

Self-Published and Independently Published Materials Roundtable October 5, 2016

Libraries in attendance: Attleboro; Dighton; East Bridgewater; Easton; Halifax; Middleboro; Norfolk; Norton; Pembroke; Seekonk; Taunton; SAILS

What is self-publishing?

- Author only publishes his/her own books and handles all tasks of production/publication
- Self-published items can range from a 3-ring binder of pages printed on a home printer to a local history book or novel that can be purchased on Amazon
- Self-published materials can be both print and nonprint
- An example brought to the roundtable included a tactile picture book with braille printed from a 3D printer by students at the Norton Middle School
- Another example was a local musician's CD that he published himself and donated to the Seekonk Public Library

What is an independent publisher?

- Publishes works of many authors and is not owned or operated by larger, traditional publishing houses (such as Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, Macmillan, etc.)
- A self-publishing author can also be an independent publisher when he or she also publishes works by other authors (in addition to their own works)
- A self-publishing author can use some independent publishers to publish or print their books (examples include: CreateSpace (from Amazon), Blub, Lulu, Xlibris, AuthorHouse)

Creating Request Records for Self-Published and Independently Published Materials

- We walked through many example of items (mostly books) and what to do when key information (such as part or all of the publication information is missing from the book)
- If there is no title page, enter the information from the cover
- If there is no title page verso, look to see if any publication information is printed on the last page
- If any item is missing all of the publication information, enter: No pub. info. in the Publication Info field of the request record
- If there is no publisher's name, but there is a date, enter: No pub. name followed by the date; for example: No pub. name 2016
- Some of these materials may only have a date on the last page of the book; enter that date in the request record
- If the title page verso has one date, but there is a more recent date on the last page of the book, enter that date from the last page in the request record

The next technical services roundtable will be held on Thursday, January 12th from 10am to noon at the Somerset Public Library. The snow date is Thursday, January 26th. The topic of this roundtable will be cataloging of non-traditional library materials.