

Electronic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Teleconference

Present: Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair,) Faythe Arredondo (Tulare County,) Clarisa Bernabe (Fresno,) Smruti Deshpande (Merced,) Heather Eddy (Kern), Tamara Evans (Kings,) Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera,) Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Absent: Rebecca Adams (Mariposa,) Kristen Godinho (Tulare Public)

Others Present: Alberto Martinez (SJVLS, Administrative Librarian)

- 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. Projects for Discussion & Action
 - A. Discussion: Educode grant

Boyer shared with the committee that Martinez has received a grant for SJVLS through Educode to offer online coding classes geared towards children. Martinez provided information on the Educode grant as well the class title that SJVLS libraries will have access to which is “Intro to Javascript.” Martinez stated that SJVLS will have access to “Intro to Javascript” permanently. Martinez expressed that having an online coding class assists in increasing STEM education access to children at all SJVLS libraries. Martinez and Boyer shared their experiences with completing the “Intro to Javascript” class and commented on its ease of use.

Vosburg shared his experience with having two children (aged 10 and 14) compare Educode class to Prenda Code Club which is currently offered at the Coalinga library. Vosburg shared feedback from 10 year old patron which was “didn’t like it, likes Prenda Code Club better since it has more pictures and is more kid friendly” while the 14 year old patron was “really interested in using it because you can start working with it immediately.” Vosburg commented that Educode is a good program but he would like to hear from multiple vendors offering coding for children so the consortium can have access to the best resource possible. Lawrence asked for the Educode website address and Martinez provided the link to Lawrence & committee members via Skype chat. Boyer asked Martinez if committee members could test Educode and Martinez responded that interested committee member can email him for access.
 - B. Discussion: OCLC FirstSearch/WorldCat

Boyer mentioned that Evans had questions regarding SJVLS experience with FirstSearch/WorldCat. Boyer clarified a previous statement he made to Evans via email regarding Fresno which was initially Fresno previously used FirstSearch/WorldCat but they had such a problem with authentication that it was never available outside the library and they finally discontinued it. Boyer

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followed up the previous statement and said that Fresno is still using FirstSearch/WorldCat. Evans said she will contact staff at Fresno County and Tulare County to get feedback on their experience with FirstSearch/WorldCat as well as obtain usage stats before presenting the information to her library director for a final decision.

C. Digitization

Boyer shared with the committee that the SJVLS Digital Collection currently has 9,200 items in over 62 collections available online with the majority of materials coming from Fresno, Kings, and Tulare County. Vosburg commented that within his community, there is a local historian who has scanned Coalinga yearbooks from 1911-1940 in pdf format. Boyer recommended that committee members designate a volunteer to assist with the digitization project. Vosburg responded that while there is no volunteer available to assist with the digitization project at the Coalinga library, he and the previously mentioned volunteer are available to assist with scanned items on the library's behalf. Boyer mentioned that there will be a change in way in which metadata is added to the SJVLS Digital Collection website which will be completed through the use of an Excel spreadsheet.

D. Discussion: System-wide resources

Boyer stated the two newest system-wide resources are New York Times and Encyclopedia Britannica in English and Spanish. Boyer directed any member library which does not have access to these two resources to contact him. Boyer shared that SJVLS' general database contract with EBSCO will be expiring next summer and suggested a timeline in which the committee should work prior to recommending a new general database package such as creating a RFP for database vendors in late summer/early fall 2019, having vendors present to ERC committee in fall 2019, deliberate on general database packages in winter 2019, and recommend general database package to Admin Council – January 2020. Boyer asked committee members to think about what their respective libraries want/need regarding a general database package and make sure that the RFP will not be an all or nothing venture. Lawrence suggested via chat that the consortia obtain access to learning express and digital magazines. Vosburg suggested that the consortia have access to coding club on a system-wide level. Martinez suggested that committee members type up feedback regarding what they want in a future general database package and Boyer replied that he will work on a more formal way to gather committee members feedback.

- VI. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 10:00 AM.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.