

MARINet Board Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2008
9:00-12:30 AM
Mill Valley Public Library Conference Room

Present:

Anji Brenner, Mill Valley Public Library
Deborah Mazzolini, Belvedere-Tiburon Library
Sara Loyster, San Anselmo Public Library
David Dodd, San Rafael Public Library
Frances Gordon, Larkspur Public Library
Mary Richardson, Sausalito Public Library
Scott Bauer, Deputy County Librarian, Marin County Free Libraries

- I. Public Comment Period: No public present
- II. Introduction of any guests: no guests present

III. Presentation of 360 Search by Danielle Shaver:

Highlights:

- o Owned by ProQuest; sister company to AquaBrowser
- o Bought WebFeet 3 weeks ago; integrating this year to launch in 2009.
- o Deliver library's content in a way patrons want to search
- o 360 uses clustering technology, AquaBrowser uses tags. Can combine both
- o Cluster by topics, date, journal, and author. Can also narrow by source.
- o Add new content to knowledge base approximately every 2 months
- o Distinguished by knowledge base; have approximately 25 people who work to standardize data. Functionality and quality results.
- o Knowledge work certified: create relationships with vendors to get them to clean up data as much as possible.
- o Updated every 24 hours.

IV. Minutes approved

V. Additions to agenda: Discussion of presentation

VI. Old Business

a. Discussion of 360 demonstration

Key discussion points:

- i. Awareness of small number of databases in our list.
- ii. Discussion of looking into individual/consortia pricing of databases.
- iii. San Rafael eservices librarian did spreadsheet of databases. David Dodd will distribute to everyone.
- iv. Could we be an e-customer of SFPL and offer their database list to our patrons?

b. Committee Structure Task Force Report

Ad hoc task force on MARINet Committee Structure made recommendations to MARINet Board including:

- i. Establish an Operations Group with one representative from each library, the MARINet system administrator, and the Vice-Chair of the MARINet Board.
- ii. Broad representation from various disciplines.
- iii. Monthly meetings to discuss necessary procedures based on policy direction from the Board.
- iv. Maintain Bibliographic Standards Committee but not require mandatory attendance if financial hardship
- v. Establish task forces as needed.
- vi. Board will promote occasional events to fulfill networking opportunities previously accomplished in committee meetings.
- vii. Abolish existing Public Services and Circulation Standards Committees.

Discussion by Board centered on how to maintain networking function if Circulation Standards and Public Services Committees disbanded, continuity of representative, how task forces would work, and if disbanding Circulation Standards was the best decision. If too many task forces need to be established, it might indicate need to reconstitute the committee. Board members should take document back to staff to discuss and we will revisit next month.

c. Report from Dominican Working Group

The group (David Dodd, Scott Bauer, Abbott Chambers, Gary Gorka and John Hauf from Dominican) met once and had a brainstorming session on issues. Assigned tasks around costs and module of contracts. They are meeting again tomorrow (along with Deb Moehrke who was absent from the first meeting) to continue discussion. Dominican needs to act in a timely manner due to many internal factors that are changing.

d. Report on Marin Community Foundation (MCF) Gathering

Mary Richardson and David Dodd attended a morning session. MCF indicated four priorities: affordable housing, healthy families, aging, and eliminating the achievement gap in education. Libraries were not included in the MCF discussion though several board members pointed to the library/education connection. At some point MCF will send out an RFP based on goals. Dodd gave feedback on why libraries should be included and followed up with a letter to Don Jenn (educational liaison from MCF). Currently we are waiting to hear more from MCF. Don't yet have timeline. Scott Bauer attended afternoon health session.

e. Direct Mailing of Holds- Frances Gordon

Frances Gordon handed out a packet with information on Contra Costa's program. They charge \$3/book and patron has to pay to send it back or can drop it off. Used mostly by people recovering from surgery, etc. and is totally separated from outreach. Program was started in 1998 with 16-28 mailings per month. Now up to 30-40/month. They would like to offer the service for free but it is costly. Moehrke reported on Innovative's product: module would have to be purchased, patron is given a choice in catalog for pick up location or mail, different mailing locations probably available, there is an option to charge, different pricing probably available. Board decided not to form task force right now but to leave open the option to revisit if the service looks more attractive at a later date.

VII. New Business

- a. Statewide Statistics change:** New categories include young adult programs and attendance, and virtual visits to library. Uncertain whether this means to websites or the catalog? How are we going to get correct statistics? Moehrke responded that Innovative does not make this available. State says take your best shot. Moehkre will use the limited data available on the system, extrapolate to develop an annual system-wide figure then apply the cost sharing formula percentages to come up with numbers the members can report.
- b. Oxford English Dictionary:** Couldn't vote because we didn't have a quorum and some board members uncomfortable with a mid-year decision.
- c. Continue to require PIN or not.** Board decided to wait for new release which will offer alias for barcode and revisit/decide on PIN at that time
- d. Mill Valley use of Mill Valley MARINet patron emails** for their own newsletter. Passed.

VIII. Standing items for agenda:

a. Reports from Committee Liaisons:

Circulation Standards Committee: Moehrke reported on the "about to be billed" statement. Directors are to ask staff if they think it is worth the effort of searching for items for which a patron is about to be billed.

Bib Standards Committee: Brenner reported that BSC is continuing to work well on goals, specifically on a maintenance grid, providing links/etc. to supplementary information.

PSC: Moehrke reported the committee saw their own demonstration of AquaBrowser; 360 Search, and Encore.

b. System Administrator's Report:

WebFeet: Trying a bit more complicated trial to include county and Bel-Tib statistics. Don't know where we are. EBSCO database trail appears to be working. PSC talking about how they will gather input. Suggestion to do survey monkey after patrons use database. Difficulty in comparing apples to apples. Gale subscription expires in September so we need to make a decision before then. Overdrive is about to be ipod and MP3 compatible. MyLibrary DV-downloadable videos available through Sausalito and San Rafael. Should have on agenda for next meeting before roll out.

c. Correspondence-none

d. Announcements:

Sarah Loyster: Council gave preliminary support for dedicated library funding.

Frances Gordon: Two docents will be speaking about past and current exhibits at the DeYoung.

Respectfully submitted:
Anji Brenner