

MARINet Board Meeting – Minutes

April 7, 2022 Online Meeting

Approved on 5/5/2022

Present: Henry Bankhead (chair), Franklin Escobedo, Linda Kenton, Anji Brenner, Abbot Chambers, Gary Gorka, Lana Adlawan, Sarah Frye, Dan McMahon

Absent: Bel Tib

Guests: None

Meeting commences at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes of March 3, 2022 approved unanimously with update by College of Marin.

Park Passes:

Larkspur doesn't have a container to put these in to circ. Sausalito will demo the pouch that they use for this. Are these in the catalog, and/or holdable? Historically these passes not holdable at many libraries, or they had 2 holdable and one not. The usual loan period is 1 week with renewal though some are 3 weeks. San Rafael wants to make their passes all holdable. It seems like there is no natural agreement on circ parameters, so maybe it's good to just differ on this. Larkspur will give College of Marin one of their passes, since COM didn't get any. Libraries agree to disagree on the loan rules. But since these all share one bibliographic record, and the holds vary from 1 week to 3 weeks, people might not know which one they're putting on hold.

Reflect on Patty Wong's January presentation: Deferred until the next meeting.

RFID update: Lori Ayre joins us for this topic. MCFL needs to have enough people to tag, but their collection is the only part of the tagging project left. So we can get an early start for a sorter at TEC, looking at Lori's timeline for a typical project like this. There's a fixed six month delay after ordering one of these, that's fixed. Lori's previous visit, we talked about not limiting the sorter to the long delivery hallway. Using the adjacent area in Tech Services that's now full of workstations would mean we can do a more compact two-sided sorter. How do we free up that space? That seems like step one to this project.

Dan will show Lana what the space is under consideration, and we'll have Lori visit and walk the site with Lana soon. There is about \$240k in the MCFL RFID money left, also \$580k in sinking fund after July 1 this year, so that's what MARINet has to work with. San Rafael is the only other site interested in a sorter, would be best if they're both the same brand. San Rafael has more stringent purchasing guidelines than MARINet, so it may not work to buy them together. MCFL and Larkspur are interested in the smart bookdrops, how good are they?

Questions about Smart Bookdrops: Items still need to be looked at by staff, example is when damaged items are checked in. What's the maintenance fee on a SMB? Who owns it? What nearby systems can we look at who have these? Any we look at should be relatively recent so we can see Lyngsoe, MK Solutions, Tech Logic and Bibliotheca products. How long do they last and when would we upgrade it? Lori estimates about a 10 year life for these, possibly 12 to 13 years. It's the software as much as the hardware that needs maintenance. We need to renew Lori's contact, and increase it for this project's span, she'll get us the new figures for next month.

Cost sharing Working Group: They're working on setting up the first meeting, and in putting together a survey and testing some ideas out. Everyone is not happy with it, even if they're OK with current bill. New set of factors should be used?

Regionals WG: Linda, nothing to report until next meeting. Could MARINet be their own regional?

Palaces Project/Lyris: James, Carissa, Valeria, Heather, Chris and Roy join us from the California State Library and Lyris. The project is for E-Books for all California, and providing an interface to unify siloed collections. The goal is to enable the state to start growing statewide resource for e-books, including for each system both statewide materials and local adds. Lyris is non-profit, with funding from the Knight Foundation. The Palace App, Manger, Marketplace, and Bookshelf are the components.

The App is available for both Android and iOS. They can merge content from Overdrive, Bibliotheca and Baker & Taylor into the app. All libraries in CA have access at no cost. The opening day collection is 40k titles, mostly K-12 content provided by the state. Demo of app, it uses logins from MARINet (barcode and PIN). Content now includes:

- 100k_ non-English titles.
- 11k open access titles
- 15k audiobooks
- 16k simultaneous perpetual and unlimited use titles.

<https://market.thepalaceproject.org/recent?lang-all>

The platform also allows Biblioboard content, where we can accept work directly from the community, and it gets put into interface for statewide circulation. Works are vetted for quality. Authors can earn money on a monthly basis through this program. Creator is a curation tool, for multimedia projects.

As this group has many questions, can we collect them and submit them? Yes, send questions to Heather Teysko. This platform doesn't work on Kindle, but is working on other e-ink readers. It will work on Kindle Fire. (But not Paper White.)

Baker & Taylor Diversity Audit Tool: Mill Valley is looking at contracting out a diversity audit on their collection. They've looked at Ingram and B&T products for this, as it's otherwise extremely time consuming for staff. For B&T if we got consortial buy-in we'd get a better price. It would be good to look at diversity of the entire consortial collection, some products also offer a look at E-book collections. Should we get a demo? Several libraries express interest in getting a demo and a quote. We can purchase the diversity tool independently of Collection HQ. The estimate is \$3k per library if it's only city libraries. We'll have a demo at the next meeting, and use sinking fund money to purchase if need be. Would also want to discuss Collection HQ. Decision Center has reached \$50k per year through yearly 5% increases over a decade.

Equity discussion: led by Sarah Frye. Discussion of the reading from "Origins." How do librarians keep the conversation about race going? History in high school avoided the fundamental questions. 2022 is turning out to be the year of book banning. Dominican has had requests to ban books, they don't do it. Library directors should make a statement against banning books. Library commissions can also take a stand. Update your collection development policy, make sure your board is aware of it. What to do when such books come up for weeding? Feeling here that it's a matter of time before we are

challenged, so update that Collection Development Policy. Everyone should make sure staff are prepared for people who want to put in book challenges.

Next meeting topics

- Cost Sharing Formula Working Group
- Regional Working Group
- Baker & Taylor Diversity Tool demo and quote
- Patty Wong reflections
- Recap MCFL's community survey
- Future meetings as Zoom or hybrid?

The Executive Committee meets next week to finalize the agenda.

Announcements: Bel Tib's director Crystal have birth to Cielo Duran on March 30.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.