MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 12/12/13

Location: MHLS

Committee members attending:

- Sally Alderdice & Karen Garafalo (Columbia)
- Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)
- ☑ Carol Rodriguez (Dutchess)
- **X** Linda Deubert (Greene)

- ☑ Jeanne Buck (Putnam)
- ☑ Julie Dempsey (Ulster)
- Lois Skelly (Ulster)
- Eric McCarthy (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Tom Sloan, Merribeth Advocate, Nina Acosta Others Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Janet Huen (PPLD), Gloria Goverman (EFK)

Minutes from 10/16/13 were reviewed and approved. **Action Items:**

 Let the steering committee know that a special meeting needs to take place before the regularly scheduled DA Meeting in order to take advantage of the pricing discount of Encore. Have pricing for individual member libraries available by that time.

Discussion Items:

- There was discussion regarding the Administrator's Checklist, which empowers Eric to create lists and then delete items on those lists and the fact that it is very hard to find as it is not easily accessible from the Resource Sharing Guidelines. It was decided that the February agenda should include mining the administrator's toolbox for resource sharing material.
- 2. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding various problematic phrasing in the Resource Sharing Guidelines and how local implementation often makes blanket statements in the guidelines problematic.
- 3. There was discussion of the linked patron function and its use and various libraries, as well as the various ways fines are collected on the accounts of minors.
- 4. It was pointed out that perhaps the committee should consider meeting less frequently in the new year as an effort to stave off descending into the discussion of minutiae. It was decided we would meet 4 times per year with a possible fifth meeting if necessary over the summer.
- 5. Much discussion of Encore and the best way to attain the discount price given the DA meeting rules.

DA New Business:

Background: A discovery tools subcommittee had been tasked with evaluation of Encore, an enhancement to our current OPAC, and their recommendation was for purchase. Encore uses RightResult to allow keyword results in the catalog to rank by popularity, as well as bring in databases and Overdrive account access. The way to make this affordable to member libraries is to use CLDA funds, which had been previously set aside for Boopsie. However, implementation of Boopsie would be more expensive if done before implementation of Encore.

Issue: CLDA funds have already been approved for Boopsie. There is a time limit that the purchase price of Encore will be held (resulting in a savings of almost \$12K if done by mid-January).

Recommendation: The recommendation of this committee is three-fold:

- 1) Repeal the funding vote of Boopsie
- 2) Approve the use of CLDA and other funds in such a manner that minimizes impact to member library budgets in order to purchase Encore by the reduced price deadline (\$42875/year with an initial \$2500 setup fee).
- **3)** Revisit Boopsie or alternate mobile app once Encore is in place.

Next Meeting: TBD Minutes recorded by Daniela Pulice