

Seacoast Co-op meeting, November 5, 2010, North Hampton.

Attending:

Susan Grant (host) - N. Hampton

Loreen Keating - (N. Hampton)

Scott Campbell - Newington

Sarah Sycz - Kingston

Andy Richmond - Rye

Amanda Reynolds Cooper - Hampton

Lesley Kimball - Stratham

Janet Szarmach - Kensington

Christine Collins - New Castle

Denise Grimse - Greenland

Terri Caswell - Newton (guest/new member?)

Treasurer's Balance - \$524 and change.

Budgeted for raises this year? Some libraries have step program for salaries, some do merit raises, some just do COLA, which is flat again this year.

Lesley's COLA + merit seems ideal. She does employee reviews early enough to budget for the increases for the following year.

Budgets presentations to towns vary wildly as to when to present, how to present, who presents, etc. NH is wonderful in its uniqueness, isn't it?!

Working alone in the library: New Castle, Kensington, Newington only libraries where people typically are scheduled to work alone. Concern around the table as to legality, liability, customer service, and general prudence of this practice.

---State Librarian Michael York phone-in---

(Quotes and paraphrased quotes follow; opinions stated are his own)

State of the state: "We're fine through 2011." Database subscriptions partially funded now by schools. NEWSBANK and HeritageQuest are re-upped. 17 libraries bought ancestry.com on their own... state will try to get a better discount on this. Mango, too.

Survey is out on genealogy database usage and preferences (see e-mail from Bobbi Slossar)

John Barrett retired; talking books job is open now but most retirements at NHSL haven't been filled.

Jury is out on how republican wave will affect the NHSL budget going forward.

Park Street Foundation works well for Overdrive consortium but not necessarily for all state library purchases.

NHAIS means money can be collected into a non-lapsing fund for automation systems.

Open Source ILS "consortium" update: Mary Russell has created a separate list-serv for ILS discussion. Evergreen (Equinox) and Koha (LibLime or Bywater) are on the table. Blog and list-serv discussions are ongoing; hopefully another conference can be held, as well. He is a proponent of open source because it's a fit and a reflection of how libraries have worked together, resource sharing, for hundreds of years. Triple-i is a great system, but probably too expensive.

Requirement to get small libraries to automate as part of the migration. Would be an annual subscription rate. Goal is to get a unit price to cover cost to set up a library, low as possible so smaller libraries can afford, then long term to eliminate/reduce annual costs. Not insignificant upfront costs will be needed. The affordable systems don't make enough money to develop a good product. 60 libraries are in play as possible users. State will identify libraries to go first with implementation -- Gilford will be first. Will be a hosted ASP solution. Park Street Foundation could be the fiscal agent to purchase.

Would the system replace NHU-PAC? No. Syrsi-Dynix is staying and negotiations are ongoing to re-up. Time frame? Goal was/is get it up by end of year. Cost should be based on a set number times how many items each library has. Rate will be the same, and bigger libraries will spend proportionally more.

Are we moving to union catalog model like Mass? Yes. Federated search or union catalog, two ways to skin the cat.

Status on negotiated discounts with vendors? Have been set for years. The discounts are listed somewhere on the NHSL site.

---End of Michael's phone-in---

Discussion about Seacoast libraries possibly copying the GMILCS model... They seem to have it all worked out!

Next meeting is holiday luncheon, host Hampton Falls, exact date (10th or 17th) and time TBD.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Campbell