

MARINet Board Minutes

Meeting August 21, 2008

Larkspur Public Library, 2nd floor, City Council Chambers

9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Frances Gordon, Chair	Larkspur Library
David Dodd,	San Rafael Library
Gail Haar	Marin County Library
Sara Loyster	San Anselmo Library
Anji Brenner	Mill Valley Library

Board Members Absent:

Deborah Mazzolini	Belvedere-Tiburon Library
Mary Richardson	Sausalito Library

Also Present: Deborah Moehrke, MARINet System Administrator
Abbott Chambers attending for Debbie Mazzolini

- I. Public Comment Period - none
- II. Introduction of any guests –
- III. Approval of Minutes
Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2008 Board meeting.
- IV. Issues for future agenda
- V. Old Business.
 - A. Update on Dominican progress
The draft contract has been reviewed by County Counsel. She suggested some changes in wording and advised MARINet to get liability insurance. The Dominican Task Force (Abbott Chambers, David Dodd, Deb Moehrke, Scott Bauer and Gary Gorka, from the Dominican Library) will meet August 29 to discuss these suggestions.
 - B. Taskforce on implementation of Aquabrowser
A Task Force is needed to work on implementation of Aquabrowser. Several names were proposed: Deb Moehrke as coordinator, David Dodd, Libby Flynn, Abbott Chambers, Pam Klein, Kristin Clark and Ali Birnbach among them. A Children's Librarian will also be added to the group. The Task Force will meet 3-6 times beginning in early September. Terry Parks from Aquabrowser mentioned a 90 day ramp-up period to make decisions about how we want Aquabrowser to look and function.
 - C. Plans for Publicity for 360Search

Anji Brenner has three names to consider for designers to work on a 360Search bookmark. MCFL may have in-house people who could work on this as well. Sausalito has 360Search up and running. MCFL, Bel-Tib, SR and MV are working on implementation.

D. Develop timeline for MARINet office work assignment review

This work flow study will be done as soon as possible in anticipation of Phil Youngholm's proposed retirement. Deb Moehrke will ask Phil to create a complete list of his tasks to be used in the study. Possible consultants were discussed, including Jeannie Goodrich. MARINet could spend about \$5000 on the study. ***The Directors agreed to contact various libraries or librarians (Brenner: SFPL and Berkeley; Loyster: Anne Cain; Dodd: Tom Trice) to ask for names of consultants we might hire to do this study. Deb will post a query on the IUG listserve and David will post something on CALIX. Debbie Mazzolini has made some preliminary contacts and Deb will ask her what she learned and if she created an RFP.***

E. Periodicals database selection

After a long discussion during which content, customer service and price were considered, the Board voted unanimously to buy EBSCO.

VII. New Business

A. MARINet representation at Califa Ebook committee meetings:

Overdrive wants Califa to get out of the Ebook business and would like each library to buy their own Ebook platform. This may be too expensive for most of us to afford (currently we're paying about \$8000 a year collectively.) Southern California libraries are negotiating a package deal and Northern California libraries will probably do the same. MARINet should send a representative to the Ebook meetings if they want to be part of that negotiation. However, Ebooks maybe become an outdated resource soon if Google books and MP3 downloadable audiobooks take off. We may want to drop Ebooks in the future. Overdrive will talk to Deb in September. The Board will discuss this issue again at the September meeting.

B. Planning for September Board meeting with committee chairs:

Mary will discuss the calendar, Frances will talk about the Brown Act and other responsibilities of the Committee Chairs and Deb will present the cups. The Board liaisons will alert the Committee Chairs about their required attendance.

C. Change date of October meeting—no change.

D. Discussion of Liability insurance:

County Counsel suggested we get Liability insurance. Deb will get a quote from Alliant and we will revisit this issue in September.

VIII. Standing items for agenda

A. Reports from Committee Liaisons – Bib standards met 7/24

The Bib Standards Committee is working on 360Search implementation and cataloging for graphic novels.

B. System Administrator's Report

Deb mentioned the slowness that has developed in the web catalog since the new release and an instance of duplicate payments happening with E-Commerce. These problems are being addressed. She said there will be a distribution of magnets advertising the Spanish Catalog.

C. Correspondence – none.

VIV. Announcements:

David Dodd attended a One Book, One Marin meeting and reported the book for this year will be What is the What by David Eggers, a book about the Lost Boys of Sudan that will especially appeal to teens.

Gail Haar reported the County Library is recruiting for a Librarian II for West County and a Librarian I for Novato. Pat Harper retires this September.

MCFL got two ELF (Early Literacy for Families) grants and plan to hire a coordinator and present story times in daycare facilities. They also got a Life After 50 grant and will prepare a toolkit on creating opportunities for Boomer volunteers. MCFL staff training on October 31 will be a presentation on using volunteers. Staff from other libraries are welcome to attend.

Larkspur is recruiting for an LAII.

Mill Valley is recruiting for a Supervising Librarian to replace Allen Testa and have hired a Librarian I, Ali Birnbach from Santa Cruz. They will also be recruiting for a Web Librarian/PR person soon. They will be getting rid of all videos, removing video shelving and adding seating in their fiction area.

The MV Library is looking at Express stations including the E-Commerce feature.

Sausalito Library is recruiting for an LAII.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 18 at Hamilton Landing.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Loyster