WPLC Selection Committee,

 Oct 18,2011

Attending: Mary, Gerard, Carol, Jessica, Sara, Ann, Diana

Recruitment for selection committee - take a look at recruitment sheet available through Google Docs. We need more genre selectors. Need a list of expectations for selectors - regular attendance, regular adding to list. Need feedback by October 24th.

Possibility for term limits of selectors. Maybe have term limit with possibility of reappointment every two years.

Justine found example of an eBook selection policy. The sample is more specific than current one. Committee members need to take a look at it. Sample will be emailed out.

Ann asked if Overdrive has a collection policy for the content they offer. Answer: not really. Overdrive purchases catalogs of various publishers. Self-published authors or authors with only five titles or so are asked to join an aggregator (Example IPG) who collects smaller publishers and distribute on their behalf. We can purchase individual titles and upload to content reserve but have to get the rights from individual author/publisher ourselves. An author wanting to sell through Overdrive can go through Overdrive on their own or go through IPG.

WLA convention: Committeee will meet Wed Nov 2 from 3.30 to ? to say "Hi" at WLA. Bob Bocher asked people to speak about WPLC at WLA.

Carol: they have a Overdrive eBook program Wed at 10 AM. Discussing challenges over the past year with patrons using Overdrive.

Inquiry from Proquest to take selection committee out to lunch. A guess that Proquest want to push their product. Wanting to check on this first and see if allowed. Vendor lunches not uncommon but this is a unique situation. Ethics concerns need to be resolved. "If they want to buy me a car and then take me to lunch..."

Review and finalize recommendations: increase holds per patron to 15. Committee response: yes. Increasing checkouts to 10 per patron. Comm. says: yes, if not more. Offer 21 day checkouts for ebooks. Committee: we are able to do this with Overdrive? Allowable for ebooks, not sure on audio. Do we want 21 day on audio? no leave at 14. 21 days on eBooks is a "Yes."

Some publishers still have embargos on titles to Overdrive. Hatchette and Harper Collins and Macmillan. Audible.com does exclusives audio titles, including really popular titles, but does not work with libraries and Overdrive. Some books are Amazon specials unreleased to Overdrive. When asking Overdrive about this we "usually get super generic answers on questions like this."

Jessica: Amazon focus on consumers versus libraries. Overdrive is the one with most clout in this fight. Amazon has potential for many, many more consumers by using library market.

Concerns on official name of Digital Download Center (DDC). Is the name misleading or boring? Other consortia use other names. WPLC site will get refreshed - process starting soon. Now is a good time to change font or name. Discussion ensues. DDC is difficult to find when doing web search. Morton Grove uses "Media Mall". "Downloadable" is a commonly used word. Chicago and Philadelphia have examples of different presentation.

Committee's decisions to bring up official name as a discussion topic at WPLC meeting? Yes.

Budget left for 2011: $60,000. Today's order $25,000. Need $5,000 per month for holds manager. Manual holds orders are done twice a month and average $5,000 per month (holds not patron requests). Need $20,000 for next two months. No answer on whether we can overspend for December. "Should likely do popular titles right now. Not worry about collection depth."

"Last push to show that collection is responding to needs of users." Look to keep todays order at $20,000. Do not want to neglect audio.

Selection list discussion. Costs versus popularity. Winnow list down by pulling older titles for later ordering. Much discussion over title list.

- I had to leave conference call for Lego program -