MORE Resource Sharing and Collection Development Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30pm

PRESENT: Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (Woodville), Jodi Bird (Menomonie), Stacey Brown (Bloomer), Cecelia Cole (IFLS), Rochel Karlson (Glenwood City), Monica LaVold (New Richmond), Elizabeth Miniatt (Stanley) (added to the committee as part of the January meeting), Krister Paakonen (Chippewa Falls), Paula Stanton (Eau Claire), Rachel Thomas (Rice Lake), Brianna Zemke (Somerset), Lori Roholt (IFLS Administrator)

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Lori Roholt.

2. **Establish a Quorum** – completed with 11 of 13 members present.

3. **Certification of compliance with open meeting law** – Compliance was verified.

4. **Modify/approve agenda** – Eau Clair moved to approve the agenda as presented. Rice Lake seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Approve minutes from May 28, 2024** – Rice Lake moved to approve the May 28 minutes; Glenwood City seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business
6. **2025 Officer Elections, Chair and Recorder**

    Paula Stanton (Eau Claire) nominated Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (Woodville) to be Chair. All in favor.
    Paula Stanton (Eau Claire) nominated Monica LaVold (New Richmond) to be the recorder. All in favor.

7. **OverDrive Advantage Updates**

    2024 Year End Numbers:
    eBooks: 910 Titles, 1,933 copies, $42,605.82
    eAudio: 1001 Titles, 10,126 copies, $90,131.51
    Totals: 1,911 Titles, 12,059 copies, $132,737.33

    There were questions about the number of copies, and this is a reflection of some Overdrive Max licensing model, which is metered by 100 concurrent users.

    2024 Budget Numbers
$14,773	Advantage Allocation (High Demand)
$50,000	MORE Overdrive Content/IFLS Advantage
$7,325	MORE High Demand
$47,988	Individual Library Contributions
$2,017	Bonus credit

We discussed some options such as an "Always Available Romance Collection" of just over 900 titles and a Blackstone Audio Package. There were questions about Overdrive Licensing and how the 100 concurrent users agreement works. This lead to discussion of newer licensing structures that we are able to take advantage of. Titles vs. Copies: Copies = license purchases, while Titles are a purchase of separate actual titles. Some copies of these are perpetual, but not all.

The group continued to discuss some of the ways that we purchase digital materials, how system contributions work and how the WPLC is able to correlate all of that. Cecelia was asked about circulation data but did not have those numbers.

Group members shared frustrations and challenges that they face in communicating with patrons the complexity of digital materials. It is very hard to help the general public understand why the holds lists and wait times are so long, when there are times a print version of the same title is sitting on a shelf in one of our libraries. Rachel shared that she invited Cecelia out to a board meeting to talk about some of these issues and help the board better understand. She found that super helpful and Cecelia offered to be available for other libraries who might want to do something similar.

8. **Public-Facing MORE Catalog Platform exploration**
   This item was brought forward as a way to evaluate our satisfaction levels with our public-facing catalog, BiblioCore.
   - We have been using BiblioCore since early 2020
   - We also use BiblioApp, which goes with this and requires BiblioCore to function
   - If we explore other options, one possible alternative would be Innovative Vega, which also works with Sierra and does have an app.
   - Another possible alternative is Polaris (this is a staff-facing product and would change many other products). It relies more heavily on a web browser, but would also work with Vega Discover.
   - Karen looked at libraries that use Vega: Winding Rivers, Northern Waters, Monarch or Bridges
   - Milwaukee County just switched to Aspen Discover

   Current concerns:
   - There is concern about the price of BiblioApps when viewed as a cost per user. As of December 2024, there were 5,524 total users.
   - The cost for BiblioApps for 2025 is capped at 25% of the cost of BiblioCore, which is $13,277.

   Paula expressed concern in switching, as there has been a concerted effort by some libraries to promote BiblioApps and BiblioCore. She felt that a move to a new platform would need to be well worth the effort of retraining the public. Many in the group agreed. The general feeling was that a move would need to be considerably less expensive or have better features and be easier to use.

Lori shared that any change would take approximately 6 months and would impact circulation as the Classic Catalog is not a feasible alternative to use while a change is taking place. Therefore, we would also need to plan for any transition and how we would handle it.

The group discussed a plan for exploring this topic. We will start with a simple survey of this group, asking the following questions"

1. What do we like or dislike about our current product (BiblioCore)?
2. What features are we unwilling to lose?
3. What are the biggest barriers or concerns we have with BiblioCore?

Monica will send these questions out to all group members before the March meeting.

Lori was asked to look into a cost comparison between BiblioCore and Vega, and to reach out to a system that had gone through this switch to find out why they made the change and how satisfied they were having done it.

9. **Scheduling 2025 meeting dates**
   The group decided to schedule a March meeting. We will meet March 28 at 1:00pm. We will also schedule another meeting in May to discuss recommendations for the 2026 MORE budget.

10. **Adjourn**
    Monica moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10pm. Jolene seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.