LYNX! Directors' Meeting

20 July 2007
Nampa Public Library

Present: Mary DeWalt, Ada Community; Kevin Booe, Boise; Elaine Leppert, Caldwell; Ron Baker, Eagle; Lisa Zeiter, Garden City; Patty Younger, Meridian; Luise House, Mountain Home; Karen Ganske, Nampa; and Susan Ash, Twin Falls. Others: Gina Persichini, Idaho Commission for Libraries; Laurel White, Boise P.L.; and Lisa Schoenfelder, City of Boise IT.

Minutes of 16 March 2007 meeting. MS Booe/DeWalt; minutes approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Horizon Migration and BPL/LYNX! IT Status Reports

Kevin introduced Lisa Schoenfelder from Boise IT, who reported on Boise IT integration. The City of Boise is creating an IT service center desk offering 24/7 service and is taking an enterprise view of such service. There is a real need for the ability to share data among municipal departments. This will minimize administrative costs. Citrix Environment software is being implemented for this purpose.

Kevin stated that BPL branches will have Citrix Environment as well as the Main Library. BPL's IT positions will remain on the Main Library premises.

Patty asked that BPL IT staff be staggered for continuous service. Discussion ensued.

Patty expressed concern over after-hours service. Discussion ensued

Laurel reported on the migration contract. There is still a problem with consolidated searching. All else is in place and installed. Once statistical and management reports are designed, they will be e-mailed regularly. Through NarrowCast there is one license per library. About half of the migration bill has been paid. The consolidation searching part of the contract includes $4,000 for WebFeet or Serials Solutions; now we may need WebFeet Express or a like product for $4,000 more. Sirsi/Dynix and WebFeet are no longer strategic partners; they have had a falling out. Laurel would let Glenna Rhodes negotiate for WebFeet Express or some other similar consolidation search product and suggested that we pull $4,000 from the migration contract as a credit for this purpose.

Patty asked if we have access to the "Director's Station" module. Laurel answered that we have "Director's Station," it is installed on the server, and BPL is working on a training module.

MS Karen/Louise to pull the $4,000 consolidated searching piece from the Sirsi/Dynix migration contract and to use this credit to purchase an alternative solution. Motion was approved unanimously.

Laurel suggested that the Consortium's general contingency fund be used to purchase some items:

>   --Hold receipt printer software for $3,000 for 40 licenses. These would be only for check-in stations. This is a one-time cost; there are no renewal costs.

>   --SIP server. The current server is beyond capacity. This is needed to authenticate data between self-checks and the automation system.

>   --TeleCirc II telephone lines. Patrons are getting busy signals. Laurel proposes that dail-up lines at BPL be converted.

Susan asked if Twin Falls P.L. has TeleCirc. Laurel answered "no." Neither do Nampa & Caldwell libraries. If telephone lines are purchased out of the general contingency fund, how does this affect payments already made to the fund by libraries not using TeleCirc? Discussion ensued.

Kevin moved to fund items one and two out of the contingency fund and to work with prorating costs among user members for item three. Discussion ensued. Kevin doesn't want the general contingency fund used for any expenditure if not all members are involved.

Patty suggested that the first two items be paid out of contingency fund while the third be paid out of the Treasure Valley Open Access Fund. Kevin agreed to alter his motion accordingly and Lisa seconded the altered motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mountain Home Status Report

Luise thanked all who had helped to get her library up and running on the automation system. Mountain Home P.L. was closed for six weeks and got 14,000 holdings added. Luise anticipated that the data entry project would be completed by the end of September.

Mountain Home P.L. staff have been promoting the use of other LYNX! libraries to their patrons. Some patrons are making use of other collections and driving materials back and forth to do so.

Laurel reported that during the Mountain Home project it was necessary to redo the Horizon hold matrix.

LYNX! Consortium Financial Report

Kevin presented a new format for reporting and would like feedback on this. There are now three funds: the equity account (annual fees), the support fees account, and the hardware and software maintenance account. Kevin would appreciate it if the directors would adopt and to use these terms, particularly the "equity account."

Lisa asked if Sirsi/Dynix will cost $75,000 next year. Laurel stated that it would more likely be in the neighborhood of $65,000. The migration contract must be paid before the annual maintenance fee. Patty asked if the maintenance fee were worth paying. Discussion ensued. Kevin felt that the City of Boise would insist on the maintenance contract for a large capital cost item such as Horizon.

