

MHLS Director's Association
Meeting of Wednesday, November 12, 2014
snowdate if needed is 11/13
MHLS Auditorium: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA ATTACHMENT

Action Item #3: TumbleBooks Multi-Year Renewal

- **Background:** The MHLS Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee regularly reviews the vendor statistics of the current group-buy eResources for cost effectiveness. Annually they present a 'package' of eResources that all member libraries participate in that is endorsed by the DA. TumbleBooks is one of those databases. In Sep 2014 the committee decided to keep the system-wide group-buy of TumbleBooks. Upon analysis of the usage statistics it seems that the TumbleBooks statistics (measured in full book views) are very close to the statistics reported in the WAM, which shows 1,000's of full book views each month. The list price of TumbleBooks is \$599 per library.
- **Issue:** We have the opportunity to reduce the price of TumbleBooks for every library through a multi-year contract. Because of the Dec 1 renewal date, this decision needs to be made at the Nov DA meeting.
 - List price: \$599 per library
 - Dec 2013 price: \$147.35 per library
 - Dec 2014 price with a 1 year contract: \$159.60 per library.
 - Dec 2014 price with a 2 year contract (20% discount): \$127.68 per library per year for 2 years.
 - Dec 2014 price with a 3 year contract (30% discount): \$111.72 per library per year for 3 years.
- **Recommendation:** The Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee recommends a multi-year contract with TumbleBooks (which MHLS will forward fund) to reduce the annual price to member libraries.
- **Status:** Discussed by Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee; Action Item at 10/7/14 DA Meeting.

Break-Out Discussion #1: MHLS Plan of Service Section: Cooperative Efforts with Other Library Systems

- **Background:** As part of the ongoing evaluation of MHLS System Services as related to the 2012-2016 Plan of Service, the System Services Advisory Committee has recommended a multi-element evaluative mechanism that includes surveys as well as face-to-face discussions.
- **Issue:** An element of the process includes break-out discussion sessions at Director's Association meetings on various Plan of Service elements.
- **Recommendation:** The System Services Advisory Committee recommends a discussion at the November DA meeting on the topic of Cooperative Efforts with Other Library Systems. Directors will break into groups to discuss the statement "MHLS collaborates with other library systems on projects that benefit member libraries." For reference see the related MHLS Cooperative Efforts With Other Library Systems handout in this packet.
- **Status:** Discussed at 3/5/14 & 6/5/14 System Services Advisory Committee meeting; Break-Out Discussion at 11/12/14 DA Meeting.