

Montana Shared Catalog Partners Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 12:00 p.m. (online teleconference)

Roll Call

Bitterroot Public Library (Trista Smith), Darby Community Library (Wendy Campbell), Drummond School-Community Library (Jodi Oberweiser), Imaginelf Libraries (Kim Crowley and Patty Jones), Fallon County Library (Ve Abrams), Glendive Public Library (Dawn Kingstad), Hearst Free Library (Mitch Grady), Lincoln County Libraries (absent), Miles Community College Library (Ann Rutherford), Miles City Public Library (Sonja Woods), Mineral County Public Library (Guna Chaberek), Missoula Public Library and branches (Robert Mueller and Elizabeth Jonkel), North Valley Public Library (Renee McGrath), North Lake County Library District (Marilyn Trosper), Plains District Library (Carrie Terrell), Rosebud County Library & Branch (Cherie Hesper), Whitefish Community Library (Joey Kositzky)

Partners Policy & Procedures committee report

Jodi Oberweiser thanked all participants in the process. The final draft was sent to all participants earlier today (an earlier revision can be disregarded). Please review with your staff and email suggested revisions to Jodi before our next meeting, when we will discuss and vote on the revised document.

Partner Item Types and Circ Rule Proposal

Melody Condron shared the proposal that was presented in December and asked if there were any questions or concerns. None were shared at the meeting. Kim Crowley moved approval, Jodi Oberweiser seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. New rules will be implemented. No one should notice a significant change. (After the vote there was a question about the MAG-PER designation, but that is a system-wide setting that can't be altered by the Partners).

"Won't Lend Account" (combined with Partner Holds item listed later on the agenda)

Elizabeth Jonkel explained that page 14 of revised Policies and Procedures manual gives more clarification about which items can be exempt from Partners lending (provided that a circulating copy is also purchased by the owning library). It's important to set up locally-circulating collections correctly, or else system holds can be placed on them that will never be filled. Contact the MSC if you need assistance setting up a locally-circulating collection. Patty suggested that the final paragraph of this section should be revised to provide for libraries that have lease collections which only lend to

local patrons. Discussion ensued about whether such collections are in the spirit of Partnership. It was decided that comments about this issue should be sent to the committee to present as a revision to the manual at the next meeting.

Committee members include:

Kim Crowley (kcrowley@imagineiflibraries.org)

Elizabeth Jonkel (ejonkel@missoula.lib.mt.us)

Robert Mueller (rmueller@missoula.lib.mt.us)

Patty Jones (pjones@flathead.mt.gov)

And ex-officio:

Amy Marchwick (AMarchwick@mt.gov)

Melody Condron (MCondron@mt.gov)

Partners Contact List

Patty reminded us to email the appropriate (branch) Partners contact person for Partners issues. Renee McGrath suggested checking the contact list even for libraries without branches, since library directors often receive requests that should be routed to other contacts. Elizabeth Jonkel clarified that branch email addresses should be removed from the Partners contact list for Missoula Public Library since all Partners requests are handled centrally. Bottom line: use the specific email on the Partners contact list for Partners issues!

Courier Price Increase

Elizabeth Jonkel reported that Critelli is proposing a price increase from \$5 - \$8/crate. Honore Bray will be meeting with them in conjunction with the Offline conference to see if we can negotiate a lower price.

New Partner

The board of the Columbus library has approved joining with the Partners. They will be visiting Rosebud for training.

Next telephone meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 12:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Renee McGrath, revised 1/23/14