

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** March 10, 2022

**Location:** Zoom

**Committee members attending:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Gaskell (Columbia)           | <input type="checkbox"/> VACANT (Greene)                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Tremper Wollerton (Columbia) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Buck (Putnam)     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Bancroft (Dutchess)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Deirdre Farabaugh (Putnam)          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhiannon Leo-Jameson (Dutchess)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darren Lanspery (Ulster) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Benjamin (Greene)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gillian Murphy (Ulster)             |

**Staff Attending:** Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)

**Guests:** Joan Stubbs, sitting in for Putman County

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**10:03** Call to order

Minutes from 1/27/22 meeting reviewed. Moved by Jeanne Buck, seconded by Wendy Tremper Wollerton.  
Approved

**Discussion Items:**

**1. P-type possibilities**

Laurie updated the committee on status of Kingston pilot in using a limited p-type and informed committee that Poughkeepsie would like to issue cards for people from correctional institutions who visit their library to use online resources in-house. We already have a circulating p-type for interlibrary loans for correctional institutions, but this is not appropriate for Poughkeepsie's purposes.

Committee discussed various options, including creating an electronic-only p-type or allowing each library to create its own restricted use p-type. A generic electronic-only p-type would not allow for collection of library-specific statistics. The committee also wondered whether issuing guest computer passes would satisfy the need. The committee also questioned whether the correctional facilities had been consulted on what level of access they wanted their residents to have and recommended such consultation.

Laurie advocated for a library-specific p-type and the committee concurred. We have already approved the use of such p-types with the Kingston pilot. There is a question of how these will work given that Poughkeepsie uses barcode authentication for most of its databases.

**Committee recommendation:** Poughkeepsie create a limited-access p-type for people from correctional institutions which limits access to databases accessed from within the library.

**2. Paperback i-type/material type**

The committee again reviewed the idea of expanding material and i-types to include paperbacks in some way for Adult, Juvenile, and YA collections. This would be possible only for records going forward, not previous items cataloged because there is not a clear path to separating what had been previously merged.

Laurie showed committee members how paperbacks would be displayed in Vega, with an option to have a separate tab or have this information displayed at the edition level, with all books under a single tab but entries under that tab for each edition. The former would require people to place two holds if they did not care which binding they received but just wanted to receive a copy as soon as possible. The latter would allow a single hold at the title level for the

soonest available copy but would also allow patrons to select a specific edition to request. Using the edition option will mean creating more bibliographic records with discrete records for all print editions.

**Action Item Name:** 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.

**Action:** 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 your paperback title to, a brief bib for a paperback copy should indicate paperback in the notes field. Documentation and instruction will include new workflows for paperback and it is recommended that the item call number end in (pb).

### **E-Resources**

The committee reviewed current Resource Sharing Standards on purchasing for holds and discussed whether RSS should be applied to e-resources. Current RSS standards are to purchase at least one holdable copy of a title for 4-7 holds, and a second copy from 8-12 holds, etc. Overdrive Advantage account guidelines developed by Central Library also call for purchase of one copy when a 4-hold threshold is reached, though they do not specify that the copy be holdable, so cost-per-circ titles could fulfill that recommendation.

The committee noted that for smaller libraries, that 4-hold threshold is almost never met so there is no imperative to purchase copies—digital or print. Committee discussed possible approaches to fair purchasing standards for digital materials, including standards based on population served and library budget.

**Action Item Name:** Create an ad hoc committee to develop a survey on purchasing standards for both digital and e-resources

**Background:** Use of e-books and audiobooks is up and we are not meeting demand and are lagging behind neighboring systems in building our digital collections.

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

**Action:** Create an ad hoc committee to develop a survey on purchasing standards for both digital and e-resources, to be completed by all library directors.

### **4. MHLS Updates:**

Laurie showed how showcases can be created and shared on the Vega search page. She also reported that a number of display and relevancy issues have been resolved. Four more libraries, Patterson, Kingston, Marlboro, and Highland, are being added to the pilot.

**Adjourn 11:45, motion by Rhiannon, seconded by Tammy**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 31, 2022