MHLS Directors Association
Business Meeting of Friday, April 15, 2022

Action Item #2: Create Discrete Records for All Editions of Print Materials

Background: Currently we cannot distinguish between paperback and hardback editions in Sierra/Encore. In cataloging, editions that are substantially identical have been merged into a single bibliographic record.

Issue: Some patrons either want, or specifically don't want, to request a paperback copy of a title. Currently there is no easy way for them to do so. Creating discrete bibliographic records for distinct editions will allow patrons to identify paperback and hardback editions in the new Vega catalog. An edition statement will be included to describe paperbacks.

Recommendation: The Resource Sharing Advisory Committee recommends creating discrete records for all significantly different editions, including paperback, going forward. Edition statements would include paperback. A new Material Type for paperback would be created to facilitate facets and index searching on this subset. If no record exists to link to your paperback title to, a brief bib for a paperback copy should indicate paperback in the Notes field. Documentation and instruction will be included in new workflows for paperbacks and it is recommended that the item call number end in (pb)

Status: Discussed at January and March 2022 Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meetings. Action item at April 2022 DA meeting.

Effective Date: Once documentation is released.

Action Item #3: Create an Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Strategy for Digital/eResource Purchasing

Background: Use of e-books and downloadable audiobooks is increasing, and some member libraries are struggling to meet demand in our system as well as lagging behind other regional library systems in building digital collections.

Issue: Current guidelines for purchases seldom triggered for smaller libraries, for digital or physical materials. Cost-per-circ titles do not build shared collections but do meet demand for purchasing libraries. Because of nonfiction purchases with Central Library Aid Program funds, this issue spans committees. Input from libraries of various sizes is needed to come up with an equitable, workable strategy.

Recommendation: Create an ad hoc committee, with representation across the advisory committees and counties, to develop a recommended strategy, which may include a survey of member library directors, on purchasing standards for both digital and e-resources.

Status: Discussed at the January 2022 SSAC, CL/CD, and RSAC meetings; discussed at the March 2022 RSAC meeting; Action item for April 2022 DA meeting.

Effective Date: Immediately