



## PLS System Meeting – Summary November 15, 2013 @ Pioneer Library System

Beth Gladding, **AHill**; Sue Reding, **ARC**; Jessica DeMarte, **AVO**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Diana Thorn, **BRI**; Renate Goff, **CAL**; Jenny Goodemote, Ron Kirsop, Mary Ferris, Kelley Blue; **CAN**; Erin Robinson, **CAS**; Teresa Dearing, **DAN**; Beth Lathrop, Tanya Thompson, 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**; Donna Norris, **ROS**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Angel Wright-Sackett, **SS**; Elly Dawson, Lynne Madden; **VIC**; Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Jeff Davignon, **WAL**; Kim Iraci, **WIL**; Dottie Patt, **WOL**; Cheryl Northup, **WYO**; Cassie Guthrie, Lauren Moore, Pat Finnerty, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Lindsay Stratton, Adam Keuer, Cindy Gardner, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

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### **Birds of a Feather: How to Make and Market Your Simple EReaders as Magical Hold Jumping Machines – Chris Finger: 4 attendees**

**TWiki:** <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/viewauth/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20131115>

### **Announcements**

#### Cassie (PLS):

- Introduced Adam Keuer, Library Systems Technician, and Lauren Moore, new Assistant Director. Lauren will start library visits soon and is looking forward to meeting everyone.
- OSC Tax Cap review vs. Full blown audit from the Office of State Comptroller. Donna at Rose had OSC tax cap review—an informal visit and received help with required forms. Association libraries are not subject to a full blown audit from State Comptroller’s Office. See the [web site](#) for list of audits completed this year and view reports that give a summary, state purpose of audit, background and key findings. Walworth Library recently completed their audit. Library system directors will discuss developing a statewide-level program regarding an audit: what it is like to go through one, what to prepare, etc.
- As of today, 20 libraries have returned their signed (FDA) Free Direct Access forms. Call or email Cassie if you have any questions regarding FDA.
- Nov 13 the PLS Board passed the 2014 System budget. OWWL costs percentage is the same, but cost will reflect a slight overall reduction for libraries. Cindy will update the TWiki (<http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/OwwlCosts2014>). The Board also approved 2 member library grants for 2014: conference/continuing education and Long Range Planning. *More info to follow.*
- Jerry Nichols will do another Emerging Leaders workshop in 2014 and this will be opened up to other library systems
- Three friends groups, NEW, PER, & GPL, have donated toward the bus cost for Advocacy Day. Due to a change of format and a space conflict, NYLA scheduled the 2014 Advocacy Day for Thursday, 2/27.
- Senator Nozzolio visited PLS yesterday (11/14/13). He had a tour of PLS and his picture taken in front of a delivery van with Cassie.

#### Cindy (PLS):

- attended an informative workshop about NYS Retirement. District & Municipal Public Libraries participate in the retirement system. Is there interest in asking a representative to do a workshop at PLS? Let Cindy know. The info is good for employers to know and is helpful to your payroll and library staff.
- Photos of some surplus furniture shown and libraries signed up for drawing. (Cindy held drawing later in the day and will notify libraries selected.)

#### Pat (PLS):

JobNow: Chris Finger is doing the fourth training at Sodus, Wed. Nov 20. Register via the CE calendar. Promotion for JobNow includes pens and flyers, print ads, billboards in Dec-Jan, and interior ads on RGTA buses. Please send feedback to Pat. JobNow is part of a 3-yr Adult Literacy Grant.

Lindsay (PLS): December's system meeting includes our annual dish-to-pass luncheon. The program that day (12/20/13) will be 2013 Good Reads. Please send in written recommendations of titles. Lindsay will pull together the list and make available in the OPAC. If you are also willing to talk about your submitted title, please let Lindsay know. Another part of the December meeting program is Pioneer Trivia. Do you have any unique library facts? Send to Lindsay. There will be prizes: PLS swag and homemade marshmallows!

Bob (PLS): Bob and Adam will start library tech visits next week. They want to get a feel for tech assets, needs, and scope of work. BRI and BLO are scheduled. While at your library, they would like to talk with the Director and your tech person/staff, if you have one, to find out where PLS can help.

Aaron (PLS): New version of DeepFreeze released and has some new features: fixes odd bugs, can work from console, etc. See TWiki page (<http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/DeepFreeze>) & give Aaron a call.

Chris Finger (Central Library): CLAC meeting follows the system meeting.

## Sharing

Wendy (HPL): Wendy showed a ceramic tile, representing the Finger Lakes, created by a local potter. Honeoye received funding from a Decentralization Grant (DEC)

[http://www.arts.ny.gov/public/resources/local\\_funding.htm](http://www.arts.ny.gov/public/resources/local_funding.htm), and the potter worked at the Honeoye Library to create a mural showing the 11 Finger Lakes. The tiles can be replicated in different sizes and are available for purchase. The unveiling is Sat, Nov 23 from 10-12. Meet the artist, Kala Stein.

An upcoming project, Art in the Air, will depict what there is to do in the Finger Lakes using 9' canvases as traveling displays.

## Reaching Your Homeschool Population

*Presenters*: Wilma Miller, Julie Burgess (homeschool parents), Jessica DeMarte (Avon Library) & Cheryl Northup (Wyoming Library)

*Facilitator*: Pat Finnerty and Tanya Thompson

*Presentation slides*: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20131115>

## Highlights:

- Many reasons given for homeschooling; Top 3: Better, religious/moral, dissatisfied with current system
- Homeschoolers use different methods of teaching (Waldorf, Unschooling, Montessori, Charlotte Mason, etc.)
- Homeschoolers are required to follow the NYS guidelines for what needs to be covered, but not required to address the subjects using a particular method
- Recommended books:
  - Teach Your Own by John Holt;
  - Helping Homeschoolers in the Libraries by Adrienne Furness;
  - Free Range Learning by Laura Grace Walden
- 2014 focus for Geneva Public Library is to provide accommodations for 1 on 1 homeschool training as well as small group training. See GPL website for "request training"
- Libraries can help by:
  - Giving a library orientation tour and/or Introduction to the Library Treasure Hunt
  - Curriculum swaps (providing materials in bulk and with longer loan time)
  - Offer college nights
  - Add a few games to the collection, such as, Using Context Clues, Sound Stitches
  - Facilitate administering standardized test
- [www.p12.nysed.org](http://www.p12.nysed.org)
- [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org)
- <http://www.rochesterareahomeschoolers.org/>