

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 06, 2020

Location: Online, via GoToMeeting

Committee members attending:

- Julie DeLisle (Columbia)
- Tammy Gaskell (Columbia)
- Brian Avery (Dutchess)
- Rhiannon Leo-Jameson (Dutchess)
- Sam Gruber (Greene)

- Debra Kamecke (Greene)
- Jeanne Buck (Putnam)
- Deirdre Farabaugh (Putnam)
- Katie Scott-Childress (Ulster)
- Darren Lanspery (Ulster)

Staff Attending: Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)

Minutes from 5/12/20 meeting reviewed and approved by K. Childress, seconded by J. Buck. Approved.

Discussion Items:

Meeting called to order by Buck at 10:05.

1. Checking in Items with Missing Part(s) Policy:
Discussion regarding responsibility upon check in--is financial responsibility implicit?
2. Missing Components Procedure:
Discussion regarding how to handle items with missing part(s) by receiving library, esp time frames for actions taken, ie, notifying patron, when to send an item back to owning library--pros and cons regarding how long to attempt to recover the missing part--til it's billed? Do we need to write a procedure for checking out items?

Discussion on how to handle items received incomplete from delivery, and transfer holds, if need be. Do we need another item status for such items to prevent it being sent to the next hold, and to enable a return to sender slip? Shedrick confirms that changing item status and checking in will send it back to owning, not sending library...this may not be logistically possible in Sierra. Do we want to create a Trouble Shelf/Problem Item account for each library, or is this needless & complicated? Are the Missing & Damaged slips used properly? Discussion on whether it is verboten to write notes on other library's records--or are transactional messages ok? Shedrick tries to find a library's Sierra record...decision to test using a To Be Created Problem Shelf/Basket for each library. Will experiment within the committee.

Shedrick reports that:

1. Union Vale restrictions will be going out, patrons will be restricted from all non-print materials.
2. Patron Registration is a large Sierra module we have not installed--if we decide to use it in the future we'd have to pay for installation--asks for ok to install it now. This allows patrons to sign up for programs. Shedrick suggests we send it to counties to consider.
3. Media Management is a module which will be installed. Decision needed as to whether we restrict by IP or not--not, because we can restrict in other ways.
4. Syndetics Unbound--used during lockdown to promote (prioritize in a search) our e-resources. Do we want to not promote cost-per-use resources at this point? What do we want to put uppermost? (It's the You May Also Like section.) Not e-resources.
5. We are working with Innovative on the next generation platform, it looks very promising, more intuitive, more functions for the patron. Hope to go live by summer 2021. Innovative scrapped the Inspire discovery product, this is a new product, but looks more & more public library friendly.
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Avery moves to adjourn, Childress 2nds, meeting adjourned at 12:12.