

Electronic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair), Rebecca Adams (Mariposa), Clarisa Bernabe (Fresno), Tamara Evans (Kings), Erika Hawkyard (Tulare County), Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera), Maria Marquez (Tulare Public), Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Absent: Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Heather Eddy (Kern)

Others Present: Kevin Coon (OverDrive), Kristie Pratt (Kern)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM Boyer.
- II. Introductions were given by all.
- III. Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was approved as written.
- IV. Comments from the Public – None.
- V. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2020. – Lawrence motioned for minutes to be approved. Seconded by Evans. Minutes were approved by all.
- VI. Projects for Discussion & Action
 - A. Discussion: OverDrive Reciprocal Lending

Boyer said he had a conversation with Coon regarding a system-wide reciprocal lending agreement however after their conversation, he realized that entering into a reciprocal lending agreement is a decision that will have to be made by each individual library system and not on a consortium level. Currently, six libraries have OverDrive collections (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, and Tulare County). Four SJVLS libraries currently have OverDrive access through an outside consortium (Coalinga-Huron, Mariposa, and Tulare Public) and will have to contact the partnering consortium to discuss if it is possible to move their purchased titles to a SJVLS consortium group. Coon suggested joining the three non-SJVLS OverDrive libraries and Porterville into their own consortium then combing that consortium with an SJVLS consortium group. Coon emphasized that by adding reciprocal lending, this would enhance SJVLS services since the consortium already shares physical materials lending among member libraries.

Evans asked questions regarding the cost of entering into a reciprocal lending agreement as well as the set-up process. Coon responded that there will be no cost to enter into a reciprocal lending agreement because the goal of the reciprocal lending agreement is to connect libraries together. Coon added that set up process for the reciprocal lending agreement would be done on their end with no assistance needed from SJVLS library staff.

Hawkyard asked if priority options could be set so that patrons from her county could have first access to new items purchased by their library in the

shared OverDrive collection. Coon replied that in a reciprocal lending agreement, there are a variety of different options that can be turned off and on including setting patron priority.

Coon mentioned that in the reciprocal lending agreement paperwork, there is verbiage stating that each partner library would need to spend 90% of their yearly budget for the shared collection. Several members expressed concern with this percentage since their libraries have had their library material budgets reduced. Coon replied that he can work with each library to create different verbiage and shared that the purpose of the percentage is so that all partner libraries are equally contributing to the consortium collection.

Pratt asked how the reciprocal agreement would function for the patron. Coon visually shared with the committee three library OverDrive websites which use reciprocal lending (Boston Public Library, Camarillo Public Library, and Pima County Library) then showed how a patron could gain access to the other partner library OverDrive collections. Coon also noted that when a patron from outside their home county checks out a title from a partner library, this checkout with count on the home library statistics.

Boyer asked if reciprocal lending would provide system-wide catalog integration. Coon replied that he doesn't know but would follow up with OverDrive IT to double check.

Boyer asked Coon if there's any way to publicize the new SJVLS OverDrive reciprocal lending partnership. Coon emphasized to committee the need to public this new service to their patrons. Pratt asked Coon if it would be possible to publicize the new partnership on each SJVLS library OverDrive homepage. Boyer, Coon, and Pratt discussed the best area on the homepage to publicize this new partnership and agreed on placing the new partnership announcement on the site message bar.

B. Discussion: Sharing on OneDrive

Boyer updated the committee on Bernabe's suggestion to share ERC resources through OneDrive since some member do not have access to the Source when working from home. Boyer shared that ERC members now have access to files through OneDrive and all members need to do is login to OneDrive using their normal library credentials. Boyer added that the shared folders/files should be listed there once the member is logged in. Boyer explained that at the moment, all ERC members should have two shared directories (digital resources – general info and [Jurisdiction Name] stats) and that the number of files and folders will likely change in the future as the committee comes up with other uses (e.g. creating a "meetings" section for posting agendas and minutes.)

- VII. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.