

MSC Partner Libraries Meeting
October 4, 2012

Roll Call (libraries present)

Fallon County Library
Flathead County Library & Branches
Glendive Public Library
Hearst Free Library
Lincoln County Libraries
Miles Community College Library
Miles City Public Library
Mineral County Public Library
Missoula Public Library & Branches
North Valley Public Library
North Lake County Library District
Plains District Library
Rosebud County Library & Branch
Whitefish Community Library

Not in Attendance

Bitterroot
Drummond

Guest

Ve Abrams from Fallon County Library
Wendy Campbell from Darby Community Public Library
Bruce Newell
Sarah McHugh
Cara Orban

Face-to-Face Meeting Frequency:

Rick voiced the concern that it was difficult for him to make both face-to-face meetings. He stated that factors such as distance and inability to get away from his library made it difficult to be present at both meetings. It was discussed that face-to-face Partner meetings were not mandatory, but members were reminded that at least one Membership Meeting was needed annually to fulfill the library's signed contract.

Discussion of OCLC WorldShare test Group Opportunity

Sarah McHugh explained an exciting new opportunity that some of our libraries may be involved in the future. She asked for volunteers and informed us that some Partner libraries were already on board (Hearst Free, Missoula, and Whitefish).

Update on OPAC holds Problems

MSC Staff had to turn off the "enhancement" for the OPAC group hold configuration in the hold map so that holds could be placed on titles that included "grab-n-go" items in their holdings. Problem was confirmed as a bug by SirsiDynix and is being scheduled for a fix in a future release.

Possible Change in Floating Collections Setup

Ken explained that a previous Symphony upgrade (version 3.3) contained an enhancement specifically designed to handle floating collections. We didn't implement this enhancement at the time due to the complexity of disabling our setup for floating collections and implementing the new method. The enhancement allows for more flexibility for those libraries that wish to float all or part of their collection. Ken stated that MSC staff will experiment with the different setup in early 2013.

Courier System Joys/Concerns

Cherie Heser had emailed the group earlier that week to ask why Critelli had been dropping off crates on days not contracted for, but now has stopped this service and only drops off crates on pick-up days. She wondered why the change. Other libraries had had similar situations. More information would be available after the topic was to be brought up with Lee Miller.

Other libraries were very happy with the service they were receiving from Critelli. Items seemed to be arriving in better condition. On the whole, libraries seemed to appreciate the service they were receiving from Critelli

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Prairie County Library is interested in joining Partners:

Dawn informed the group that Prairie County Library has shown interest in joining Partners. It was commented that it is an exciting time that our group is getting new members and more libraries are showing interest.

Permission to waive Each Other's Patron Fines When Going through the Discard Process:

Honore discussed how it would be easier for all libraries if the owning library could waive other libraries patron fines when going through the discard process. This procedure would only happen when the occurrence of discard and not at other times. All agreed that libraries are now allowed to waive fines on those owned materials while in the discard process even if the fines are attributable to another library's patrons. Kim Crowley will write up this procedure to be put into the Partner's Manual.

Next Meeting – December 18, 2012