



**PLS System Meeting – Summary
December 16, 2011
@ Pioneer Library System**

Beth Gladding, **AHill**; Jeanne Ruter, **AVO**; Renate Goff, **CAL**; Carol Shama, Mary Ferris, Jenny Goodemote, **CAN**; Beth Horn, **GPL**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Darlene Virkler, **MAC**; Blanche Warner, **NAP**; Dorothy Morehouse, **NEW**; Sandra Hylan, Anne Rehor, **ONT**; Louise Furber, Deb Dennis, **PHE**; Allen Tompkins, **RC**; Liz King, **RJ**; Donna Norris, **ROS**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Angel Wright-Sackett, **SS**; Anna Grace, Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Mary Zingerella, Liz O'Toole, **WAL**; Dottie Pat, **WOL**; Cassie Guthrie, Betsy Morris, Ellen Reynolds, Lindsay Stratton, Jim Frey, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

Birds of a Feather: Stocking Stuffers w/ Betsy Morris — 6 attendees

Twiki: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20111216>

Announcements

Cassie (PLS):

- Attended 12/15 workshop about the Tax Cap with speaker Rebekka Smith Aldrich. Cassie will update the Twiki with additional information she received.
 - NYLAs Mike Borges continues to work on this issue and talking to the Governor's office & how the current tax cap timeline does not work for many libraries
 - State suggests options of changing the library vote date or fiscal year—this is obviously not a solution we would prefer
 - See NYLAs website for tax cap info; info page is being amended as news occurs
 - Cassie will review the online form and clarify its application to libraries

Bob (PLS): Wed 12/14 a new EQ patch was installed and will help with search and limits

Aaron (PLS):

- Regarding OverDue shelf lists and as in email sent out, the list will reflect all dates

Question about reports used to fix records.

Answer: This topic was brought up at recent OWWLUG and libraries asked to help with Bad Stat Cat reports. Ellen is happy to have libraries help with this. Most bad stats are item records with unset categories or FixMe leftovers from SIRSI days or early days of EverGreen. June Hamell from Macedon will be helping and at the system meeting Clifton, Caledonia, and Wadsworth also agreed to help. Other libraries can contact Ellen.

Bob (PLS): Currently these reports run monthly and are very large lists. Eventually, after repairs are made, the reports will be separated and available to access by individual libraries.

Ellen (PLS):

- Need **collection analysis reports**? Ellen will run for you.
- **BookLetters**. Have you or will you sponsor a list? Please contact Ellen.
- **Balloons**. Please take OWWL balloons. (see CS program for piñata ideas)
- Barb Henry contributed some **knitting books** to be used with library knitting groups/programs — DO NOT add to catalog. Please take from box on table.
- **Talking Book updates**. At a recent Outreach monthly conference call, the topic was [BARD](#) (see [System Meeting](#) link on PLUM), Braille and Audio Reading Download and the Talking Book and Braille Library.
 - The yellow audio cassette players are being phased out—no more repairs, or buying new machines, although can get replacements until current stock of machines run out.

- New digital machines and digital/USB cartridges are now being issued and libraries are being encouraged to promote this service.
- Very easy for patrons or libraries to register and for libraries to receive some machines, books, and promotional materials.
- These services are for individuals who have a reading disability preventing their reading printed material in a normal manner i.e. blindness, learning disability, physically unable to hold a book, etc. A certified authority is needed for registration. See website for National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: <http://www.loc.gov/nls/index.html>

Beth (Central Library): CLAC meeting after system meeting—finalize budget and one opening for committee member available.

Beth (GPL): Geneva held a successful writing program in November, [National Novel Writing month](#)

Betsy (PLS): There has been an attitudinal shift in self-publishing

Renate (CAL): Local author self-published, over 400,000 sales

Jenny (CAN): Reminder: Retirement reception for Carol Shama tonight, 5pm at Wood Library.

Cassie (PLS): Jenny has been appointed Interim Director at Wood, beginning January through June 30th.

Melissa (CS): Need to raise awareness concerning local library funding. Clifton Library recently received a letter from The Town of Hopewell Supervisor that library funding has been discontinued for Clifton and Wood libraries—with no warning and no phasing out plan.

