MHLS Directors Association Business Meeting of Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Action Item #2: 2023 Member Assessment Table

Background: Annually a Member Assessment Table is provided to library directors for budgeting purposes.

Issue: The System Services Advisory Committee (SSAC) met on May 10th, 2022 to review, discuss and recommend the 2023 Member Assessment Table. As per the committee's discussion, the 2020 and 2021 circulation and holds data was not used to calculate the 2023 assessment due to the impact of the pandemic. As the Division of Library Development has not issued the 2020 Census figures for member libraries' chartered service areas, the 2010 Census numbers are still being used. As noted in previous years, the items in the formula tied to the Innovative (III) contract for Sierra and Encore will increase 2% each year as per the contract. The Committee agreed to continue the 1% overall increase pattern established in the past three years.

Recommendation: The SSAC recommends approving the <u>2023 Member Assessment Table</u> as presented.

Status: Discussed at the 1.25.2022 SSAC meeting; 2.3.2022 DA meeting; and 5.10.2022 SSAC meetings. Action Item at the June 14, 2022 DA Meeting.

Effective Date: Effective January 1, 2023

Action Item #3: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement for the Online Catalog

Background: The MHLS Board has prioritized the topics of equity, diversity, and inclusion in the work of MHLS as an organization in both policy and priority setting. As one of a number of initiatives that the staff are engaged in, the MHLS Cataloging Team has been exploring ways to apply these values to our library catalog to provide more inclusive metadata that is respectful of the subjects, creators, and users of our resources, while enhancing discovery of those materials by our users. The team has developed a plan that involves authority control (for the first time in 20 years!) as well as using terms from controlled vocabularies and style guides recognized as industry standards.

Issue: The team acknowledges that this is long-term work that will need regular attention. To this end, a statement has been drafted and unanimously endorsed by the System Services Advisory Committee for inclusion through the online catalog.

Recommendation: Link the following statement to the footer of the online catalog:

"Mid-Hudson Library System recognizes that our catalog includes language that may be outdated, biased, or insensitive. We are engaging in ongoing efforts to update our catalog with more inclusive language to be more respectful, reduce harm, and better connect users with relevant material."

Status: Discussed at System Services Advisory Committee (SSAC) on 5.10.2022; Introduced as an action item at the June 2022 Directors Association (DA) meeting.

Effective Date: Immediate upon approval by the DA

Action Item #4: Fines Policy Review

Background: Patrons can, and do, use multiple libraires. Paying fines and fees at any library should be possible and is done in practice.

Issue: The current Resource Sharing Standard provides policy and procedures for managing some aspects of collecting and forwarding fines but does not clearly state libraries may collect fines that are accruing from transactions at other libraries.

Recommendation: Add the following statement to Section 4. Fines and Fees of the Resource Sharing Standards:

"All libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System, including fine free libraries, may collect fines that have accrued from transactions that have taken place in other member libraries."

Current wording:

4. Fines & Fees

- A. If \$25 or more is owed to any one library, payment must be sent to the owning library.
- B. Fees / Manual Charges
 - Should be forwarded to the originating library regardless of the amount. (Some examples include: fax fees, copy fees, fee for missing barcode, fee for missing case.)
 - Collection Agency Fees must be paid in full no partial payments. -Approved by Directors Association 3/5/11
- C. Libraries should not waive fines on items checked out at other libraries. Because we use the loan rules of the checkout agency it is no longer necessary for "Free" libraries to use the "Waive Fines" button in check-in.
 -Approved by the Directors Association 2/5/09

Status: Discussed at Resource Sharing Advisory Committee (RSAC) on 5.31.2022; Introduced as an action item at the June 2022 Directors Association (DA) meeting.

Effective Date: Immediate upon approval by the DA

Action Item #5: Cataloging Discrete Version of Bibliographic Records. This includes trade paperback and mass market paperbacks and Library Bindings.

Background: In order to facilitate and expedite holds fulfillment, MHLS has created a single bibliographic record to represent editions of works that were similar in content but may have been different in format or slightly different imprints. This would allow holds to be filled by any linked item. The Vega discover platform allows a high-level hold to be placed at the title level, or on a specific edition.

Issue: If our records are merged patrons cannot request a particular format or edition if they wish to. Moving from generic records to a more specific and closely cataloged collection will provide the ability to fill requests that are placed at a more granular level. Vega Discover changes the need to merge records to move hold requests.

Recommendation: Begin creating discrete bibliographic records for all discrete bindings (hardcover, trade paperback, mass paperback or library binding), aligned with the launch of Vega. Any new editions added will be cataloged with separate records if they are bound in a new format or introduce a change in content. Library staff will catalog items as usual, linking matched items to bib records, when a match can be located, and creating a brief bib when no match is found. MHLS cataloging will determine if the brief bib should be merged or exist as a separate record. This is similar to the work member library staff already do to determine our current merge work-around for brief bibs and imported records. Training will be provided for member library staff.

Example: The material type tab for Book includes all versions of the regular type print editions. A hold may be placed at the title level (blue button) or on a specific edition (white buttons). Placing a hold at the title level will create a hold on the most of available bib record in the group. Placing at the edition would place the hold for that edition only.

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Effective Date: To be aligned with launch of Vega Discover catalog.