

ILS Products Committee Minutes

11:05 a.m. Chair Adam Van Sickle called meeting to order. In attendance were: Adam Van Sickle, Beth Hronek , Paul Pidde, Wendi Walton, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, Desiree Saunders, Brian Greene, Marci Mock.

Missing: Faith Johnson

- I. Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m. Welcome Beth Hronke from Northwest Community College. Icebreaker.
- II. Minutes: Wendi moved to approve the minutes; Paul seconded. Motion Carried.
- III. No additions or changes to the agenda.
- IV. Reader's Advisory Tools:
 - a. Wendi thought that Novelist and Library Thing were similar. She noticed that there were no local reviews. Des commented that typically all will carry national reviews because your patrons are not going to have a wide reading variety.
 - b. Beth liked Novelist. It did a more transparent job of recommendations than others.
 - c. Paul liked Library Thing better because it had more similar reader's tastes options.
 - d. Adam asked definition of which product is offering Professional reviews and who offers patron's reviews. Des will do some further investigation for next meeting. She will also look to see if Novelist does allow outside reviews. She didn't think they did. Novelist really stands out with easy access to Series and Series Order. Paul noticed that Library thing doesn't offer the Series options of Novelist.
 - e. Brenda said she offered to staff to see which they preferred. Library Thing was 1st and then Chili Fresh. She really liked the Readers reviews in Chili Fresh and it promoted unity for patrons to offer reviews. She also liked the FB link. Des said that the FB link can be added to Enterprise. Adam asked if the "likes" were tabulated. Des said she would check Release Notes.
 - f. Adam queried 5 staff and Library Thing and Novelist were tied. Chili Fresh was far behind with staff recommendations. So final consensus was that novelist and Library Thing were preferred tools.
 - g. Des said that integrating Goodreads is a no-cost addition because it is patron based. Brian added that Sirsi/Dynix has an add-on with Ebsco and Novelist.
- V. Catalogs:
 - a. Look at the 3-4 catalogs with rigorous searching to clarify the benefits of the products of Novelist and Library Thing. Also try to contact libraries to get those libraries input.
 - b. Des, and Paul were going to PLA and will talk to Ebsco and Library Thing. If you have specific questions for Library Thing please email Paul those questions. Also please remember to reply all for the questions for either service so we are all in system together.
- VI. Next Step: Is the concept for regions and strategies for working with Representatives to share info. Assignment bring 1 idea on how to contact libraries for next meeting.
- VII. Meeting adjourned 11:51 a.m.

Next Meeting April 2016.

Respectfully Submitted

Marci Mock