

MARINet Board Meeting – Minutes September 20, 2012

Present: Deb Moehrke, Gail Haar, Gary Gorka, Linda Kenton, Abbot Chambers, Sarah Houghton, Frances Gordon, Debbie Mazzolini, Anji Brenner, Jackie Shafer (guest)

Public Comment Period

Bill Hale withdrew his request that MARINet member libraries adopt the ALA Code of Ethics and Patron Bill of Rights as policy. He also complimented the library's launch of Link+.

Executive Session for Personnel Evaluation

The Executive Committee was tasked with completion of this task.

Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2012 meeting

Minutes were unanimously approved on a motion from Chambers and a second from Haar.

Old Business

- **Approve Revised Budget Resolution**
The resolution wording was slightly changed and re-signed by Board members.
- **Encouraging Link+ Usage**
All libraries wish to increase usage but as it is a new service and we are still waiting for the new catalog landing page design, we feel usage will continue to rise slowly as word of mouth about the service spreads. Belvedere-Tiburon may begin loaning media. Mill Valley is loaning out high numbers of media items.
- **Sierra Update**
Moehrke reports that preview stations have been set up at all locations. Generic log-ins were set up for substitute staff. MARINet is on track for the set October 2nd launch date. Libraries should plan for the ILS and its associated systems to be down all day October 2nd.
- **Discover and Go Update**
Chambers reports that launch will be Monday, September 24th. The FAQ and Contact Us pages, as well as a preview site with test museum passes, have been available for staff to test. Extra passes for the Exploratorium are likely and the Discovery Museum is amenable to selling us more passes. We can track usage by jurisdiction. The local team will start reaching out to more Marin museums as well.
- **Overdrive collection support**
Jurisdictional expenditures so far on Overdrive content were reviewed. The Board will monitor this again in December and plan to do so on a regular quarterly basis. Hachette's impending price tripling was discussed. MARINet is still running out of holds funds each month and selectors are being asked by Dan McMahon to help manage the hold queue with purchases.

New Business

- **Discussion: eCard policy changes**
The proposed changes are to continue the eCard application online, but completion of the application would not give users immediate access to eBooks and databases. Users would be required to pick up a physical card within 2 weeks. The Executive Committee was charged with making recommended changes and a decision based on research into what is possible and what other jurisdictions have had success with. This action was approved unanimously on a motion by Mazzolini and a second by Gorka.

- **Califa eBook Initiative Resolution**
Board members signed a resolution showing MARINet support and interest in participation in Califa's eBooks project. This action was approved unanimously on a motion by Houghton and a second by Mazzolini.
- **Reviewing Limits on Checkouts and Fines**
Haar proposed that MCFL is interested in raising the maximum fine limit from \$10 to \$20, and the maximum number of DVD check-outs from 10 to 20. The Board members will discuss these proposals with their staff and make a decision at the next Board meeting.
- **Containers Used for Local Courier Service**
Staff have found problems with the new containers: the tapering makes it difficult to stack books easily, they are flimsy, unstable, and the delivery service seems to also be unhappy with them. Moehrke is asking NorthNet once again if MARINet can purchase the old bins.
- **Other non-action items**
We had a brief discussion of the DOJ settlement with the Sacramento Public Library regarding checking out of Nook eReaders, which have been found to be inaccessible. Any new eReaders must contain the text-to-speech feature, which is not available on any current edition eInk readers.

Standing Items

- **System Administrator's Report**
Moehrke reported that Encore is now the primary default MARINet catalog.
- **Correspondence**
None
- **Topics for Future Agenda**
Mobile catalog applications (October), Delivery containers (October), Discover and Go Update (October), Limits on fines and DVD checkouts (October), Overdrive expenditures (December)

Announcements

- **Dominican:** Library use has increased since the semester started. Circulation and door counts are up and they are seeing more College of Marin student in the library. The university has hired a new Provost. Salman Rushdie is speaking at Dominican on 9/25.
- **Sausalito:** The remodel is moving along and the contractor was approved by City Council. The goal is to finish the remodel by December. The iPad the library had been checking out was kept by the 7th patron, the PD involved, and the replacement fee was ultimately paid.
- **Mill Valley:** The library's last "First Friday" event included a one-hour Q&A session with the former San Quentin warden. On 10/12 is The Naked Truth live storytelling event, and this one is coordinated with LitQuake and the Mill Valley Film Festival. The library is also starting a new Apple computer lab with 11 stations including the instructor station and will be holding classes with priority registration for Mill Valley residents.
- **MCFL:** The library is hiring a cataloger. Of the 28 submitted applications only 6 had the required MLIS. In October, MCFL is participating in the Bay Area Science Month.
- **Larkspur:** The library is holding a Hooked on Marin event tonight with a focus on organic food. Talks are continuing about building a new library.
- **Belvedere-Tiburon:** Blackie's Hay Day is on 9/29 and the library will be participating. The annual luncheon fundraiser through the library's foundation will take place in November.
- **San Rafael:** An all-staff strategic planning meeting is taking place on 9/21 and the library will be closed. The first of ten annual \$25,000 checks from Target was received by the Foundation.
- **San Anselmo:** San Anselmo Country Fair Day is on 9/20. The library will have a booth and float.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am. Minutes taken by Sarah Houghton