

Ebook Working Group Meeting Notes
November 18, 2014 2pm

1. Notes from October 15th meeting were approved.

2. FAQ update [Jim]: Postponed until next meeting.

3. Walk-in policy update [Serin & Kathi]

The draft walk-in access policy was sent to the CDMC Steering Team, slight revisions were made, and it was then sent on to the wider CDMC group for comments. Once feedback is received, the next step will be to get final approval from the appropriate party in the new Alliance structure.

4. Mediated loan notification [Serin]

In the past, Kathi, Linda, and Jim were set up to receive notifications when a patron requested more than 15 short term loans in one day. They would contact the DDA Liaison at the patron's institution, and permission would be granted or the patron would be asked to wait until the next day. Serin will draft some basic documentation about who will be notified and how this process will be handled in the future. We discussed options for these notifications going to the Ebook Working Group chair, Alliance program manager, and the new e-resources person.

5. Ebrary activation policy and CZ records [Kathi]

Kathi raised two outstanding ebrary issues: record quality in the Community Zone and the need for more direction on how to manage loading records for those not using the Community Zone records. Interest was expressed in recommending that libraries activate ebrary records in the Community Zone to make them discoverable, but we decided to hold off on mandating this for now. As a minimum we'd like to encourage libraries to place their institution-specific ebrary URL on their list of databases or library website, if they haven't already loaded the ebrary records. Each institution can access their ebrary usage statistics and Kathi will check with Neil about Alliance-wide statistics. Kathi will also work on outreach to libraries that haven't yet made ebrary available.

6. EBL/ebary merge, platform technology and working group/alliance position statement [Serin & Kathi]

a. Statistics vs. easy authentication vs. linking and NZ management

Neil discussed the trade-offs involved in deciding between IP authentication and having users login to the new EBL/ebary merged platform, including privacy issues, usage statistics, walk-in access, and managing records in the NZ. Questions were raised about how institution-level usage statistics could be generated with IP authentication, and the parent-child relationship. Kathi suggested generating a list of goals we'd like, such as: IP authentication, a single URL, and the ability to analyze use by institution. Neil will discuss this with Ken, and Serin and Kathi will continue to work on this next week.

7. Charleston take-aways for DDA: postponed due to lack of time.

8. In-person meeting proposal for early 2015 [Serin]

Serin recommended an in-person meeting for the Ebook Working Group in mid to late January to discuss a number of major upcoming issues, including the annual survey, strategies for budget management and/or program changes, communication channels, and the annual report for the Board meeting in February.

9. Budget update [Kathi]

Good news! At this point 66% of the budget remains. We've spent 34% of the budget and we're 37% through the year, so we're right on target.