POWER Library Report to the Governor’s Advisory Council

October 2018

E-resource Update

Fiscal year 2018 brought changes to the POWER Library e-resources. July 31st marked the end of select EBSCO subscriptions and the ProQuest SIRS Discoverer subscription. Access to the new Gale e-resource subscriptions began effective August 1, 2018. The changes to the e-resources lineup necessitated programming changes within the POWER Library portal: The authentication system was updated with additions and deletions for databases; the e-resources List All and List by Subject pages were updated; custom authentication links for EBSCO and SIRS Discoverer were removed; new links for Gale e-resources were created; the POWER Kids page was updated and Gale e-resource databases were added to the statistics reporting system. Fall training was entirely focused on the new Gale products and occurred in nine locations across Pennsylvania.

HSLC negotiated a group purchase with ProQuest for libraries to purchase individual subscriptions at a 40-50% discount. Program information is available at: https://www.hslc.org/proquest/

PA Photos and Documents Update

The RFP for the PA Photos and Documents software was posted in April and 6 vendors submitted proposals. A review committee consisting of HSLC staff and Martina Soden from the Scranton Public Library watched vendor demonstrations and scored the proposals. Each proposal was scored on software features, functionality, and cost. The proposal receiving the highest score was submitted by Discovery Garden, which was selected as the next vendor for the PA Photos and Documents service software.

discoverygarden supports the open source product, Islandora. Islandora is supported for harvesting by PA Digital and DPLA. To facilitate a successful transition, discoverygarden will provide a CONTENTdm to Islandora migration tool. The target Go Live date for collections hosted on the Islandora platform is January 2019.

For information about discoverygarden please see: https://www.discoverygarden.ca/. For information about Islandora, please see: https://islandora.ca/