

Talking Book Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Present: Dana Ard, Stephanie Bailey-White, Pam Davenport, Val Duffy, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Judy Mooney, Katy Place, Candace Reynolds, Catherine Stanton, Sue Walker, Lisa Watson, Rachel Welker, Travis Wilson, Nancy Wise

Agenda item was to receive a National Library Service (NLS) update from Idaho's regional consultant, Pamela Davenport. Highlights are listed below:

Equipment:

- The MOCA project that allowed users without internet access to download BARD titles using a device enabled with wi-fi provided good information as next generation player is developed.
- Exploring the possibility of users using their own devices to download titles from resources other than BARD.
- NLS plans to continue to loan players to those who need them

Electronic Braille display (eReader):

- Libraries will have option of circulating from their library or having them circulated from Utah State Library.
- The number of players allocated to each regional library will depend on the number of registered Braille readers in that state.
- Will develop a prototype and test before manufacturing in quantity.
- Currently finalizing the contract with the developer.
- Question about the number of cells the eReader will have. Pam will investigate.

Commercial books: Increasing number of commercial producers are providing titles. Intent is to use commercial producers whenever possible.

Marrakesh Treaty: Treaty signed by President Trump will increase the ability to borrow titles not holding an American copyright. Spain is the biggest holder of Spanish titles. NLS is working out the details of how to lend TBS materials, but regional libraries will not be allowed to lend materials directly.

Duplication on Demand: Web-Reads users are using the NLS duplication on demand software. Keystone is developing an interface between KLAS and this software/equipment.

Promotion of NLS: Ongoing outreach campaign. Media is activated every 6 weeks on a variety of media such as TV and radio. A large print card has been developed for adults with another one being developed for children.