll share with the group

[And resulting trends](#)

Hoopla Annual Review

High number of unique title checkouts.

Hoopla Dross: AI titles, titles in wrong language

-Ask Hoopla if language can be more accurately reflected.

CloudLibrary

Discussion about Cloud Library features. EGRN is seeking to learn more from CPHM, which currently uses CloudLink. Catherine will report back. Judith will re-inquire with Overdrive to see if more robust pay per use options are in the works. There is a reluctance to move licenses from Overdrive on account of CloudLibrary's lack of Kindle compatibility. There is the possibility of statewide CloudLink sharing

Judith will check with Westchester/RCLS about RLA interest