

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 10/1/12

Location: MHLS

Committee members attending:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sally Alderdice, Karen Garafalo
(Columbia) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Buck (Putnam) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniela Pulice (Dutchess) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Dempsey (Ulster) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carol Rodriguez (Dutchess) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Tomaseski (Ulster) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonnie Snyder (Greene) (resigned) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McCarthy (MHLS) |

Staff Attending: Karen O'Brien, Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate

Others Attending: Gloria Goverman (EFK), Janet Huen (PPLD), Pat Kaufman (MAH), Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

Minutes approved by Jeanne Buck and seconded by Karen Garafalo

Action Items:

1. Eric and Karen will begin to track release date status of new items in the catalog for follow up by MidHudson.

Discussion Items:

1. Eric distributed spreadsheets tracking fill rates of dvds to see if there is a problem filling local demand system-wide. Discussion ensued regarding the mean percentage of local holds, with most libraries filling the majority of local patron demand, whereupon the committee decided to recommend that local holds be rescinded on all i-types with the exception of equipment. Julie made the motion and Jeanne seconded. The motion carried with the exception of Daniela who voted against. There was some discussion regarding summer reading and seasonal items also being an exception, but the group decided against.
2. Other items related to collection development were discussed, such as holds to copy ratios, minimum threshold triggers and the idea that smaller libraries that are close together could consider coordinating collection development for those items that would be outside their individual budgets but don't perhaps trigger the purchasing threshold.
3. The committee discussed the idea of not allowing patron-placed holds on items prior to their release dates. The committee was not enthusiastic about this idea and generally viewed it as a step back in customer service, leading to staff keeping track of future holds on paper therefore they are not recommending this.
4. Item number three led to the discussion of how long items should be in the catalog in advance of publication, whereupon Karen described the difficulties involved in cancelling order records. It was decided that it would be helpful, and clear up the catalog, if Karen could delete those order records that are either more than 12 months old (already being done) and those that are set for publication more than 12 months in advance.
5. The release of items before their publication date was discussed. There is both a legal and cost problem related to this issue. Libraries must follow the same laws as book stores when releasing items to the general public, but there seem to be a handful of libraries that are allowing items to be circulated before they are published. This causes confusion for the patrons (who see the item available at some libraries and yet "in processing" at others) and also incurs a charge for the library that receives the item to fill a hold, when their copy would have been available to fill the hold upon publication. It was decided that Eric and Karen can work

together to track publication dates versus checked in dates over the next few weeks to see if there are repeated patterns of abuse.

DA New Business:

Background: Libraries had asked for the ability to designate items in the collection that are often in high demand “locally holdable” as long as there was another copy in the library holdable by all. Two libraries piloted the program with success and the Director’s Association voted to allow the i-type to be given to any library that wanted to utilize it.

Issue: Due to concerns with conflict regarding Free Direct Access and Local Holds, the committee was asked to evaluate the necessity for local holds and craft language for allowing an exception. In looking to craft the language, statistics were evaluated and the committee decided to rescind its previous recommendation to allow the material type.

Recommendation: The Resource Sharing committee now recommends that local holds not be allowed on any material type with the exception of equipment (which includes e-readers and museum passes).