



Electronic Resources Committee Minutes

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10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Members Absent: Heather Eddy (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Matt Johnson (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced)

Others Present: None

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Marquez (Tulare Public)

Second: Furin (Fresno)

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: Palace Project Update

Boyer updated the committee on the status of SJVLS libraries' access to Palace Project. Patron authentication is working. Libraries around the state have purchased new titles. SJVLS selectors are working on carts. Each SJVLS library is listed in the Palace Project app. SJVLS patrons can access the State Library Collection and the SJVLS cloudLibrary collection. Member libraries can promote the Palace app to patrons. Lyasis/Palace is still working on integrating OverDrive content. Tara Carpenter might contact each library for help with OverDrive collections.

Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) appreciates the usability of the Palace app and is in the process of creating a Palace information page on Coalinga's website. Marquez (Tulare Public) announced that Tulare Public will include a QR code on their May events calendar to link to the Palace app and collection. Furin (Fresno) asked how long SJVLS libraries would have access to the Palace Project. The State Library is currently working on funding collections for next year. Presumably this will be a long-term, multi-year collection.

2. DISCUSSION: SJVLS Technology Plan and Systemwide Resources

Boyer shared an update on the SJVLS Technology Plan. The second goal, Streamline eContent Offerings, is relevant to the committee. ERC should continue to examine the types of resources we offer systemwide to meet patron needs. Previous discussions have explored patron interests and whether SJVLS provides resources that are accessible, and more frequently used, through local schools and colleges.

Committee looked at staff and director responses to recent surveys on SJVLS resources and what types of resources staff consider valuable. Members suggested a similar survey on resources should be made available to patrons. Boyer will work on survey questions. Survey could be placed on ValleyCat interface, similar to recent patron survey on ebook and eaudiobook preferences.

3. DISCUSSION: Marketing Resources

Members agreed that the discussion be tabled until a future meeting.

4. DISCUSSION: Presentations to Admin Council

Chris Wymer asked about restarting ERC presentations to Admin Council during fall of 2023. Regular presentations were proposed prior to the pandemic but have been inconsistent over the last few years. Presentations could focus on products, services, or new interests. Committee could share results of patron survey on resources, potential resources to meet identified needs, and how those satisfy technology plan goals.

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

None

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively June 15, 2023

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coalinga-Huron: Received a grant for coding training focused on ages 7-17; recently hired a new adult specialist

Fresno: Library has seven new librarian trainees, receiving online resources training this week

Madera: Preparing for Summer Reading; received a grant for Summer Reading presenters

Tulare County: Hired a new Literacy Coordinator

Tulare Public: Providing staff training on Palace Project

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.