

# System Meeting Agenda



## January 21, 2011

@Pioneer Library System Office, Canandaigua

### 9:00 – 9:30 ..... **Birds of a Feather: Central Library presents: OWWL2go Device & Advice Swap**

Member library OWWL2go users - both of audiobooks and eBooks - will share tips, tricks, and other information about OWWL2go and various MP3 or eBook devices.

In preparation for this Birds session, please contact Beth and let her know:

- what device you use
- any problems that you have worked through (or are still struggling with) in using OWWL2go

.....**J and YA books available for examination**

### 9:30 – 10:15 ..... **Announcements and Resource Sharing**

### 10:15 – 10:30 ..... **Break**

### 10:30 a.m. .... **Program:**

#### **Libraries as Providers of Digital Content**

In the September virtual summit on eBooks R. David Lankes from Syracuse University's iSchool concluded that "Our focus must be on conversations and learning, not reading." "The digital world is our opportunity and issue." "We must think beyond artifacts and physical limitations." And finally, "The future is bright for libraries and librarians, but ONLY IF WE MAKE IT SO."

To be more blunt, as Eli Neiburger from the Ann Arbor Public Library (MI) stated "Libraries are screwed..." if we don't adapt. The public will purchase their content at the moment of desire, for their e-reader. Libraries need to build a new niche as unique content providers. They will become publishers of digital content that is unique and local.

We will listen to people who are doing just what Lankes and Neiburger say we must do. Hear about the Civil War letters project at Naples Public Library from **Blanche Warner**. See how **Archivist Linda Clark Benedict** entices faculty to use the archives in their teaching at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Learn how RRLC is helping area libraries and organizations turn resources into digital content through the FLAG program from **Debbie Emerson and April Younglove**.

#### **After the system meeting:** **Summer Reading Planning Committee**