Action Item #2: Update Guidelines for OverDrive Collection Developed with CLDA and CBA Funds

Background: The Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee provides oversight for shared content purchased in OverDrive using Central Library Aid from New York State.

Issue: The guidelines do not reflect current regulation.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the guidelines be updated to:

1. Reflect the new regulations in two ways:
   a. To update the name of the aid from Central Library Development Aid and Central Book Aid to the new merged program name: Central Library Services Program Aid (CLSP)
   b. To allow for the purchase of both non-fiction and fiction. Previously, fiction was not an allowable category to spend these funds on.
2. Adjust the spending targets to include those items with the highest Consortia Holds. This is a departure from basing targets on those used for physical items, which the Ad Hoc OverDrive Committee discovered is not helpful in meeting demand in a timely manner.
3. Remove language related to “unweeding” a title as libraries can now manage that themselves.

Status: Discussed at the January 13th CL/CD Committee meeting.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval.

Action Item #3: Reciprocal Lending Agreement with the Southern Adirondack Library System and the Mohawk Valley Library System

Background: OverDrive offers a “Reciprocal Lending Agreement” (RLA) to allow library systems to share their collections “across borders” with other library systems how have negotiated access terms with each other. The platforms of the other systems would remain separate from ours, available as an external link where our patrons might seek out additional content. In February 2021 the DA approved an RLA with the Upper Hudson Library System which allows our patrons to access content through their platform and their patrons to access content through ours. Content is available based on negotiated parameters to ensure no financial burden to members in regards to metered access titles, cost per circ titles, and holds.
**Issue:** Both the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) and Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS) have reached out to seek an RLA with MHLS. This would be using the same parameters we negotiated with UHLS. This arrangement would result in at least an additional 19,000 unique titles from SALS now being available to MHLS patrons. We are still waiting on the MVLS number of unique titles.

**Recommendation:** The CL/CD Advisory Committee recommends the DA approve an RLA between SALS and MHLS using the same parameters negotiated with UHLS.

**Status:** Discussed at the January 13th CL/CD Advisory Committee meeting.

**Effective Date:** TBD

**Action Item #4: Update Resource Sharing Standards: Copies to Holds Purchasing**

**Background:** Holds to copies purchasing recommendations were created to manage physical copies and reflected high demand material types that are no longer relevant.

**Issue:** The Ad Hoc OverDrive Committee recommended a review of the purchasing recommendations to ensure that they encompassed all high demand formats, including e-books and e-audiobooks.

**Recommendation:** Update the Collection Development and Copies to hold RSAC Policies and procedures to reflect Physical and Electronic copies with better clarity and remove references. DVD titles which is no longer relevant. Update the procedures to include Ad Hoc OverDrive Committee purchasing recommendations.

Copies to Holds Recommended Purchasing

A. Libraries should own 1 holdable copy for each 4-7 holds; 2 copies for 8-14; 3 copies for 15-23 holds to be picked up at their location. These minimum purchases apply to all formats (physical and e-content).

B. Local hold items and Lucky Day copies can be added 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 MHLS Direct
Access Plan, regardless of hold status, must be made available to any MHLS card holder on site. ~Approved by Directors Association 1/8/13.

Notes: The RSAC will review CPC purchasing at a later date. More information is required about the actual user experience and more details about how it is currently available and being used.

**Status:** Discussed at the January 26th RSAC meeting.

**Effective Date:** TBD

**Action Item #5: OverDrive’s Lucky Day Collection**

**Background:** The settings for the Lucky Day Collection in OverDrive are set at the platform level and not the collection level. The default in place, set by OverDrive is at 7 days for the circulation period.

**Issue:** The 7-day circulation period is too short for patrons to complete a title.

**Recommendation:** OverDrive Lucky day items should be set to 14 days.

**Status:** Discussed at the January 26 RSAC meeting

**Effective Date:** TBD

**Action Item #6: Material Types for Gaming Platforms**

**Background:** Video gaming platforms are currently lumped together under one material type.

**Issue:** Unlike other multi-format material types, the gaming platform is a critical filter for patrons to find and request the right version of the gaming title. Moving to a more precise material type will allow users to filter by facet when searching in items, and later when moving to Vega Discover, it will correctly manage the platforms under separate tabs in a more user-friendly display that will facilitate holds correctly.

**Recommendation:** Add material types for common gaming platforms to enhance the patron experience in both Encore and Vega public catalogs.

**Status:** Discussed at the January 26 RSAC meeting

**Effective Date:** TBD
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