Theresa (LYO): Board gave recognition to Theresa's many years of service and recognition to the staff

Best of 2011 Showcase and 2012 Library New Year's Resolutions

Presenters: Cindy Costa (WADS), Carol Garland (SOD), Melissa Correia (CS), Liz O'Toole & Mary Zingerella (WAL), Lindsay Stratton (PLS), Ellen Reynolds (PLS), Anne Rehor (ONT)

See links on [system meeting page](#)

Highlights:

Adopt-a-Shelf – Cindy Costa

- Volunteer program that helps the library keep their book shelves well ordered.
- Volunteers sign up for 10-30 minutes weekly or bi-weekly and some adopt a whole bookcase
- Cindy keeps a log of minutes/volunteers/shelves
- Is a big help when pulling items for Holds list—easier to find materials now!
- Saves on staff time and wages
- Volunteers also tend to borrower more materials

Sodus Concept Plans for New Addition – Carol Garland

- Showed architect concept plans to join current library building with house purchased next door by constructing an addition with meeting room space and a 2nd story walkway/gallery space
- Basement addition will be new meeting room with separate entrance

- \$1.5M project. Library is raising funds and public vote recently to allow library to borrow money for the project— approx. 2:1 in favor.
- Expect to break ground late spring or early summer 2012.

Clifton Springs Successful Programs – Melissa Correia

- Focuses many programs during school breaks
- Friends with Feathers (www.friendswithfeathers.org) Ron Walker brought in 3 birds of prey (he is expected to retire in June 2012, call soon before too late. He's trying to find a replacement)
- Cupcake decorating, themes: tie dye, worms in dirt, daisy decoration. An easy program
- Postcard Campaign during Nat'l Library Wk. Patrons asked to fill out *Why they like the library* cards and responses were shared with the board and posted around the circulation desk.
- Book-It 5K run fundraiser.
 - Preparation needed, such as course certification, dates published in major racing publications. Runners like to know course is certified and need to plan ahead as they tend to do many races.
 - Visible PR with runner t-shirts
 - Door prizes are very popular. Businesses contribute cash, materials, or gift certificates.
 - Insurance for the day of the race
- Piñatas – easy project. Two session project. Assembling best done outside and decorating done following week.
- Teen Room makeover. New furniture. Magnetic paint used for bulletin board. Melissa would love other ideas that will allow library to keep historical features.

Programming Favorites – Liz O'Toole and Mary Zingerella

- Overnights at the Library.
 - Start with tour of library for new comers
 - Demonstrate book drop – very popular
 - Plan lots of activities: Lego projects, car races, scavenger hunts, paper airplanes.
 - Lots of snacks and breakfast
 - 14-15 good-sized group. Ages 5th & 6th grade have worked the best
- End of summer reading
 - Tables with prizes
 - Ice cream booth
 - Display board of accomplishments

ChiliFresh – Lindsay Stratton

- PLS was awarded a Harold Hacker Grant and has integrated ChiliFresh to provide an interactive review feature to the OWWL catalog
 - All formats of one title have the reviews combined, so won't have to view link of large print vs. book to see what has been written
 - ChiliFresh is international, - reviews from other countries & across the nation are available. Once there are Pioneer reviews, they will appear first.
 - Individuals can write a review as anonymous or register for an account
 - Reviews are moderated and therefore not published immediately
 - Libraries can create an account for a library group/book club

- Can follow the reviews of a registered reviewer you like

Book Talk:

- Liz O'Toole: Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
 - Written as his/hers stories; lots of artwork
 - Relationship of young man/woman
 - Liked this book slightly better than author's Caldecott Medal winner THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET (HUGO now a movie)
- Anne Roher: Older than the Stars by Karen Fox
 - Non-fiction; topic along lines of big bang theory – how universe formed
 - Picture book with something for all ages; Includes sidebars of science explanation that adults can use while reading to children
- Ellen Reynolds – What to read after...Stieg Larsson
 - Nordic Noir / Scandi Crime Lit
 - Handout: selected Nordic Crime Fiction Authors/Series (see system mtg twiki page)
 - Authors from: Sweden, Finland, Norway, Iceland
 - Platform for discussing social issues