

MARINet Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

MCFL Tech Services

1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael CA

9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

Present: Anji Brenner(MV), Jamie Poirier (SRP), Bonnie White (MCFL), Jacki Dunn (BEL-TIB), Abbot Chambers (SAU), Jessica Trenary (MARINet), Linda Kenton (SAN), Janice Akel (LRK),

I. Public Comment Period: None

II. Introduction of Guests: Jamie Poirier, Bonnie White

III. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2019 Minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

- A. CENIC Update: Not much change. Still working with Marin IT to finish installing access points. Discussion was held about how payments are required up front, while reimbursements from CALIFA are way behind, causing difficulties in cash flow. Long-term costs are considerably higher than what was originally estimated when MARINet joined the network, impacting the consortium's budget. May need to look into other options when our CENIC contract is up at the end of the five-year contract. Staff will try to find out if other library systems are experiencing similar problems. The possibility of looking at MIDAS again might be useful.

V. New Business

- A. Linkplus NorthNet Library System (NLS) option
A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NLS was distributed. The MOU is a five-year agreement to contract with NLS for InnReach Link+ services. After some discussion, the group agreed that Dan should sign it on behalf of MARINet. This will save the consortium a few thousand dollars per year.
- B. How to better support eBook budget
 - A chart in the System Administrator's report comparing eBook and physical book hold times shows a big difference, with eBook wait times considerably longer than physical book wait times. How can more money be put toward digital content?
 - Anji brought up the idea of creating a document that could be used in budget processes with city/town/county governments detailing the increasing need for funding for this format in library budgets. She will create a document for discussion at a future meeting.
 - It is thought that increased and separate funding for this content would give it more strength than splitting current collection development money between print and digital formats.

Other ideas discussed:

- Abbot talked about the finer points of buying from different publishers with different models and how funding could be optimized if time allowed for analysis.
- Some patrons are putting holds on both ebooks and print titles, which can artificially inflate hold list sizes.
- Linda thinks it would be a good idea to look at the hold ratio of print items to possibly increase it and put the extra money toward eBooks. Currently, libraries are supposed to buy an additional copy for every 5 local holds on an item. This will be discussed further at the next MARINet meeting.
- Overdrive is looking at creating a "Lucky Day" type of collection for ebooks.
- Anji suggested looking at grant opportunities to help fund digital collection increases. She will check into the Marin Community Foundation to see if this is feasible.
- DRWG would like to see digital materials getting more even footing with print materials.
- MARINet staff time for eBook purchasing and management has increased and continues to increase. Jessica talked about the many tasks associated with this area, and the strategies she uses to effectively deal with the collection.
- Libraries are encouraged to put extra funding into eBook collections. MCFL is spending an extra \$15,000 this year on bringing down the holds ratio for eBooks.
- Anji suggested an FAQ entry to explain to patrons how the holds ratio in MARINet works.

C. Cloud records from Bibliocommons

This was approved last month.

D. Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20

The previously-discussed Budget Resolution was signed by directors attending the meeting.

VI. Standing Items for the agenda

A. System Administrator's report

- Sierra update –Dan is working with III to roll back the latest server update so that the Sierra upgrade can take place.
- Delivery service: problems with delivery personnel and traffic delays continue to be experienced from time-to-time, causing disruptions at libraries that count on timely deliveries. MARINet staff is monitoring the situation and asked to be notified when there are problems.

B. Correspondence: None

C. Topics for future agenda

- CENIC – progress and costs
- Draft document for funding digital content - Anji
- Hold ratio issue – 5:1 print
- Look at additional book drops in central locations in Marin to benefit all libraries

VII. Non-action items

Mill Valley is looking at putting in a book drop in Tam Junction. Anji talked with MARINet staff and MCFL Director about costs and other locations for the MARINet system. Would like to gauge interest from other libraries for additional drop off points.

VIII. Announcements

MV: The Poetry Illuminated project has been a big success and will continue for three more weeks, then revive in December or January of next year. May do one month in 5 or 6 locations downtown.

SR: Staff met on March 8 with Community Services staff in support of the merger between the library and Community Services. They are awaiting approval from the City to complete the merger. The Pop Up library at Northgate Mall location has been extended through April, and work continues on a longer-term MOU.

MCFL: Bonnie talked about the many advantages of the Pop up library joint project with San Rafael. The Novato library has reopened and staff is very happy. MCFL is looking at new roofs for several of its branch locations.

SAU: Lots of evening programs are going on, and the Sausalito LAll is organizing a Dungeons & Dragons group.

BEL-TIB: The Pop Up 94920 fundraising event will be on April 4. It highlights nine interesting local people who will talk about their work in a Ted-talk-like setting.

SA: Staff and patrons are happy to see the rainy season, with its threat of flooding, over. They are gearing up for summer reading.

LRK: Momentum for a new library building is growing. Lots of meetings about raising money, feasibility studies, architectural drawings, etc., are keeping her busy. The task force is young, new, and has lots of energy. In the meantime, they are looking at renovating the current library.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Submitted by Jacki Dunn, Belvedere Tiburon Library