

March 3, 2006

Present: Mary DeWalt, Ada Community; Ann Tabler, Hailey, Susan Ash, Twin Falls; Ron Baker, Eagle; Patty Younger, Meridian, Gina Persichini, Idaho State Library; Luis House, Mountain Home; Karen Ganske, Nampa; Steve Cottrell, Boise; LeAnn Peters, Garden City & Elaine Leppert, Caldwell.

Minutes approved (Steve/LeAnn)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mountain Home Public Library has been approved for membership in the consortium. MSC Younger/Cottell)

Chair, Mary DeWalt read the Invitation letter to Luise House director and Kelly Evert, Library Board Chair. Their target to be ready to join will be August or September.

Horizon Migration

The contract was delayed. We will not be able to migrate in May so we have agreed to wait for beginning of August to start the migration.

Laurel will have conference call today to find who is going to be manger. Should start training in mid –August to go live in September after Labor Day.

New release 8.X will be out of beta testing before we migrate. We are encouraged to go with the 8.x release. It is correcting problems with 7.4 and adds the acquisitions component. If we do go with 8.x it will cost an additional \$10,000, as it will require an additional server. Karen moved that we authorize the migration to 8.x. Ron seconded. Motion Carried.

Clean up is going well.

Ron Baker – As Consortium grows we need to think about LYNX! staffing as regarding cataloging; we need a better method of tracking problems; serial records especially are not updated We may need a consortium paid employee to track clean-up oversee general maintenance of the catalog; perhaps do media and serial cataloging, handling training of new membership and authority file work. A committee of LeAnn, Ron and Mary was appointed to study options from the most simple to the more complicated. They will consider format and process and potential structure and who would host.

AUDIO BOOKS

Netlibrary would provide a 5% discount if we brought in 5 more libraries could get a better discount.

Overdrive actually buy the titles - no exchange of titles. Very competitive consortium pricing. SirsiDynix adds a fee.

Ada is loaning 5 sets of players, patrons can download in the library at one computer

LILI UNLIMITED is considering if downloading audio will be an option. Some equipment incompatible - not all mp3 will work, not imacs, not ipods.

NEW BUSINESS NEWS

Twin lost bond election - mostly timing of other upcoming bonds. Need to go direct to known supporters and get them to vote. Paid off old bond some monies available to updating original building elevators, restrooms etc. – not programming area. Cutting back on periodical storage. Foundation will do a campaign for the young adult area. Support from the city is still strong despite loss.

Absentee ballots – request absentee ballot – can have that in the facility MH figures 15% absentee made difference; host an event on the day of the vote; absentee can start voting 30 days early

Meridian WiFi next Monday

Boise bond election - opposition was well organized and ran a strong campaign. Final get out the vote was too little too late; same situation with the school district as Twin Falls. Boise adding WiFi soon.

Resource sharing opportunities:

- Youth services

- Reference materials – collaborative collection development

- Children book fair activities perhaps provide discounts

ILL SERVICE – issues relating to how requests are handled that are not via shared system i.e. courier vs. non-courier. Some libraries handle through circulation staff; others through ILL staff. Currently Twin and Mt Home use LiliU and Hailey uses LYNX! Issue may need to be discussed at a LUG meeting with circ and interlibrary loan staff.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Cataloging committee to meet

- ILL issue sent to LUG

Next meeting: June 2 at Boise Public Library at 10 am.

Elaine C Leppert