PalsPlus Digital Committee Meeting

January 25, 2021

NOTES

Participants: Bernadette Titterington, Wayne PL, Heather Manley Caldwell, Ringwood PL, Luca Manna, PalsPlus, Gloria Abero, Clifton PL

OVERDRIVE BANNER - Update

Luca mentioned that there are still Christmas lists up in OverDrive. We should "kill" those lists and come up with new topics to promote digital books. He suggested asking other staff in our Departments to update the Overdrive banners, so we would have lists we can resource to when needed. Khusboo is excellent at working on YA books. Perhaps Juliana for Children's and maybe Heather for adults?

Bernadette said she and Gloria would get in touch to work together this week on updating the Children's OverDrive banner.

RB DIGITAL MIGRATING TO LIBBY

Luca said that today was the day where all the digital magazines should be available on the Libby platform. They would still be visible on RB Digital for several weeks until patrons get used to checking them out via Libby. However, he was not sure that the service was up and running today. Patrons would see an explanatory message when opening both platforms.

Luca will modify the Digital Magazines Brochure and update the PalsPlus website to reflect the changes.

WORKSHOPS

Brainfuse

Bernadette brought up the fact that Brainfuse is now available free to the libraries via NJ State Library, so it will not be supported anymore by PalsPlus. Luca is working on the refund to the libraries that had purchased the service via PalsPlus. Bernadette volunteered to do a pop-up workshop on Brainfuse, although it is not a PalsPlus service anymore. Luca agreed, and it will be offered sometime in February.

RBDigital

Heather mentioned the necessity of offering a workshop about the migration of RBDigital to Libby. Heather and Luca will work on it. This workshop will also be presented in February.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2021

The Committee agreed to meet the second Monday each month to avoid overlapping dates with the Youth committee meeting. The dates were set up until December 2021.