

April 7, 2010 Media Meeting
SCLS

Meeting began 10 am

Key highlighted points

MP3 CD's

some libraries are cataloging them. All is going well thus far.
Code S in millenium for book on MP3.

Audio Book Prices.

Books on Tape is lowering their prices to compete with Midwest tapes, and other vendors "lower prices," Questions about weather or not the audio books from Midwest tape are after market copies? Cases are more durable, however an audio book with 2 CD's comes packed in large box from Midwest.

Companies to look at Tantor Media, Blackstone Audio, BBC Books on tape etc...

Audio Cassette Books - Most libraries are weeding them, low circulation and space issues.

VHS tapes - many libraries are weeding tapes due to low circulation and space issues. The group has decided to try something new. We are calling it a tape exchange. For example if Sachem has a 6 tape set of "Lord Peter Wimsey," season 1 and they are missing tape 5, they may decide to hold on to the set and see if another library has a broken up set. If East Hampton has tape 5 and no other tapes in the series we will send it to them so they can have a complete set. This can even work for audio books. It was decided that a wiki might be a good way to monitor this.

DVD packaging issues - discussed in great depth. Avatar was discussed due to the possible 3D glasses issue. A Suggestion was made to look at <http://www.3dglasesdirect.com/>

3D glasses direct. The glasses can be bought in bulk for about

.30 cents each.

New forms of DVD lending were discussed. Several libraries in the United States have been utilizing the services of "Redbox," and DVD express to lend DVD's Feb Article in Library Journal

2/2/10 - Library Journal Article <http://www.libraryjournal.com/index.asp?layout=articlePrint&articleID=CA6717298>

Several libraries testing this out

- 1.) Princeton and Plainfield NJ
- 2.) Charlotte and Mcklenberg NC
- 3.) Henderson NV libraries
- 4.) Orange County FL
- 5.) Lexington KY

Many problem issues surround this, such as stolen DVD's, beaten up machine, discs half hanging out, and credit card issues. Patrons would have to pay a dollar and put it on their debit or credit card to receive the film, late charges would go on their credit card. This is a story that we should pay close attention to.

Rosetta Stone

Loading Rosetta stone on one computer for patrons to use. It was decided that if a library has space for a language computer it may be ok to put Mango specifically on that one computer. Mango has improved their database. It would be cheaper to use Mango since the library already subscribes to it.

Suffolk Wave:

The down loadable films from Suffolk Wave will not be available any longer. System is trying out a few new film packages with possibly better quality films, at a better price.

