



**PLS System Meeting – Summary**  
**February 18, 2011**  
**@ Pioneer Library System**

Beth Gladding, **AHill**; Sue Reding, **ARC**; Jeanna Ruter, **AVO**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Carol Shama, Jenny Goodemote, Ron Kirslop, **CAN**; Erin Robinson, **CAS**; Melissa Correia, **CS**; Terry Dearing, **DAN**; Linda Nichols, Beth Horn, Tanya Thompson, **GPL**; Wendy Krause, **HPL**; Cathy Allen, **LIM**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Darlene Virkler, **MAC**; Tracy Whitney, **MAR**; Sharon Stanley, **MM**; Blanche Warner, **NAP**; Elly Dawson, Peg Pelletier, **NEW**; Sandra Hylen, **ONT**; Patricia Baynes, **PAL**; Peggy Parker, **PER**; Louise Furber, Deb Dennis, **PHE**; Allen Tompkins, **RC**; Andrea Tillinghast-Thompson, **RJ**; Donna Norris, **ROS**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Angel Wright-Sackett, **SS**; Pat Evans, Lynne Madden, **VIC**; Anna Grace, Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Mary Zingerella, Liz O'Toole, **WAL**; Angela Gonzalez, **WAR**; Cheryl Gravelle, **WIL**; Dottie Patt, **WOL**; Cassie Guthrie, Betsy Morris, Cindy Gardner, Ellen Reynolds, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Lindsay Stratton, Jeanne Hayes, Heidi Jensen, **PLS**.

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**Birds of a Feather: OWWL2go & Content Reserve – 12 attendees**

**Announcements**

**Cassie (PLS):** ●Spring Pathfinder deadline for photo & caption submission is Mar 1. See Twiki for guidelines <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/PathfinderGuidelines>

● Cassie introduced new PLS Systems Librarian, Jim Frey and also the Interim Director for Geneva Library, Linda Nichols.

●Reminder: Please use the email maintenance form when your library has staff changes—new hires, staff leaving and staff changing libraries within PLS.

<http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/EmailStaffAccounts>

● Reminder: Library Advocacy Day, Mar 1. Those libraries sending at least one representative will have a chance on winning one of three gently used book carts.

Advocacy is a marathon not a sprint. The Governor's 2011-12 budget proposal includes a 10% cut to library funding—bringing funding below 1994 levels. NYLAs top priorities: asking that library aid not be targeted disproportionately; make permanent library system supplemental aid; and allow construction grants to be used to purchase vacant land as well as lower local match to 25% of project costs for libraries in high need areas. Please remember to thank legislators for passage of Article 7 for last year. See link on Twiki: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/AnnualAdvocacyDay>

●On Feb 11, Cassie and member library staff and trustees visited Assemblyman Hanna at his local district office in Henrietta. Libraries shared great stories.

● See Twiki link on system mtg page for Scott Turrow's article on Huffington Post web site, *Let-them-eat-cake Attitude Threatens to Destroy a Network of Public Assets*

<http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20110218>

**Betsy (PLS):** A scan of a patron's library card held on their smartphone or other device works with the newer scanners and some of the older scanners. See article on Swiss Army Librarian blog:

<http://www.swissarmylibrarian.net/2011/02/08/scanning-library-cards-on-smartphones/>

**Lindsay (PLS):** OWWLAC next meeting as a conference call, Tues, Feb 22.

**Ellen (PLS):** ●Summer Reading Mini-Grant applications due Feb 28 and coming soon a T-shirt order form  
●Outreach – NYS Talking Book & Braille Library (TBBL) now have new machines for digital download, see <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/bard/index.html> BARD (Braille & Audio Reading Download), patrons can register for this service. Nancy is fielding phone calls about the new machine.

●Group order: NYS Criminal Law ●More *Your Story Starts Here* posters available ●Summer Reading Planning workshop Mar 4.

● Ellen is working on a pilot project for libraries to collaborate with school librarians. GV BOCES SLS is interested in partnering with PLS Wyoming and Livingston county librarians to use the Summer Reading Online software for a Winter or Spring Reading program. This is an opportunity to register kids and familiarize them with the software before the 2011 Summer Reading program begins. Please contact Ellen.

