MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

Sally Alderdice & Karen Garafalo

(Columbia)

Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)

Carol Rodriguez (Dutchess)

Linda Deubert (Greene)

Staff Attending: Karen O'Brien, Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate, Robert Drake
Others Attending: Lisa Karim (LaGrange), Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Janet Huen (PPLD), Gloria Goverman (EFK)

Action Items:

Date: 12/12/12

1. The committee should read over the Resource Sharing Guidelines Document and be prepared to point out any need for clarification and consistency at the next meeting.

Discussion Items:

- There was much discussion of Local Holds and the Free Direct Access plan, mostly regarding the FDA's lack of attention to matters online. After reviewing the statistics Eric provided, the committee decided that local holds were allowable.
- 2. There was follow up with Eric regarding libraries loaning items before their publication/release date. Eric stated the repeat offenders had been contacted and that if anyone noticed further problems they could let him know.
- 3. The committee discussed the migration to Sierra and system readiness. The target will be sometime in February and before then a plan will be drafted to visit libraries that feel they need individual attention.
- 4. The committee reviewed hold statistics to see how many holds were placed in the catalog versus in the library. It was noted that a very good reason to have a static IP would be to see individual library OPAC statistics
- 5. The committee will add to its next agenda a discussion of "out of the box" time allowable on shelf.
- 6. The committee will also add to its next agenda the discussion of video games perhaps not being holdable system-wide.

DA New Business:

1. Local Holds:

Background: The committee was asked to review the ability to designate items locally holdable in light of the Free Direct Access Plan.

Issue: It appeared that the Free Direct Access plan might conflict with Local Holds. The committee reviewed the plan and decided, in light of the fact that a locally holdable item is still available to any card holder on premises, that its previous recommendation was not necessary.

Recommendation: The Resource Sharing Committee recommends that item 4 a) in the Guidelines read: Local Hold copies can be made only after a first copy is purchased to be made available system-wide. All items for which there is not already an exception in the FDA, regardless of hold status, must be made available to any MHLS card holder on site.

2. Hold Message – Proceed with Checkout:

Background: In the course of daily business, oftentimes a patron will attempt to check out an item that another patron has just placed a hold on. A message pops up that there is a hold waiting to be filled for said item.

Issue: While the standard seemed to be to serve the patron standing in front of them with the item in hand, there is nothing in writing currently to suggest that it is okay to override the patron-placed hold in favor of the patron with the item in hand.

Recommendation: The Resource Sharing Committee recommends that item 8 c) in the Guidelines read: An override of a hold is required when a patron presents an item for checkout where a hold exists. Staff must choose "proceed with checkout" when presented with an item which attempts to trap for a hold.