MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 6/26/13  Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:
☑️ Sally Alderdice (Columbia)  ☑️ Jeanne Buck (Putnam)
☑️ Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)  ☑️ Julie Dempsey (Ulster)
☑️ Carol Rodriguez (Dutchess)  ☑️ Kelly Tomaseski (Ulster)
☑️ Linda Deubert (Greene)  ☑️ Eric McCarthy (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Karen O’Brien, Nina Acosta, Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate
Others Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Janet Huen (PPLD), John Geoighiou (PLA)

Action Items:
1. Julie will be reminding directors, via list-serve, to consider creating a long loan DVD rule for older tv seasons.
2. Carol will forward to Eric the specific date the DA voted to require birth years in the patron record.
3. Eric will reorganize the Resource Sharing Document and make it available as a pdf, as well as posting it to the list serve quarterly while highlighting any new editions.
4. Eric will put out a call via the list-serve for people who want to form a “Discovery Tools” subcommittee to investigate different federated searching options, with the actual meeting to take place sometime after the July DA meeting.
5. Tom asked that Eric resort the Renewal Loan Matrix to make it sortable by material type and then post it to the list-serve, so library directors can be made aware of what materials they have circulating for what time periods.
6. Eric will change the bullets on the Steps to Take when a member library is in gross violation of RS Standards to a numerical list.
7. Eric will send out “missing” lists yearly, as well as check to make sure that this is listed in the Administrator’s Toolbox as a regularly suggested list to run.

Discussion Items:
1. There was discussion of the general air of unhappiness regarding searching in Sierra, with a patch hopefully coming soon.
2. There was a review of the items missing in transit and on holdshelf list, with only one library falling grossly outside the norm. Eric is working with that library to address the problem and suggests that libraries should use create lists to monitor “missing” items regulary.
3. There was discussion of damaged items merely being passed on to member libraries rather than being rerouted for consideration to the owning library. It was suggested this issue be discussed in Collection Development and Education as a possible topic to discuss.

DA New Business Items:
1. Background: Occassionally MHLS has hold held trainings on a variety of topics that feedback always demonstrates is very helpful. As the guidelines are a constantly changing resource, it makes sense that trainings be held cyclically and that new staff be required to attend. Therefore the Resource Sharing Committee recommends that MHLS develop an annual calendar of trainings, including circ essentials, patron entry and data entry which member libraries with new Sierra users be required to attend. These meetings would take place regionally semi-annually.
2. **Background:** The Book Club in a Bag is often being returned late, inconveniencing the next book group waiting and causing a lot of work for MHLS staff as they scramble to help that group. Currently there is no fine when a Book Club in a Bag is returned, just a bill which disappears upon checkin. Therefore the marketing committee recommends that Resource Sharing recommend that the DA approve a fine of $1/day for the late return of a Book Club in a Bag. While the Resource Sharing committee feels this is very lenient, we will support their recommendation.