Mary (WAL) sees this as an opportunity to help kids develop lifelong learning and be users of libraries.

Cassie (PLS): One of the NYLA priorities is passage of a bill: Library Card Info Distributed to Students This bill (Bing) would require school districts to disseminate informational materials about the public library and applications for public library cards to students if they are provided by their local library.

Liz (WAL) reminded everyone of the upcoming YSS conference, *Libraries in Bloom*, April 29, in Rochester at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport off 390 exit. [http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page\\_id=1714](http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1714) Early bird rates through Mar 31. Luncheon speaker: award-winning author Susan Campbell Bartoletti.

Beth (GPL-Central Library): Upcoming classes at WIL & WADS in March for OWWL2go staff training. See the link on the GPL website:

2011 Community Read selection, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon. JMac spoke at one of the event tied in with the event.

Carol (CAN) introduced Ron Kirsop as the new Adult Services/Reference Librarian.

- See library website: <http://wood.pls-net.org> for renovation news. The library will reopen May 1 with a gala opening planned. The Friends are providing food and entertainment and there will be a special walk from the temporary library home back to the newly renovated library.

The library continues to raise funds for phase two and need \$360K to reach the \$4M goal. The Daily Messenger wrote an article. There are plans for a contest to rename the opening., i.e. Wood you look at us now!

- Carol announced that she plans to retire in December.

Pat (Victor) reports being pressured by the town to become a library district. Some feel Farmington is not contributing their share of tax money.

Other libraries at the meeting expressed that they are also being pressured by municipalities.

Angel (SS): Gainesville Library board approved reimbursing the 25cents/mile mileage amount to compensate for the decreased PLS mileage rate.

Tanya (GPL): Mar 31, 6-7pm, a reception will be held to unveil the changes made to the Story Room in memory of Linda Blackwell.

Peggy (PER): SnapShot NY day at the library was a good day—lots of people. Peggy ran a slide show all day and updated with more photos as day progressed.

## **Program Nook**

Facilitator: Lindsay Stratton and guest speakers Chris, Digital Sales Lead and Rebecca Budinger, Communications Relations Manager of Barnes and Noble, Greece, NY.

eBook Reader how it functions now and what the future may bring

Highlights:

- B&N have 3 models: original NookWiFi, Nook 3G+WiFi, and the recent Nook Color
- Nook Color has a web browser and other applications (games, Pandora web radio)

- WiFi Nooks are e-Ink technology (like paper, can read in full sunlight), Color Nook has a LCD screen (can read in dark)
- Register your device with B&N and have account # and password; also need to create an Adobe ID (same email as your B&N account)
- Free Fridays offers a free selection to download. Choices are different genres each week.
- OverDrive materials cannot be downloaded directly to Nook, they must be downloaded to a PC, then “side loaded” to the Nook
- Last page open is auto bookmarked upon closing book. Manual bookmarking is a feature.
- Book text is “re-flowable” to fit the screen and can be resized.
- On screen keyboard, built in dictionary.
- Some purchased titles can be lent to another user for 14 days; but only 1 loan per book is allowed
- Audio player on NookColor allows reading and listening at same time; some children’s titles have a “Read to Me” feature. No text to speech at this time.

Some challenge to libraries as a multi-user:

- Need credit card to set up account
- Policy is up to 6 nooks on one account
- Unique email for each account
- Currently no extended warranty for multi-users, if you’ve already purchased an extended warranty, you can get reimbursed
- No definitive policy on how to handle battery replacement when NookColor no longer under warranty

Multi-use positives:

- Can have each account be for a different genre
- Can have different colors—wallpaper, frames, covers—for different uses
- Nook does video MP4 format. Can use for storytime, speakers, author programs.
- Some children’s books have read to me feature built in
- OWWL2go to PC and then to Nook
- In the near future – apps
- Airplane mode turned on saves battery power
- Original has replaceable battery, default of 1500 books, can use memory card.