

SAILS Overdrive Committee conference call meeting

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Amy Shepherdson; Gail Roberts; Ian Dunbar; Jean Gallant; Elise LaForge;

Karen Stefanik; Debby Conrad; Lisa Hart; Jocelyn Tavares; Kristin Slater; Maggie Holmes; Libby Fox

Called to order 2:05 p.m.

Blackstone Audio

Blackstone Audio Always Available Collection as suggested by the SAILS Overdrive Content Specialist will be renewed 8/31/17.

Surveys

The committee will send out a survey to directors to ask their priorities for the service. Questions could include – more emphasis on staff training, decrease holds times, increase circulation, increase circulation to patrons not using the service now but who are comfortable with technology.

The committee will post a survey to patrons asking what they want. Questions could include less wait time for holds, different types or formats of materials, better training

Review and update SAILS purchasing policy

Question – does the network need to continue buying multiple copies of popular titles or should it just seed the collection so Library Advantage libraries and see what is popular?

Answer – No, consortium should begin purchasing just the single copy.

Question – should the network focus on genre / formats not being selected by Library Advantage sites?

Answer – Yes, consortium should begin ordering more audiobooks and genre not being ordered by Advantage Libraries.

Question – should the network entertain testing a Patron Driven Demand experiment for Young Adults to see if circulation can be increased? According to Overdrive we can select the publishers and format and can turn it off whenever we want. The way it works is the publishers catalog is put into the database and if a patron checks out a title we are automatically billed for the purchase.

Answer – Yes, this will be worked out with a conference call to Overdrive to set limits on program.

Curated lists

Question – In addition to the monthly assignments should we update the page more often? We can take the suggested lists from Overdrive and turn them into Curated lists very easily.

Answer – Yes, committee members will begin to do more curated lists.