

NHLA Technical Services Committee Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendees: Angela Brown (Amherst Town Library), Alex Planchak (Manchester City Library), Anne Murphy (Bedford Public Library)

1). Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm

2.) New Business:

a.) Please be reminded that NELA and NHLA will hold a joint meeting for the Fall Conference. Angela suggested that we propose a technical services table talk. She hosted a virtual one at the 2020 NELA conference and it was quite successful. Table talks are fairly easy to plan and would afford tech services staff from all over New England a chance to meet face-to-face. If anyone has ideas for a tech services focused presentation, please send them to the group by our next meeting. NELA needs proposals by May 6th.

b.) The second Ask-a-cataloger meeting is scheduled for April 26th at our regular time 2-3 pm. Does anyone have ideas for a short presentation before we open up for Q&A? The last Ask-A-Cataloger meeting was November 16, 2021 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. We did not take minutes.

Angela suggested a basic primer on MARC cataloging, RDA, or authority control as possible topics to discuss.

Anne suggested that we could discuss how non-catalogers can enhance discoverability by adding pertinent notes in the short view of their respective OPACs so the public can distinguish between like material. Anne referenced the method recently employed by Martha Simmons (HPL) in the GMILCS OPAC for the Spanish version of a CloudLibrary Electronic Audio title that was not displaying as such. Martha added a clarifying note in the title field of the MARC record to distinguish that the item is in Spanish. This helps the public select the correct item.

Alex asked if there was a specific question proposed at the last Ask-a-Cataloger Q&A session that our group might not have been fully answered? We agreed to consult our notes and to check with others at the meeting to verify this.

c.) Topics from the floor: A member of the Auburn Library is the new NHLA Education Chair with Paralibrarian's group. Angela will touch base to discern their interest in collaboration.

Next meeting: "Ask-A-Cataloger" scheduled for April 26, 2022 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Any ideas for questions or presentations, please submit by email to Angela by March 22, 2022.

3.) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.