E-Content Committee Meeting
03/10/2020

Attendees

Elizabeth vonTauffkirchen, Pine River Library, Chair

Jeffrey Bullington & Mary Walsh, Adams State

Maura Masters, Basalt Regional Library

Haley Baker, Bemis Public Library

John Major & Alysa Selby, Bud Werner

Oliver Schulz, Colorado Christian University

Yuliya Lef, Colorado Mountain College

Diane Levin, Eagle Valley

Karin Martin, Englewood Public

Darla Baumli, Garfield County

Tallie Gray & Heidi McNinch, Grand County

Di Herald & Jennifer Murrell, Mesa County

Nathalie Crick & Genevieve Smith, Pitkin County

Julie Wilson, Rampart Library District

Jo Norris, Vail Public Library

Tiffanie Wick, Western State Colorado University

Alison Farnham, Wilkinson/Telluride

Lloyd Chittenden, Marmot

Brandon Cole, Marmot

Adam Murray, Marmot

Tammy Poquette, Marmot

Ashley Sneesby, Marmot

Paul Swanson, Minitex

SimplyE App by Minitex Demo - (Paul Swanson, University of Minnesota)

Minitex is working on trying to increase adoption of the app in the library community, help libraries deploy into the platform, as well as add features that would be of special interest to academic libraries. Just to highlight they are doing more than working on academic functionality.

Demo Recording

Q: Will this app work on a Kindle?

A: Not at this time. There has not been much pressure from the community to add that support. However, there is a pathway for that to happen.

Q: Can you advance to a specific page?

A: You can use the contents to jump around, but you cannot get to a specific page.

Q: Does this app have a Dyslexic font setting?

A: There is Open Dyslexic as a font option.

Q: Can duplicate titles be sorted based on availability?

A: Duplicates titles happen when you have the same title offered by different content providers. The app merges collections, but that merge does not merge records. There are options for your search results that can be turned on with the server looking for titles that are available. There is a way to set a filter to only show things that are available on the back end.

Q: What is the logic behind it when there are duplicates from different content providers? Is one preferred for checkout, or is that something the patron has to decide?

A: The patron would decide. Each book gets a score based on the quality of metadata. This is how search results will typically be ordered when there is a tie.

Q: Can you sort by eBooks or Audiobooks?

A: You can filter by either content type. It is listed on the front page with all the swim lanes [or collections].

Q: Are there archives for the created Lanes?

A: No, there is not an archive of created Lanes. You could create a Lane and not have it be visible. The Lane would still be listed in your Lane manager, but not appear in the client.

Q: Are you in conversation with any of the academic vendors like EBSCO?

A: On the academic side, Columbia University is leading the charge for the academics. They have a pilot planned with Elsevier to have some of their titles work in the application.

Q: Who hosts the SimplyE application?

A: Go to https://librarysimplified.org/ and click on the service providers.

Macmillan Purchasing (group vs. individual library) (Liz)
- When a library purchases a Macmillan title with its Advantage account, it does not get shared with any other library.
- When a patron goes to Marmot OverDrive and searches the collection, they would not see any Advantage Macmillan titles unless they were logged in, and their library purchased it.
- Each library contributed to the fund to help purchase Macmillan shared titles that any patron would see without having to log in.
- We have plenty of money in that fund for purchases.
- Liz would like to encourage people who want to purchase a Macmillan title to send that information to Alysa so she can purchase the shared title at the low $30 cost.
- You can purchase a second copy for your library to help bring down the hold list for your patrons.
- Having Alysa purchase the consortial copy will help to keep the collection looking unified for all the library shared patrons.
- Since you all contributed to the Macmillan shared fund that money should be spent before you spend any of your own money.
- The Macmillan purchasing that Alysa does for the consortium is only for the $30 one copy, one user titles and not for the metered access copies.

New York Times Pricing (Adam)
- Adam shared the pricing for all the Marmot libraries for one year and three years for the New York Times online edition.
- Marmot would be billed for the total amount and internally work out how to handle the cost per each library.
- Marmot did a first draft of the breakdown of percentage pricing using the total population. They used that percentage to apply to either the one year or three-year annual cost to get some method to break down that annual cost.
- Adam was just curious about the level of interest. He realized that people have not budgeted for this cost, but wondered if people would be interested enough to redirect funds within a library's collection budget towards this deal.
- He asked people to put "yes" or "no" into the spreadsheet.
- We have not discussed what the start date would be for this subscription yet. The start date would depend on participation.
- Lloyd asked what would happen for someone who already has a multi-year contract for the same product.
- Adam replied that we would have to talk to the New York Times people about it.
- Liz asked about what happens when some libraries want it, but other libraries do not want it. She wanted to know if we will have to get a new quote.
- Adam thinks there are a couple of different routes:
  o we could go back and get a new quote for the libraries who are interested in the product
  o he would talk to the Board about having the New York Times as part of the products offered to the Marmot voting members this would be along with an ILS and Pika.

- **Action Item**: Adam will continue to ask people to respond to the spreadsheet about their interest in the New York Times. He will get in touch with the reps to talk about how it might work to have this as part of the Marmot voting membership.

Update since the meeting: The New York Times people are going to look at the pricing grid that Marmot created to see if they can make some adjustments that might work better for larger libraries. They will also create a pricing grid for the libraries that seemed interested in moving forward with a subscription.

The next meeting is on April 14th at 1 p.m.