

Reference Service Interest Group Meeting – Thursday January 19, 2012 – 9:30 am

Deanna DiCarlo from Albany Public Library will be presenting a program on ebooks in the public library. Here is a description of the program.

Library Journal has declared that ebooks are the "New Normal" for public libraries, and increasing customer demand has necessitated the circulation of digital collections: ebooks and audiobooks, and even in some cases, music and video. There are numerous issues to consider when navigating the digital content landscape, including vendor choices, digital rights management and licensing issues, budgeting and collection development, technical support for both staff and patrons, and patron privacy. Please join us for an overview of how public libraries currently provide digital content to their communities--and meet digital access challenges like Harper Collins' circulation limits or the Kansas State Librarian's dispute with Overdrive, one of the largest ebook vendors.