LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
Mac Committee Meeting Summary
January 8, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members Present: Jeff Lezman (LL), Sheryl VanderWagen (LL), Jean Zabielski (LL), Julie Veneziano (LL), Damian Rostar (SM), Mary Aguilera (SM), Kerry FitzGerald (OL), Alison Boyer (OL), Karen Ginman (HO), Allison VanDenBos-Hipskind (HO)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call –
   We introduced ourselves and welcomed Karen Ginman who is the new Collection & Digital Resources Manger for Herrick District Library.

2. Graphic Novel Serial and Multi-volume Records –
   Karen Ginman introduced this topic for discussion. Herrick District Library is currently using the Bibliocommons discovery platform for displaying catalog holdings. The rest of the Lakeland cooperative will be moving over to the Bibliocommons platform later in 2021.

   One of the features of Bibliocommons is that it will display all available formats for a title including both print, electronic, and audio. However, for any bibliographic records where attached item records have information entered in the volume field, Bibliocommons does not display the other available formats. This is especially problematic with graphic novels as these titles often have multiple formats available.

   Other issues with using serial or multi-volume records for graphic novels include the lack of cover images for each volume and the need to run both bib-level and item-level paging lists. Bib-level holds are also much better for patrons than item-level holds as they tend to be filled more quickly and more reliably.

   There are issues to consider if we move forward with "de-serializing" graphic novels. There is the need to retrain staff who attach item records, the time and cost of retro-cataloging the serial records, and the cost to send the de-serialized records through authority control. Also, there are Youth Services staff and patrons who like to have all the volumes display on a single record. It makes placing holds on multiple items much simpler. Staff who prefer to use Sierra will have a different experience placing holds than staff and patrons who are using Bibliocommons.

   We decided to revisit this issue after Bibliocommons is rolled out to all Lakeland libraries. We felt it would be easier to explain the reasons for making this change if staff can see the benefit as they use the new catalog platform.

   We decided to begin using monographic records for new graphic novel series that are starting with volume one.

We also decided to compile some guidelines for how to format the title fields for the monographic records of graphic novel series. Jeff Lezman will put together the guidelines and distribute them to MAC members.

3. Material Type code for Videogames
    Sheryl VanderWagen introduced this topic. We had a request from one of our member libraries to change the "CD-ROM" material type code to "Videogames." The reason for this request is that most of the materials that library has coded this way are videogames and not CD-ROMs. Sheryl wondered if there were any actual CD-ROMs in the catalog and if we could change the label on the code instead of creating a new code. Both Kerry FitzGerald and Damien Rostar believed there were CD-ROM materials in their library's local history collections.

    We decided to create a new material type code rather than change the existing CD-ROM code.

4. Other
    No other topics were introduced

    The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

    Respectfully submitted,

    Jeff Lezman