

Partners Phone Conference
Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
Noon

AGENDA

Call to Order (Sonja- Miles City Public Library)

Roll Call: Bitterroot Public Library, Drummond School, Flathead County Library & Branches, Glendive Public Library, Lincoln County Libraries, Miles Community College, Miles City Public Library, Missoula Public Library & Branches (Frenchtown), Polson City Library, Bicentennial Library of Colstrip (representing Rosebud as well), *and Mineral County Library.*

Additions/Changes to the Agenda (None)

Holds Issues (Karl- Missoula): Items are showing up as “available” before the items arrive at the borrowing library. No pattern that Partners libraries have noticed. Karl will notify Ken when one of these mistakes occurs so Ken can track down the issue with a real-world example.

New Item Checkouts (Mary Kay- Bicentennial Library of Colstrip): Some of the Rosebud County patrons are upset about new items not being available locally. Patrons need to be educated in the Holds process and how to secure new materials. Missoula chooses to purchase an extra copy of popular titles, and keeps one that does not allow holds on their Grab and Go shelf for local circulation. The other copy circulates normally in Partners. Kim suggested using the “New Items” feature in iBistro to inform your patrons.

MCPL and MIN (Sonja- Miles City Public Library): Some materials labeled for MIN are still appearing in MCPL, and vice versa. Not a huge problem, MCPL and MIN are aware of the issue.

Transition to New Circ Rules (Kim- Flathead County Library): Partners needs to set a date to transition to the new circ rules. MSC Admin will not be able to make the switch until after February. Ken will let Partners know when a date is closer to being decided. Tentative target date April 11th. Kim will email the new changes to Ken so this process can be promptly addressed when MSC staffing allows.

Next Partners meeting: Tuesday, February 9th, 2010 at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Nash
MCPL

Amended February 9th, 2010.