



Electronic Resources Committee Agenda Packet

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June 20, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The public may comment on any action items on the agenda.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2024 (Attachment 1)

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. ACTION: Recommend CAREer Pathways Resource(s) for Continuation (Attachment 2)
2. DISCUSSION: Systemwide Resources for FY25-26

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Set date and agenda for next meeting, tentatively August 15, 2024, at the Visalia Branch Library

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Committee members are invited to share items relating to collaboration, innovation, and professional development of interest to the Committee.

J. ADJOURNMENT



Electronic Resources Committee Minutes

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April 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Hanford Branch Library

DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Alyssa Furin (Fresno), Fahra Daredia (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera), Yer Vang (Tulare County), Maria Marquez (Tulare Public)

Members Absent: Matt Johnson (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Boyer proposed reversing the order of Discussion Items F1 and F2. The modified agenda was adopted.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Motion: Madrigal-Ward (Madera)

Second: Nuhfer (Kings)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: cloudLibrary and NewsStand/Streaming Video Trial

Furin (Fresno) shared that she has accepted a promotion and will be leaving ERC. She will continue to select adult non-fiction titles for cloudLibrary until the end of this fiscal year. We will need a new selector for adult non-fiction titles during the next fiscal year. Madrigal-Ward (Madera) is willing to help with selection. Boyer will check with all existing selectors once purchases are complete for the current year to confirm areas of selection.

Members reviewed trial access to cloudLibrary's digital movie and magazine platforms. Digital and Streaming Video: Clark reported that Tulare Public is receiving a lot of patron questions about streaming video and would like to see if system will offer something for all libraries. Kings also receives patron requests for streaming video and would be interested in offering a resource. Coalinga and Madera only offer physical media/DVDs. Some locations in Madera County have unreliable internet connections and streaming video may not be a good option in those areas. Libraries with movies

through hoopla see good usage but usually hit monthly limits. Fresno offers Kanopy and sees consistent patron usage. Furin asked how often the video content in cloudLibrary's collection is updated. Boyer will follow up with representative. NewsStand/Magazines: Member libraries offer a range of magazine options. Some are only offering digital copies. Some still only have physical copies but are interested in digital. Some offer both. Libby and Flipster are the most common sources for digital magazines. Furin suggested the title list in cloudLibrary's NewsStand seemed comparable to Libby's selections and requested a full title list from the vendor. Boyer will follow up.

2. DISCUSSION: Determine priorities for target resource categories

Boyer informed the committee that the system could take a multi-year approach to expanding resources that are offered to all member libraries. Committee members considered the categories that have been identified as priorities.

The committee wants to keep resources that we currently offer: online courses and career prep, education and general research, automotive repair, and ebooks/audiobooks.

Streaming video, digital/streaming audio, and digital magazines should all be considered for additional resources. Without clear costs and budget amounts, the committee cannot easily recommend one specific area or resource.

Resources for book recommendations, digital newspapers, and language learning are already offered within the system; those are lower priorities.

Better marketing of and tutorials for the resources we offer is a priority, but could be addressed later, especially if new resources are added.

3. DISCUSSION: Support and Resources for ERC members

Boyer advised committee members that the system office is planning to overhaul the Source, the systemwide intranet, by recreating the site in SharePoint. Members were asked how they used the intranet and what information they would like to see available. Members requested a more robust section for the committee, including contact information for members, meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, Brown Act information, and statements of mission, purpose, and goals. Additional pages on resources were requested, including a list of systemwide resources, usage statistics for systemwide resources, links to each member library's databases page(s), links to marketing resources from vendors, and lists of resources with trial access.

Members also suggested it would be helpful if SharePoint could send reminders when content was added or updated.

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

None

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

The next meeting will tentatively be held on June 20, 2024 on Microsoft Teams. The August meeting will be at the Visalia library.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Coalinga library will be remodeled, and the genealogy section will be removed. Tulare Public hosted the Tulare Garden Festival and had more than 300 visitors.

Kern County hosted eclipse viewing events and distributed eclipse glasses to attendees.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

SAMPLE RECOMMENDATION TO SJVLS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Administrative Council

SUBMITTED BY:

SUBJECT: Approve Continued Subscription to _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approve Electronic Resource Committee's recommendation to add _____ as a systemwide offering.
2. Authorize the Administrative Librarian, or their designee, to submit an order form to [vendor] to add [resource] to SJVLS's account.
3. Approve the first year's subscription costs being paid from [SJVLS Budget] in an amount not to exceed [\$].

Approval of the recommended action will authorize SJVLS staff to add [vendor's product] to our existing subscription resources with a start date in [October 2024], with the first year's subscription costs for all members being paid from [SJVLS Budget].

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Alternatively, Administrative Council could elect to not offer a systemwide subscription and let each member pursue their own subscriptions, without support from the System Office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

[To be determined before presentation to Admin Council, based on exact cost of resource.]

Approval of the recommended action [will / will not] have an impact on membership dues and will increase [SJVLS Budget line] expenditures in an amount not to exceed [\$].

DISCUSSION:

Member library patrons have expressed support for having access to online learning and career development resources. In the survey SJVLS conducted in November 2023, 63.4% of responding patrons indicated an interest in having such resources available through the library. Through a systemwide subscription, member libraries have offered Peterson's Career and Test Prep since FY 20-21. Beginning in November 2021, patrons have had access to an additional seven online learning resources through the California State Library's CAREer Pathways Program. With funding of CAREer Pathways resources expected to end in September 2024, member libraries will no longer be able to offer access to that additional suite of job and career preparation resources.

Vendors of the products included in the CAREer Pathways Program recognize the impact that losing access to these resources will have on individual libraries. As a result, many vendors have extended similar discounts to libraries interested in continuing access to their products. The Electronic Resources Committee has considered vendor discussions about discounted rates and has examined usage statistics of CAREer Pathways resources for all SJVLS members. The Electronic Resources Committee recommends a subscription to _____ to benefit patrons across the entire system.

Some SJVLS member libraries may offer their own subscriptions to individual products. The system office is unable to guarantee support for such individual subscriptions, because we

often do not have access to administrative interfaces and cannot effectively troubleshoot problems. By offering online resources as a systemwide service, SJVLS staff will be able to provide support to our member libraries by working directly with the vendor to address authentication, usage reporting, and product updates. An additional benefit is that the resource will be available for all members, providing a consistent collection of resources for patrons that use libraries in multiple jurisdictions, or who move to a new jurisdiction within SJVLS's service area.

[Vendor's] quote for a systemwide subscription for one year was [\$]. The subscription would begin on October 1, 2024, and continue through September 30, 2025. An additional [#] years may be added to the subscription at a cost of [\$].

Adding this resource aligns with Strategic Technology Goal #2: Streamline eContent Offerings, from the 2023-2026 SJVLS Technology Plan.

PRIOR AGENDA REFERENCE:

Administrative Council Agenda – May 24, 2024. Item #7

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Motion:

Second:

_____ PASSED

_____ REJECTED