

**Electronic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 30, 2018**

**Present:** Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair,) Clarisa Bernabe (Fresno,) Smruti Deshpande (Merced,) Heather Eddy (Kern,) Tamara Evans (Kings,) Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera)

**Absent:** Rebecca Adams (Mariposa,) Marita Dimond (Tulare County,) Kristen Evans (Tulare Public,) Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

**Others Present:** Mark Ransdell, Recorded Books

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Nathan Boyer.
- II. Introductions were given by all.
- III. Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was approved as printed.
- IV. Comments from the Public – None.
- V. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2018. Boyer noted a correction needing to be made to the spelling of Bernabe’s last name on the minutes. Boyer stated that he made the noted edit name then submitted the minutes to the SJVLS website.
- VI. Projects for Discussion and Action
  - A. Presentation: Mark Ransdell, Recorded Books  
Ransdell shared with the committee a variety of resources provided by Recorded Books Digital (RB Digital) such as audiobooks, ebooks, streaming video, digital comic books and emagazines. Lawrence asked if RB Digital offers a discounted fee for libraries with limited budgets. Ransdell replied that there’s an option for every budget and that libraries have the option to purchase a resource package as a consortia or on an individual basis. A committee member asked how the price is determined for creating new accounts and Ransdell replied that price is based on patron circulation. Ransdell discussed a new feature of RB Digital app such as in app registration. Eddy asked how the in app registration works and Ransdell replied that there would be a “get registered” button to click and in addition, patrons will only see digital resources that we have access to. Ransdell added that there is no additional fee involved for access to the app. Boyer asked how the library card number is verified. Ransdell replied that the library card number is verified through SIP authentication. Lawrence asked if there is the ability to place holds on titles and Ransdell replied yes. Eddy asked if there are checkout limits with RB Digital resources and Ransdell replied no because items are created with simultaneous access with unlimited use permissions.  
Eddy asked Ransdell if ebook migration is available and Ransdell replied yes that migration is available for titles from OverDrive and cloudLibrary. Ransdell then showed the committee streaming video channels available through RB Digital such as Great Courses, Acorn TV (British TV programs,) Pongalo (Spanish language Netflix,) Stringray Quello (music) and well as other online

resources such as ArtistWorks (music and art instruction,) Hoonuit (tech training,) IndieFlix (independent film Netflix,) Transparent Language Online and Universal Class.

#### B. Discussion: New EBSCO Features

Boyer explained new EBCO features such as a Novelist content tab at the bottom of Horizon search results. In addition, Boyer expressed the importance of adding the EBSCO Discovery search box to each member library website and commented that Fresno Public Library has already implemented the search box on their reference webpage. Committee members were recommended to contact EBSCO representative Donna Liss in order to set up EBCO Discovery search box. Boyer shared that EBSCO and other database vendors are transitioning to HTTPS and therefore, consortia libraries will need to edit the URL and EZProxy configuration before December 2018. A webpage with links for each member library will soon be created on the SJVLS website and Boyer will send a list of links for member libraries to edit before the December 2018 deadline.

#### C. Discussion: ERC focus areas.

Boyer discussed the ERC's current role as a recommendation committee and suggested that the committee redirect its focus to digital trends. Boyer asked for committee members to research the following digital trends to present on at future meetings: VR (virtual reality): Bernabe, general databases: Deshpande, self-publishing: Eddy, digitization: Evans, grants: Lawrence and Boyer suggested Wymer research on digital media labs. Digital trends research topics for absent committee members will be determined at future ERC meetings. Other digital trends will be decided Boyer asked that when committee members research digital trends to find resources which will benefit all of the libraries in the consortia. Eddy asked Boyer if SJVLS would be willing to pay for training related to supporting future digital trends and Boyer replied that he would check. Boyer said that the research of digital trends will be an ongoing process. Eddy asked Boyer if the digital trends report will become a regular part of the ERC meeting agenda and Boyer replied yes.

Eddy and Lawrence discussed purchasing ebooks through cloudLibrary. After the conversation between Eddy and Lawrence concluded, it was decided to have Lawrence perform purchasing for cloudLibrary YA books in Kristen Evans' absence. Eddy will email Lawrence information regarding the cloudLibrary ebook budget and calendar of ordering dates.

- VII. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Visalia Branch Library.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.