Resource Sharing Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, January 25th, 2022, 1:00-2:00 pm

online via Zoom

Please register online at:

https://railslibraries.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpfuiqrjssGtIL-
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PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public will be able to chat or speak during the virtual Zoom meeting during the public comment. Public comments may be submitted via email to Carolyn.Coulter@prairiecat.org at least two hours before the meeting.

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions
   Present via Zoom: Chelsey DeSplinter (PrairieCat), Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Beth Ryan (Chair-JO), Pennie Miller (PP), Dana Fine (PR), Kim Brozovich (RP), Nicole Johnson (LP), Krystal Waugamon (PT), Lynne Noffke (LI), John Slanicky (PrairieCat), Connie Baele (MG), Jen Finnerty (NC)Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat)

   Absent: Debbie Griggs (TC), Sondra Terry (MU)

   Ryan (Chair-JO) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments
   There were no visitors or public comments.

3. Review agenda for additions/changes
   There were no revisions.

4. Approval, minutes from 10/26/2022 and 11/29/2022
   Motion #1: Miller (RL) moved and Johnson (LP) seconded <u>to approve the October 26, 2022 minutes and the November 29, 2022 minutes as presented.</u> There was no discussion on the motion. Motion carries by roll call.

   Ayes: 7
   Nays: 0
   Abstentions: 0
   Discussion:

5. Discussion, "age" facet in Vega
   Coulter (PrairieCat) explained a member library asked about Vega's age facet because it does not work as she would have expected. When trying to limit a search by a certain age, the results are inaccurate. Slanicky (PrairieCat) described that in the bib records there is a single character representation for the target audience, by default, this field is blank. Our database consists of records that created in the 70's, 80's, and 90's. Back then juvenile was acceptable for anything that was not adult. Juvenile was not broken down into subcategories (preschool, preteen, teen) so as a result, a large part of our database that has the audience field blank or coded as the generic juvenile.

Coulter said she was asked if we should hide age brackets if they are not accurate and will confuse people. Miller (PP) pointed out the age groups in Vega overlap which would also cause inaccurate search results. Ryan (JO) agrees and thinks these age groups should be hidden until the catalog gets cleaned up. Coulter asked the Committee if we should hide the age facet from the patrons all together. Is it better to take away search option or leave it knowing it will not be accurate? Fine (PR) thinks having the option to filter for age will be beneficial to their patrons. Ryan asked if we could make it so you can only search for juvenile or adult, eliminating some of the confusion with the overlapping age groups. Johnson (LP) asked if Vega would be capable of showing only juvenile and adult to the patrons, but on the back side we would still have the other subcategories. Coulter wondered the same thing. Noffke (LI) said at the end of the day, it is about accessibility for the patrons. Miller agreed if we close some of those age groups then we are limiting access to information. Coulter suggested she look into being able to refine the age groups, to group some of them together. Johnson agreed, suggesting lumping juvenile, primary, preteen together, leaving teen, and rolling up adult and general audience into one. The Committee agrees, Carolyn will reach out to Vega to find out what the options available.

6. Public comments
   There were no public comments

7. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 26th, 2023, 1:00-2:00 pm, Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club or online via Zoom

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