Central Library Collection Development Advisory Committee meeting June 16, 2009

Attending: Greg Callahan, Sue Hermans, Lauren Muffs, Tom Lawrence, John Giralico, Linda Deubert, Gloria Goverman, Kathleen McLaughlin, Pat Kaufman, Josh Cohen, Merribeth Advocate.

Minutes approved by G. Callahan, seconded by J. Giralico. Action items were reviewed.

Collection Development:

Issue discussed: How to determine a process for deciding underrepresented areas. Looking in Millennium at 'Management Information on Public Library Catalog Searches', 'keywords not found' might be the trend to follow. Query member library staff and MHLS ILL staff for topics to consider. (see Action 3 & 4)

Downloadable Audiobooks:

- Notes from Overdrive demo by Mike Schontz: Provides one access dashboard for all types of files. Can download to computer or transfer to mp3 player. 1/3 of patrons listen on their computer. Over 80% of titles are unabridged. Minimum 7 days checkout. Blackstone Audios are always available. Stats based on barcode prefix.
 - Coming in July: Overdrive Advantage: A private collection w/in the collection. RSS feed with widgets between library and patron (4.0). Mobile website access to download to web enabled portable devices (I-phone).
- Issues discussed: NetLibrary subscription expires at end of December (see *Action 5*). MHLS staff will ask other systems using Overdrive how they are doing it, including models of title purchases and funding (see Action 6).

Catalog Enhancement: Current Syndetics subscription expires 9/1/09.

- Committee reviewed Syndetics/Content Café/Library Thing for Libraries
- Committee recommends to not consider Content Café, and to recommend to the DA to continue Syndetics subscription for covers and series info. (see Action 7). M. Advocate will get additional info on Syndetic options and send by e-mail to committee members (see Action 8).
- Library Thing for Libraries: Issue discussed: this enhancement can be added at anytime and is not affected by the Syndetic subscription deadline.

2009 Training:

- Train the Trainer Session: Database PowerPoint tool will be featured in the one fall training session on how to train the public.
- Reference Training Sessions: Revised draft working title for training slotted for End Sept./early Oct in 2 locations is 'Dealing with Reference Questions

at the Circ Desk', and may include the opportunity to meet PPLD Reference Staff (see Action 9).

Actions:

- 1. Central Library will use CBA money for Quadra-Centennial materials.
- 2. MHLS will generate a handout of Quadra-Centennial materials to distribute at events, including "other titles are available at your local library."
- 3. M. Advocate & Central Library staff will work together to develop an online form to ask member library staff about what non-fiction areas they find that are not represented, under represented or out-of-date in the collective collection.
- 4. MHLS ILL will report on any trends they see for items that should be owned by public libraries, at the August committee meeting.
- 5. Directors are asked to collect information from patrons & staff about downloadable audiobooks, and forward it to the committee.
- 6. MHLS staff will ask other systems using Overdrive how they are doing it, including models of title purchases and funding.
- 7. Committee recommends to DA to continue Syndetics subscription.
- 8. M. Advocate will get additional info on Syndetic options and send by e-mail to committee members.
- 9. Central Library Staff will develop plans for 'Dealing with Reference Questions at the Circ Desk'.

Upcoming 2009 meetings:

- Monday, August 3 after the DA meeting, or if there is no DA meeting the committee will meet at 10am.
- Monday, October 26

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