Electronic Resources Committee
Minutes

| December 14, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | Tulare Public Library |

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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), Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Yer Vang (Tulare County), Maria Marquez (Tulare Public)

Members Absent: Matt Johnson (Mariposa)

Others Present: Natalie Rencher (Kings)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2023

Motion: Nuhfer (Kings)
Second: Furin (Fresno)
The minutes were approved by majority vote. Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) abstained.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: Reviews SJVLS Collection Development Policy Draft

   Boyer informed the committee that Admin Council had created a subcommittee to create a policy for challenges to materials. Rencher (Kings) added that the Council wanted ERC and Automation Committee to review the draft policy and provide input for revisions.
   Committee members suggested clearer explanation of digital and physical copies, the roles of Electronic Resource and Automation committees, and the distinction between SJVLS and individual member library collections. Members recommended the use of bullet points in the "Reconsideration of Shared Materials" section to match the formatting used in the "Reconsideration of Jurisdiction-Owned Materials" section. Members discussed the inclusion of language from the ALA *Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors*. Members accepted the message as a guiding principle for libraries and suggested that portion be moved to a separate, more prominent position in the policy document.

Boyer will add specific suggestions to the policy draft and provide that to Chris Wymer to be shared with the Automation Committee.

2. DISCUSSION: Review Results of Patron Survey on Digital Resources

Boyer provided members with a summary of results from the Patron Survey on Digital Resources that was active during the month of November. The survey received 435 responses, from patrons of every member library. Categories receiving the most interest included book recommendations, streaming video, online courses, and digital newspapers. Though not included in the categories, eBooks and eAudiobooks were frequently mentioned in the open-ended responses, suggesting high patron interest in those resources as well.
After looking at the statistics for each of the categories, committee members encouraged pursuing resources in the following categories:

- Book recommendations
- Streaming video
- Digital music and streaming audio
- Online courses and learning platforms
- Digital magazines and newspapers
- Language learning
- Automotive and small engine repair
- eBooks and eAudiobooks

Marquez (Tulare Public) stressed the ongoing need for general reference resources. Many patrons asked for improved marketing and tutorials for the resources we offer. The committee recommended that better promotion of resources should also be a priority.
Boyer will contact vendors to ask about resource offerings in these categories in preparation for issuing RFQs later in 2024 with subscriptions to begin in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

Furin (Fresno) asked about the ValleyCat app. Boyer explained that the app is unavailable due to ongoing issues between SirsiDynix and the app developer/vendor. More information will be provided when available.

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

The next meeting will tentatively be held on February 15, 2024 on Microsoft Teams.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boyer shared recent information from ABCmouse and encouraged members to contact the representative if interested in demos, trials, or subscriptions.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.