

ERAC Meeting

May 12th, 2014

Huntington Memorial Library in Oneonta

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Attending: Mary King (GR), Sarah Livingston (ON), Claire Ottman (CV), Sherry Kowalski (BCPL), Connie Dalrymple (NO), Megan Biddle (4CLS), facilitator Pamela Brown (4CLS).

1. Introductions
2. Replacement for Ben Lainhart on the committee
It was discussed among the committee members and decided to ask Dawn Rogers Kroll from Walton to join the committee. She has since accepted.
3. Review of the 2014 Research Center aggregated report
Based upon the numbers, it was discussed and agreed that both the Auto Repair and Gale Testing databases will be dropped, and the resulting money will go into adult non-fiction downloadables for the Download Zone.
4. Review of the budget for the Research Center and the products provided
Four County's annual budget for the Research Center was reviewed, and quotations that had been obtained for adding a language-learning product from Mango or Consumer Reports were discussed. However, it was decided not to pursue either product at this time. At least for the short-term, free websites that help in learning another language, as recommended by committee members, will be added to the Research Center,
5. Review of Download Zone usage for 2014
6. Review of selection assignments for the Download Zone
No changes were made to the current schedule.
7. Discussion of recommended changes for the Download Zone website
OverDrive has an option to create a multi-language interface that gives users the ability to change the language of the site (but not of the books). It was decided there is no need for this yet. It was agreed that, if possible, a children's room will be added. The "Recommend To Library" feature has been implemented and will be used to help with collection development. Each user is being restricted to 3 recommendations per month.
8. Around the table with other topics
Megan will look into the possibility of making titles always available, the difference in price and what are the most popular titles. Megan will also look into music and video pricing through OverDrive for the next meeting.
9. Fall 2014 meeting: To be determined