MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 4/24/14   **Location:** MHLS

Committee members attending:

x	Sally Alderdice&Karen Garafalo (Columbia)	x	Jeanne Buck (Putnam)
	Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)	x	Julie Dempsey (Ulster)
x	Gloria Goverman (Dutchess)	x	Amy Raff (Ulster)
x	Linda Deubert (Greene)	x	Eric McCarthy (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Tom Sloan, Merribeth Advocate, Nina Acosta, Robert Drake, Chris Morgan, Tara Stohr
Others Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

Minutes from 12/12/13 were reviewed and approved.

Action Items:
1. Create bib record for Mango so a language search will include the Mango database in the results.
2. Develop new Resource Sharing Policy allowing "minimal access" group login. Proposed set of permissions to be developed by Julie and Robert and tested by Philmont, Reed/Carmel, East Fishkill, Adriance and Hillsdale libraries.

Discussion Items:
Encore
1. Eric gave an update. Waiting for access to be made available to begin training. It was suggested staff can visit marinet.lib.ca.us to become familiar with the look and feel of Encore. Use it the way patrons would use it. FAQs for front line staff for common uses are being developed with the Marketing Committee. Eight libraries are not interested in training, 12 requested webinar training and 30 opted for on-site training. Training will start when we have access which is expected by the beginning of May. Going live is an individual library's decision. The classic catalogue will be supported for six months. Users will be able to toggle between the Classic Catalogue and Encore. Give staff time to get acquainted with Encore.
2. The question of whether or not locally subscribed to databases should be included in the results was discussed. At roll out they will not be. Discussion: Encore is a discovery tool that should not be limited. Locally subscribed databases would be available to all patrons who visit the subscribing library or by telephone request to the subscribing library. It was decided the issue should be referred to Collection Development to look at the bigger question of what databases patrons are using.
3. OverDrive API is expected to result in an "avalanche of users"
4. Robert is putting together an Encore plan for MHLS managed sites.

Individual Sierra Log-ins
1. Robert reported that between 25 and 33% of libraries are not in compliance with Resource Sharing Standards requiring each Sierra user to sign in with an individual log-in. Robert suggested a less secure policy that is followed may be better than a more secure policy that is not followed. The Resource Sharing Committee agreed that the current policy should be reconsidered: five yea, one abstention.

OPAC Uniform Title
1. To return better search results "Added Title" will be changed to the 240 field. Agreed to by general consensus.

DA New Business:

Background: A number of libraries are not in compliance with Resource Sharing Standards requiring each Sierra user to sign in with an individual log-in. The DA agreed to this with the understanding that it would be easy to switch between users in Sierra.   Switching users in Sierra requires completely logging out of Sierra and then completely logging in again, a practice not compatible with the workflow in many libraries. It was suggested a less secure policy that is followed would provide great protection than a more secure policy that is not followed. A policy that allows a group login with limited access would accomplish this.

Issue: A large number of libraries are not in compliance with the Resource Sharing policy related to individual Sierra log-ins.

Recommendation: Develop a policy which will allow a "minimal access" group log-in.

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 16, 2014
Minutes recorded by Jeanne Buck