

PubPac Committee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2010

10 a.m.

The committee took time to review the different formats that would be used for the advanced search and facets. This is the list that was decided, based on what we would most likely be able to get from the item type combos and 538 field in the MARC record.

- Formats
 - Books
 - Music on CD
 - Books on CD
 - DVDs
 - Blu-Ray
 - Videocassettes
 - Audiocassettes
 - Magazines
 - Kits, toys & games
 - Video games & software
 - Playaways
 - Downloadables
- For basic search:
 - Books
 - Videos
 - Music
 - Audiobooks
 - Magazines

In-library access: We had a discussion of how people would be able to access SOPAC in the library. The question is if we would keep it as we currently have it, where patrons are prompted each time they want to access their account, place a hold, etc. The options are as follows:

- Kiosk mode – based on a cookie. This would work the same as now – patrons forced to log in each time.
- Patrons log in as themselves for sessions and then need to log out or have to wait for session to expire. The session expiration would not be set to very long.

It was decided that giving the libraries the option is fine – either to set a cookie or teach the patrons to log out, but everyone at the table would take the cookie option because patrons don't log out. They leave their email logged in all the time.

We also needed to decide if it would be ok for the login screen to be another page, instead of having it incorporated on the place holds page, for example. We all thought

that would be fine, since they would then be taken to the page / activity they were last performing.

Feeds – do we have any definite feeds we can start to include?

We will come up with more some ideas. For now, having the feed for local library news is a good idea. Also want to see if we can get something from forthcoming books.

Best sellers –

We talked about Laurie is working on to get the current list of NYTimes best sellers list with the catalog links using the NY Times API. The current way iBistro gets the lists is through Symphony, but it's not clear if this will work for us anymore. Someone mentioned BookList gets the best sellers for their library and this does link to the catalog.