Mid-Hudson Library System Directors Association
Agenda Attachment | Business Meeting | Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Action Item #2: Update Patron Record Entry in Resource Sharing Standards

Background: Current policy indicates the conditions for creation of a patron's library card.

Issue: Not all patrons have a physical card, and some libraries have turned away patrons meeting the requirements for obtaining a library account.

Recommendation: Update the language in the policy to reflect that not all library users have a physical card. Change "library card" to "patron account" and strengthen language requiring libraries in the MHLS system to issue library accounts to patrons residing in the MHLS service area. Updated entry:

> **System Residents**: A ~~library~~ ~~card~~ patron account, for use in all Mid-Hudson Library System member libraries, ~~is issued~~ shall be ~~issued~~ created free of charge at all Mid-Hudson libraries ~~to~~ for anyone meeting the following criteria:
>
> A resident* of any city, town, or municipality within the Mid-Hudson Library System Service area**
> **And**
> Does not already have a Patron Record in the Sierra patron database
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> **Non-Resident Patrons**: Anyone not eligible for ~~a card~~ an patron account as a System Resident may be issued a non-resident ~~card~~ patron account by any MHLS library based on local policies, including fees and borrowing The decision to honor non-resident ~~cards~~ patron accounts is at the discretion of the circulating library.

Status: Discussed at Resource Sharing Advisory Committee 1.27.2020

Action Item #3: Fines Free Item Type

Background: We are experiencing a trend toward fines free libraries. Some libraries are interested in moving in that direction by making only some of their collection fines free. This is a different approach than applying fine free credentials to a patron. Currently we do not have item types in place in Sierra to support this.

Issue: We need to create a fines free version of circulating item types similarly to what we had done with no-holds. This will allow libraries the ability to identify some items fined and others not e.g. "book-fine free". A

book that exists in the adult collection might be fined while a book that exists in the children's collection would be fine free.

Recommendation: MHLS staff should create a full set of fine free item types for regular circulating materials. MHLS will determine the item types that would be needed and update the loan rule determiner table to support the circulation of these items system wide.

Status: Discussed at Resource Sharing Advisory Committee 1.27.2020

Action Item #4: Hotspot Item Type

Background: 11 libraries currently circulate hotspots, but there is no item type for hotspots

Issue: Libraries would like to create loan rules for hot spots that are unique from other item types currently in place.

Recommendation: Create a Hotspot item type

Status: Discussed at Resource Sharing Advisory Committee 1.27.2020