



SHARE E-Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, September 25, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Kyla Waltermire called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present via Zoom: *Kyla Waltermire, Jenna Dauer, Lauren Erwin, Alissa Henkel (left at 3:55 p.m.), Sarah Hill, Kami Komm, and Laura Picato.*

Members absent: *Janet McAllister.*

Others present via Zoom: *Jennifer Baugh, Danielle Beasley, Troy Brown, Jace Cook, Angela Garrett with Flora Public Library, Zach Henderson, Tina McCormack with Flora Public Library, Dena Porter, Cassandra Thompson, and Jessalyn Ummel with Lincoln Public Library District.*

Approval of March 27, 2023, Minutes

A motion and second were made to approve the March 27, 2023, minutes. Kyla Waltermire – yes, Jenna Dauer – yes, Lauren Erwin – yes, Alissa Henkel – yes, Sarah Hill – yes, Kami Komm – abstain due to technical issues, Laura Picato – yes. Motion carried.

SHARE Update

IT will be performing scheduled maintenance on Oct. 9, 2023, at 6 p.m. Upgrades to the servers for Polaris will be made, and there will be a service outage for the remainder of the evening. Messages about the maintenance will be displayed on the PAC, cloudLibrary, and Polaris to inform patrons and library staff of the maintenance.

The SHARE Finance and Policy Committee recently held three town hall meetings to discuss member fee increases. A recording of the first meeting is available on the homepage of the SHARE website.

Database cleanup is underway for the Aspen project, and all public libraries have been contacted to help. School libraries are next to be contacted.

SHARE staff will be present at the Association for Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) conference on Oct. 1–3, 2023, and at the Illinois Library Association (ILA) conference on Oct. 24–26, 2023. A celebration for the tenth anniversary of eRead Illinois will be held on Oct. 24, 2023, at ILA. Members are encouraged to attend and visit with SHARE staff at each conference.

New Business

- **SHARE Resource Sharing Specialist Update** – The holds ratio for cloudLibrary has been reduced significantly, with most items having ten or fewer holds. The bulk of spending for cloudLibrary has been on keeping holds ratios down. The SHARE Resource Sharing Specialist has met with representatives from Hoopla to discuss their consortial products. Blackstone has

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also been consulted. These meetings were held in the interest of comparing the available products for e-reading to ensure that any products offered by SHARE are the best option for members.

- **Aspen Update** – Aspen implementation has moved forward, and the first cohort group has been contacted to inform of the schedule and to collect branding information. SHARE staff will also be trained on the platform, and the first cohort group is expected to go live in mid-December.
- **SHARE Mobile Library Ratings** – The age rating of the SHARE Mobile Library app is currently 18+, which has caused issues for school libraries as many of the student's devices have age restrictions for downloading apps. The app is rated as 18+ because it utilizes an internal browser for some functions, and there is no way for Solus to restrict the viewable content. To get around this issue, Solus can instead shift from an internal browser to an external browser, which can have its own age restrictions set by the device. If Solus were to switch to an external browser, the app would then have an age rating of 4+. **A motion and second were made to adjust the age rating for the SHARE Mobile Library App by utilizing an external browser over an internal one to provide results to users. Kyla Waltermire – yes, Jenna Dauer – yes, Lauren Erwin – yes, Sarah Hill – yes, Kami Komm – yes, Laura Picato – yes. Motion carried.**
- **cloudLibrary Loan Periods** – Another avenue to reduce hold items for cloudLibrary would be to change the loan period of materials from three weeks to two weeks. The committee expressed concerns over having different loan periods from physical materials and patrons not having enough time with cloudLibrary materials. No change was recommended.
- **Other** – None

Unfinished Business

- **Other** – None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

The ILA Public Policy Committee has set its legislative agenda for the year. Their focus this year is to tackle fair pricing of e-resources from a consumer's rights perspective, as e-resources have had significant increases in pricing.

Next meeting

Monday, March 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

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