

Selection Committee Minutes 8/23/11

Present: Sara Gold, Gerard Saylor, Carol Kuntzelman, Diana Sandberg, Inese Christman, Jessica MacPhail, Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, Heidi Cox, Darcy Moore, Annie Bahringer, Renee Ponzio, Mary Knapp

Budget Update: Balance \$118,091, \$82,000 of LSTA funds must be spent by Dec 3.

The plans for spending the funds include:

1. Subscribing to the Lonely Planet Maximum Access plan for 25 titles. Cost approx. \$7,000 per year. Sara has asked overdrive for some clarification, can we substitute some number of titles if we find some are not circulating, and will they change automatically to most recent additions when they are published. Mary worked with Kathy Kube, MPL's travel book selector, and with a list from Overdrive of their most popular titles and produced a suggested order list. Sara will route to committee for input and changes. We wanted a mix of popular overseas destinations with an emphasis on North America.
2. There is interest in adding a subscription to Disney Digital books, at \$7500 for 652 live streamed titles. Again, we need some more information from Overdrive, specifically about downloading, are they accessible on mobile devices, and general ease of use. Consensus is that these would be popular. There are samples on the Disney site.
<http://disneydigitalbooks.go.com/web/html/storefront/homepage.html>
3. Sara proposed increasing the Holds Manager plan to get the ebooks down to a ratio of 1 for every five holds. After the max access plan(s) half of the remaining funds would go to reducing the holds list, with the plan in effect twice a month, after which Sara would reevaluate.
4. All remaining funds would go to new titles. Interest was expressed in enhancing youth and YA collections, as well as the ever popular romance genre.

Title list reviewed and some changes made. Order total approximately \$27,000

Selection Subcommittee has not yet met, Sara will set something up after Labor Day. Charge: to update selection policy (To include digital content, very few templates exist right now) and to discuss make up and charge of Selection Committee as ebook budgets increase.

WPLC update was presented by Sara.

Congratulation to LD Farge PL in Lake Mills for having the 1 millionth checkout and to all of us for providing such a popular service!

Mary and Sara provided a brief Digipalooza update.

Next meetings: Sept 20, Oct18, and Nov15, all at 2 pm

Sara will send out a Doodle poll to see who could meet at WLA in Milwaukee

Recorded by Mary Knapp