

Unapproved

MORE Resource Sharing/Collection Development Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2013

Present: Tim Fitzgerald (Menomonie), Hollis Helmecki (Ladysmith), Leslie LaRose (Augusta), Lisa Ludwig (Colfax), Renee Ponzio (Eau Claire), Jacquie Pooler (Plum City), Virginia Roberts (Chippewa Falls), Lori Roholt (IFLS), John Stoneberg (Eau Claire), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Adam Zens (Turtle Lake)

Excused: Gus Falkenberg (IFLS), Nancy Miller (River Falls), Scott Vrieze (New Richmond)

Call to order—Lisa L. called the meeting to order at 1:30.

Roll Call/establish a quorum—established; 3 attended via phone

Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law—in compliance

Accept/modify the agenda—John Stoneberg requested addition of Freegal/Freading discussion; Renee P moved to accept modified; Maureen W. seconded; all aye.

Approval of the minutes from February 20, 2013-- all aye

Issues from other MORE committees/meetings--None at this time.

1. OneClickdigital Downloadable audiobooks – Hollis questioned the value of this service given the much lower circulation rate than for Overdrive; Renee reported that Eau Claire is happy with the process; Ted clarified that the best sellers are loaded to the opening page; Maureen said she will check on the amount of control available for local level administrators in order to make OneClick as assessable as possible. There was discussion about the need to market this product/service fully and effectively.

Some commentary involved the comparison of OneClick as only audio and Overdrive having other formats available. Some questions were raised about the options for using the audio in autos. Hollis asked about creating an audio book reading club using OneClick. Lisa asked if Kathy O'Leary could create some promotional materials for everyone's webpage/Facebook use.

2. DVD Project – Continue/drop the project for 2014 -- John Stoneberg reported on history of this project and its purpose to support patron requests. Between 30-40 libraries take part annually, and there is currently \$15,000 earmarked to support the purchase of DVDs with strong reviews and of television series. The broadest parameters are that a limit of 6 copies per title are purchased, and less than 20 copies are in the MORE system. The number of items purchased dropped from 614 in 2011 to 395 in 2012 due to allowing TV series. Lisa L. supports the program fully; Leslie L. emphasized the need to reduce the wait-time for holds. Jacquie P. moved to retain program as it is and to present such to the Directors' Council in July, Hollis H. seconded; all aye.
3. New RSCD blog –Hooray for Lisa Ludwig & Leslie LaRose! The RSCD blog is up and running. We are found at <http://www.readmorebooks.blogspot.com/>. Thanks to John S. for sending in an entry regarding movie selection, and to Leslie for the advice about weeding old formats, such as VHS and cassette books. There are recommended blogs offered and Lisa will add a feed for traffic. This will be archived weekly, and we will accept articles by those outside the RSCD group, as well as comments. Leslie and Lisa will be the administrators at this time; others may be added later. Lisa was very willing to share the responsibility.
4. Subcommittee –Renee Ponzio requested that the group actively pursue the idea of a shared burden for purchasing areas of non-fiction. Test materials, travel guides, and other subjects which require continual updates could be divided among multiple libraries in order to simplify and clarify the purchasing of materials. For instance, certain libraries would buy Fodor's travel guides, others would purchase Lonely

Planet, and others would buy Frommer's guides. The same procedure could apply to Barrons, Princeton Review, and Kaplan for test guides, and for series such as "for dummies," "idiot's guide to," and "everything guide." It was decided that Renee P. should head a subcommittee to investigate this more completely, and with greater input from other MORE libraries. She will send out a request for participation to the list. Leslie asked about the parameters for the committee; Renee would like input from the MORE directors and Maureen suggested a post-Directors venue. We will try to have an informational meeting about this following the August MORE Directors meeting.

There was also discussion of group purchases of highly valuable databases, which fall in price with a larger number of libraries sharing the cost.

5. Weeding Recommendations for VHS & BOT and other items—There was some brief discussion about the need to move forward as formats change. Weeding is a beneficial activity, and a necessary one. Long-range planning for removing obsolete formats is a good way to address any concerns by board members or the public.

6. Gus provided an article about libraries lending e-readers. The legal and ethical issues of providing material on e-readers, versus the machines themselves, was discussed and the matters about meeting ADA standards was also addressed. Copyright is a major stumbling block for loading materials and then loaning the readers. The conclusion is that we need to be attentive and careful in our lending practices. Leslie L. asked that information be posted on the blog about this so that everyone has access to it.

7. John S. discussed Freading which Eau Claire has offered patrons for over a year now. Their use for last year was 3535, with a cost of about \$7000. It functions as a complement to Overdrive because it offers a large selection of non-fiction materials. It has worked well technically for the library and for the patrons, and is very straight-forward—there are fewer issues than with Overdrive. There are no holds because access is immediate, which is a plus for patrons.

John would like to offer Eau Claire as the administrator for Freading, and have other libraries offer it directly to their patrons. It was suggested that MORE create a program to try this for a year, and possibly use some of the money from the DVD program to cover the costs. The other option would be for each library to pay for their patrons' usage. Maureen volunteered to discuss this with John Thompson, Gus Falkenberg and Lori Roholt to investigate a trial for 2014. John S. offered to attend any discussion about this process.

8. Agenda items for the next meeting on October 16, 2013 will be added as they arise in the interim. Any regular or ongoing issues will automatically be placed on the agenda.

Adjournment was at 3:30.

Submitted,
Hollis Helmecki
June 20, 2013.