

Ending Reciprocal Holds Ad Hock Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:30am on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 9:31 AM by Ms. Hemsley.

Introductions

Nicole Hemsley, Committee Chair, Amsterdam Free Library (AMS)

Rebecca Verhayden, Recorder, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library (CPH)

Caitlin Costa, Crandall Public Library (GLE)

Trevor Oakley, Saratoga Springs Public Library (SAR)

Carmel Patrick – Schenectady County Public Library (SCP)

Tina Chericoni Versaci – Schenectady County Public Library (SCP)

Michele Largeteau – Joint Automation Project (JA)

Jason Thompson – Joint Automation Project (JA)

Sharon O'Brien – Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS)

Jill Ryder – Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS)

New Business

- **Explore what the approach shall be to ending reciprocal holds between the SCP and other MVLS/SALS libraries.**
 - Discussion of whether reciprocal holds should end in advance and the difficulties involved with items returned after SCP's withdrawal from JA.
 - Discussion of possible extension of SCP's withdrawal date from original September 4, 2024. No extension has been formally proposed but this is a possibility.
 - Discussion of options to ease transition including; changing renewal settings, continuing reciprocal holds until day of transition or ending reciprocal holds sooner. Conversation about the logistics of how long items circulate, the renewal settings and the timeline to bill for lost

materials. Also, the staff time at SALS and MVLS to implement any possible changes and any possible public relations concerns.

- A motion was made by Ms. Hemsley, seconded by Ms. Verhayden that the member libraries of both Mohawk Valley Library System and Southern Adirondack Library System recommend ending reciprocal holds four months before Schenectady County Public Library's withdrawal from the Joint Automation Project.

Motion passed with 4 in favor, 2 against and 4 abstentions from Ms. Largeteau, Mr. Thompson, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Ryder as they do not represent member libraries.

Adjournment at 10:13 AM by Ms. Hemsley.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Verhayden

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