



Electronic Resources Committee Minutes

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10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Alyssa Furin (Fresno), Heather Eddy (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Matt Johnson (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Yer Vang (Tulare County), Maria Marquez (Tulare Public)

Absent: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera)

Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville), Chris Wymer (SJVLS), Hondo Rojano (EBSCO)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2023 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Eddy (Kern)

Second: Deshpande (Merced)

The minutes were approved.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: SJVLS Technology Plan Goal – Streamline Electronic Resource Offerings

Boyer shared that Admin Council discussed a technology plan for the system and included the goal of "streamlining econtent offerings." Boyer asked the committee for suggestions of objectives and projects that could meet the goal. Eddy (Kern) suggested adding new types of content such as magazines and movies. Members indicated that patrons frequently ask for streaming movies and music. Member libraries that offer digital magazines see good usage. Committee discussed the possibility of scaling back general database resources in order to add more entertainment resources. Marquez (Tulare Public) expressed concern about eliminating general resources entirely as some patrons do not have other general research resources available to them. Eddy suggested enki for general reference.

Committee members discussed the possibility of moving shared ebook/audiobook collections to other platforms. All member libraries offer OverDrive. Previous discussions about systemwide OverDrive have been inconclusive because a) member libraries who currently participate in the Northern or Southern California Consortium would not be able to access a shared SJVLS collection and b) some member libraries have been resistant to merging their own collections with a potential system collection. The committee also discussed hoopla, but we need to determine if we could provide the types of hoopla resources that patrons want.

Though the committee did not identify specific objectives and projects to include in the technology plan, it will continue to discuss resource priorities for the system to meet the goal identified by Admin Council and to provide resources that patrons want and need.

2. DISCUSSION: Palace Project Updates

Boyer informed the committee of continuing work on patron authentication for Palace Project. Palace and/or the State Library will be holding webinars for people involved in collection development for the statewide ebook collection. The system office will post a press release announcement on sjvls.org. Member libraries can link to that release or use the release on individual library sites. System office will also post a short survey on the catalog to collect user feedback on ebooks, audiobooks, and desired genres.

Marquez asked when libraries can promote Palace Project to users. Boyer stated that libraries could promote that access to Palace Project is coming, but promotion of and linking to the resource will need to wait until authentication is working correctly.

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

Boyer shared that cloudLibrary usage stats are available by jurisdiction and genre if any members are interested.

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively April 20, 2023

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.