



PLS System Meeting – Summary October 18, 2013 @ Pioneer Library System

Beth Gladding, **AHill**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Diana Thorn, **BRI**; Renate Goff, **CAL**; Jenny Goodemote, Ron Kirsop, Mary Ferris, **CAN**; Melissa Correia, **CS**; Erin Robinson, **CAS**; Teresa Dearing, **DAN**; Beth Lathrop, Chris Finger, Kelsy Hibbard-Baker, **GPL**; Wendy Krause, **HPL**; Cathy Allen, **LIM**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Darlene Virkler, **MAC**; Tracy Whitney, **MAR**; Sharon Stanley, **MM**; Krystina Hardter, **NEW**; Anne Rehor, **ONT**; Patricia Baynes, **PAL**; Janet Rossman, **PER**; Leah Hamilton, **PHE**; Stacey Wicksall, Amy Aderman, **RJ**; Roxanne Roscup, **SOD**; Angel Wright-Sackett, **SS**; Elly Dawson, **VIC**; Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Lisa Gricius, Mary Conable, **WAR**; Cassie Guthrie, Pat Finnerty, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Lindsay Stratton, Heidi Jensen, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

Birds of a Feather: OWWL Policies – Ron Kirsop: 12 attendees

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Announcements

Cassie (PLS):

- October 25 is the Legislative Breakfast, 8:30-10am and we will be screening video clips of legislators talking about what libraries mean to them and their constituents. Please register via the CE calendar (so far 20 registered). Confirmed to attend: Senators Gallivan and O'Brien, Assemblyman Kolb, Nojay's aide, and possibly Assemblyman Oaks.
- Upcoming:
 - Libby Post workshop Library Campaign Institute, Saturday, Nov 2, 9am – 4pm, lunch provided.
 - 11/8 webinar – Jerry Nichols
- Cassie welcomed & introduced Red Creek Library's director, Belinda Welcher.

Pat (PLS):

- JobNow trainings for library staff, 4 are scheduled, one in each county, held at Warsaw, Wadsworth, Wood, & Sodus libraries
- Upcoming ALA webinar 11/6: Gathering & Using Community Data: Making the best decisions for your library, 2:30pm. Register via the calendar of events. Learn how to gather community data in order to assess your library users' needs and desires, and then plan services accordingly. Topics include: How to find the free sources of data in your community; How to gather data without spending money; Putting your data into action: big challenges and small challenges. Learn how to combine your staff's expertise with concrete data so your library can make wise decisions, forgoing the need to hire an external vendor.
- National Take your Child to the Library. Planning meeting at Palmyra Library 10/30 @ 11am

Bob (PLS): Have been some ups & downs with the Time Warner contract. They were supposed to install new SonicWall replacements. TW started the process, then cancelled, then began again without notifying PLS, and then did not have SonicWalls ready for installation. Bob has scheduled a meeting with TW supervisor to try and get issues worked out.

Some libraries reported WiFi dropping. Possibly a bandwidth upgrade needed. PLS will look into it.

Lindsay (PLS): OWWLAC is 10/22, please contact your representative [<http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/OwwlacRepresentatives>] if have comments/concerns. OWWLAC is an advisory group composed of member library directors. Next OWWLUG is 10/25; is open to all staff, but is aimed at front line staff and meets every other month to address practical day to day all things OWWL.

Upcoming Gale Training, Tues. 11/19. Two sessions: 10am-12pm and 1-3pm. Please register via the ce calendar. The class will be open to MCLS also.

Idea: How about scheduling a *Playdate*? A chance to informally meet to discuss how to use new technology products in libraries. i.e. using infographics – a visual data representation. Let Lindsay know if you'd be interested and she will set up a time. Lindsay found a website to illustrate uses of infographics.

Laurie (BLO): This month Bloomfield Library hosted an open house with a display of Infographics created by 8th grade students from Bloomfield Middle School. The school librarian worked with the students to research a topic and each student created an Infographic to show the results of their research. The school librarian attended an Infographic workshop given by Kathy Schrock at a NYLA conference last spring. The school librarian recommended Kathy Schrock's website <http://www.schrockguide.net/infographics-as-an-assessment.html> as a good resource for learning about creating Infographics.

Cindy (PLS): After today's program, libraries can put in for a drawing of some surplus electronics.

Sharing

Lynn (VIC): The 17th annual Rochester Children's Book Festival is Nov 16. Promo flyers & bookmarks available.

Laurie (BLO): Bloomfield Library is on the cutting edge! Currently the library is hosting InfoGraphics display work from Bloomfield's 8th grade students. The topic: Native American and US policies.

Terry (DAN) found the Digital Literacy survey very useful as an information tool. It shows what the state is looking for and how things are tied to funding at the state level.

Jenny (CAN): After the system meeting, you are welcome to join a discussion group on Votes. We can learn from each other what worked well and what hasn't.

Theresa (LYO): Also after the system meeting, a Wayne County directors meeting in the board room.

Carol (SOD): The Grand Opening of the Sodus Community Library's new addition was Saturday, September 21. Senator Nozzolio and Congressman Maffei attended, and Jeff (WAL) brought their 3D printer to demonstrate. A wonderful event!

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about E-readers...but were afraid to ask

Presenters: Ron Kirsop, Chris Finger, Lindsay Stratton, and Pat Finnerty

Facilitator: Pat Finnerty

Presentation slides: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20131018>

E-readers—the panel addressed the following:

- Should we be circulating them?
- What if the patron doesn't return them?
- Are there legal issues associated with eReaders?
- How do I decide which ones to buy for my library?
- What are the differences between all these new devices out on the market now?

Highlights:

- Accessibility of devices. IMLS Advisory has recommendation for ratio of # of devices to patrons http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/files/pld/pdf/ebook_guidance.pdf
- E-Readers want exemption from ADA section.
- See [Talking Book and Braille Library](#) for information on BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)

- Some eReader features to consider: backlighting, battery life, screen size, software update availability
- Ron's top 3 picks: Kindle paper weight, Google's Nexus 7, iPad; it boils down to personnel preference & branding
- An Otterbox is a tough case that will help protect your eReader
- PEW research: most patrons want to borrow pre-loaded eReaders
- Suggestion: have eReaders loaded genre specific, i.e. mysteries, best-sellers, biographies
- Factory refurbished is good, often has a comparable warranty and is less expensive than new
- Patrons may download titles on the library device. It is good practice to re-register the device after each is returned
- Chris Finger reviewed Geneva's policy for E-Readers and suggests all libraries need an E-Reader circulation policy. Include:
 - Return policy; fines for lost/damaged
 - Must pick up and return at [your] Library?
 - How frequently is content changed
 - Loan time and # of renewals allowed
- Weigh the benefits/costs of treating eReaders differently from other items in the library (e.g. expensive audio books)