



LACONI TSS Roundtable
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Zoom

Dr. Seuss Enterprises has removed publication of 6 books with racist imagery. What are library staff doing with these 6 titles in their collection? All 6 books have increased holds since the announcement.

- Libraries such as La Grange are setting the book(s) to Reference or in-house only status.
- Tinley Park is circulating their copies as usual.
- The SWAN consortium created a BLUECloud Analytics report so SWAN libraries can see where their copies are (checked-out, in transit between libraries, on shelf).

RAILS reduced the quarantine period of ILL books to 24 hours on February 24th. Most libraries in the Roundtable indicated they have moved to a 24-hour quarantine; Lisle remains at 4-day quarantine. Discussion of newspaper availability to patrons – many libraries have cancelled their print newspaper subscriptions. Many libraries are now circulating all magazines, including the current issue. Patrons are encouraged not to sit and read for long periods of time.

Staff Spaces – Technical Services librarians shared how they have re-configured their workspaces to keep staff socially distant.

Vendors - discussion of how to communicate problems in shipping and delivery to vendors. Libraries reported slow USPS mail and Amazon shipments. Some libraries reported uneven shipment of Baker & Taylor materials – Tinley Park had 30 boxes at a time in December and chose to eliminate pre-processing to speed up delivery. Gail Borden librarians met with Baker & Taylor administrators to discuss delays. The Momence warehouse competes for qualified staff with Amazon and other companies in the area.

Positive outcomes – Libraries shared what they will continue to do after COVID. Some staff will continue to work from home at times. Managers reported that some staff have become more efficient as they no longer linger at each other's desks chit-chatting!

OCLC Lending – Maripat Olson asked if SWAN libraries were lending or receiving OCLC items.