MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Discovery Tools Sub-Committee Meeting

Date: September 16, 2013   **Location:** MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

Erin Barnard (Millbrook)	Tom Lawrence (PPLD)
AnnaLee Giraldo (Kinderhook)	Pam McClusky (Desmond Fish)
Myung Kang (PPLD)	Sara Ottariano (Highland)
Jessica Kerr (Woodstock)	Beverly Santero (PPLD)

Staff Attending: Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate, Robert Drake, Eric McCarthy, Nina Acosta

Discussion Items:

1. The Sub-Committee's Mission: To search for ways to improve the search function of the system-wide catalog and make it more effective for the public, especially in regards to our web and mobile web presence.

2. Laurie Shedrick from Innovative presented the Encore ES tool. Encore ES is the newest version of Innovative's core discovery product, with the major selling points being:
   a. It uses a Google-type, intuitive search. While we were not able to fully test its efficacy during the meeting, we did try the catalog at the Marinet Consortium, which employs the new version of Encore. It did appear to be extremely effective, but this was a cursory review and more testing would need to be done.
   b. It provides an umbrella result, covering not only books, but also database articles, as search results. The committee felt that this would give a more definitive answer as to whether our databases are just not being discovered, or are not of interest to our patrons. The results would also include Overdrive holdings, which would help make them more obvious to patrons.
   c. The facets provided in the results are much more effective than in Sierra, and are also capable of being configured to our system specifications.

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3. Encore is not inexpensive. The last quote we have is from May 2, 2013, and was $42,875 per year, with a 3 year commitment. There is also a one-time $2,500 implementation fee.

4. The order of implementation with Encore and Boopsie is extremely important in regards to costs. If we adopt Boopsie first and then add Encore after, the implementation cost will be at least $3,000 more than if we adopt Encore first. This was new information that we did not have until a day before this meeting.

5. The committee needs to do further research into the Encore product, and also work with the Marketing Committee to decide how best to proceed with Boopsie. Funding for this product also needs to be discussed, should the DA decide that they are interested in implementation.

Next Meeting: TBD

Minutes recorded by: AnnaLee Giraldo