

MHLS Director's Association
Meeting of Friday, July 25, 2014
MHLS Auditorium: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA ATTACHMENT

Action Item #2: OPAC Recent Searches

- **Background:** The current iteration of the OPAC remembers what patrons have searched for, even when they choose not to log on to the system. On the bottom left hand side of the OPAC is a column entitled Recent Searches that lists what patrons have looked up.
- **Issue:** Many libraries are concerned about patron privacy and the fact that patrons may not be aware that their searches are saved.
- **Recommendation:** The Resource Sharing Committee recommends that this field be removed. Patrons who wish to have their searches remembered on their personal computers can turn on the AutoFill Function in their Browser (and most browser defaults have this on).
- **Status:** Discussed at 7/10/14 Resource Sharing Advisory Committee meeting; Action Item at 7/25/14 DA meeting.

Action Item #3: OPAC Cosmetic Changes

- **Background:** Now that there has been some time to get used to the new OPAC, libraries have requested a number of cosmetic changes. The Resource Sharing Advisory Committee recommends the following:
 1. The committee recommends that Genre be included for now in the Subject facet and, when possible, separated out into its own Facet.
 2. The committee recommends that the One Plus Button be changed from “View Full Text from the Gale Cengage (or other database name)” to “View Full Text” and eliminate the database name.
 3. The committee recommends that patrons be automatically logged out of their session in the catalog after ten minutes of inactivity, rather than the current default of thirty.
 4. The committee recommends adding links to Hudson Valley Reads and a link to NEW materials, as used to be available in the classic catalog, on the bottom right hand corner.
- **Status:** Discussed at 7/10/14 Resource Sharing Advisory Committee meeting; Action Item at 7/25/14 DA meeting.

New/Proposed Business & Information #1: Databases Included in Sierra Search

- **Background:** While most databases are purchased as a group buy, some databases are purchased by only 1 or 2 libraries or a county. Currently these databases are not searchable in the OPAC although they are listed on the HomeAccess County pages of each library.
- **Issue:** Libraries that own these databases would like to see them searchable in the catalog. Current Resource Sharing practice is not to do this.
- **Recommendation:** The Resource Sharing Committee recommends that these databases be included in the catalog, provided: (1) the library can obtain a licensing agreement that allows these databases to be searched remotely by patrons of non-subscribing libraries and permits the interlibrary loan of full text articles/resources to other MHLS libraries; and (2) System resource sharing policies and procedures are developed and adopted regarding filling patron requests for full text articles/resources available from one or more member libraries but not all member libraries.
- **Status:** Discussed at 7/10/14 Resource Sharing Advisory Committee meeting; New Business at 7/25/14 DA meeting.

New/Proposed Business & Information #2: 2015 Estimate of E-Resources: Databases, eBook/eAudio, Catalog Enhancements - Central Library and Member Library Cost Shares

- **Background:** The MHLS Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee reviews the usage of system-wide databases to insure they are cost effective and being used enough to be worthy of renewal. The committee also reviews the Central Library Development Aid (CLDA) budget that cost-shares the price of the databases with the member libraries.
- **Issue:** Each year the Directors Association votes to approve the recommended package of cost-shared e-resources (databases, ebook/eaudio, catalog enhancements) for the coming year. The attached chart shows the estimated cost per library of all collectively purchased e-resources proposed for 2015 (Chiltons, Gale Testing & Education Reference Center - TERC, Mango Languages, TumbleBooks, JobNow) and OverDrive. It also shows the funds going towards catalog enhancements (Encore, EBSCO: NextReads & NovelList, Syndetics).
- **Recommendation:** To approve the 2015 costs.
- **Status:** New Business at 7/25/14 DA meeting.