Kevin does not think that the LYNX! fee formula will change nor that the payments will increase next year. Member payments may actually decrease with Horizon.

Lisa stated that there have been complaints voiced at LUG meeting concerning access to data in Horizon. Kevin would like specifics on these complaints, as would Boise IT. Laurel observed that data access will always be a frustration. She felt that solutions have to be communal and internal rather than relying on solutions from Boise IT.

Lisa had received a letter of inquiry and interest concerning the Consortium from the DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert. Discussion ensued. Mary thought we might look at "pod" development among members within the same geographic area. Discussion involving smaller public libraries in southern Idaho/Magic Valley and their automation systems ensued. Gina stated that such libraries did not have many automation options-- essentially TLC or Horizon through membership in LYNX! Kevin stated that Rupert should be given an invitation to attend LYNX! meetings. Lisa observed that Rupert's library would be among the smallest members in LYNX! Most directors agreed to encourage Rupert's interest in LYNX! Lisa was concerned with stretching the Consortium's resources and staff too thin and with the transportation issue.

Gina asked whether or not separate couriers in Magic Valley and Treasure Valley it might make the problem of Consortium integration seem less daunting.

Kevin asked it anyone had heard of any interest in the Consortium from Boise Basin Library District. Discussion ensued. Boise P.L. has had quite a number of patrons from that district.

Laurel departed the meeting.

Library Summit

Kevin still thought that a library summit is good idea but worried that with many officials up for election or reelection it should be delayed until the second quarter next year. Ron

wondered if AIC might not be a forum for this summit. Discussion ensued. Possible ILA involvement was also mentioned.

Kevin wondered if the LYNX! summit should not be run similar to "Legislative Day" held in January. Mary asked if we need a subcommittee to plan the library summit. It was mentioned that the summit might also entail visits to newly opened library branches in the Treasure Valley. Lisa appointed Kevin, Karen, and Mary to this subcommittee. A couple of other staff and extra-mural agency staff were also mentioned as participants in the work of the subcommittee.

Other

Mary reported that the project to update the LYNX! handbook is progressing. Sections have been parceled out for review and editing.

NEW BUSINESS

MyLibraryDVD

Mary sent out an e-mail to LYNX! directors regarding the MyLibrary DVD trial. Not many expressed interest in the content and the cost was too high for most libraries. Ada Community and BPL will continue use of this product after the trail, according to Mary and Kevin.

Library Standards in a LYNX! Context

Ron reported that he, Mary, and Kevin had met with Anne Hankins of Kuna Library District and Erin McCusker of the Idaho Commission for Libraries to discuss branch development standards, particularly within the context of so-called "planned communities." Out of these discussions came the idea that perhaps LYNX!, in the absence of agreed upon state standards, should draft and adopt library standards for its own membership. These would also serve to assist in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of libraries seeking LYNX! membership. Discussion ensued. Ron suggested that a subcommittee might be appointed after he could do some initial canvassing and collating of various state standards. It was so agreed by the directors.

LiLI Steering Committee Report

Mary reported on the LiLI eAudiobooks demonstration project. As a result of an RFP process, the Committee made a recommendation to the Idaho Commission for Libraries that OCLC will run state-wide eAudiobooks demonstration project with LSTA funds. The project will include on-site training in regional sessions. The NetLibrary database will be available to Idaho libraries for one year starting October 1st.

Gina mentioned that this is a demonstration project, not a pilot project. Those Idaho libraries having service already will continue or might be enhanced with YA and

children's modules depending upon their current subscriptions. The project may result in a reduction of annual NetLibrary subscription costs after 1 October 2008 if enough libraries choose to continue service. There will be "Webinar" training in the fall, then on-site face to face training. Three advanced training sessions are being planned.

Downloading equipment was discussed. MP3 players with a 500MB capacity are needed in order to bookmark or use a pause/resume function. The agreement between the Commission and OCLC had not yet been signed as of this date.

Ron asked about the impact of court cases involving OCLC and Recorded Books on this eAudiobook project. Discussion ensued and there was an explanation of the legal dispute by Gina. She noted that while Recorded Books supplies the database content (i.e., NetLibrary), it doesn't have its own download platform and has relied upon OCLC for this.

The next meeting date is on Friday, 19 Oct 2007, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Eagle P.L.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Baker, Note-taker