



PLS System Meeting – Summary
February 21, 2014
@ Pioneer Library System

Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, **AVO**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Diana Thorn, **BRI**; Renate Goff, **CAL**; Jenny Goodemote, Ben Lainhart, Mary Ferris, Kelley Blue, **CAN**; Melissa Correia, **CS**; Teresa Dearing, **DAN**; Chris Finger, Kelsy Hibbard-Baker, **GPL**; Cathy Allen, **LIM**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Blanche Warner, **NAP**; Peg Pelletier, **NEW**; Sandra Hysten, **ONT**; Peggy Parker, **PER**; Leah Hamilton, **PHE**; Stacey Wicksall, Amy Aderman, **RJ**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Elly Dawson, Tim Niver, **VIC**; Anna Grace, Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Lisa Gricius, **WAR**; Kim Iraci, **WIL**; Cassie Guthrie, Lauren Moore, Pat Finnerty, Ron Kirsop, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Adam Keuer, Lindsay Stratton, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

Birds of a Feather: Bored with your collection? Jazz it up with Board games!
– Chris Finger; 6 attendees

Twiki: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/viewauth/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20140221>

Announcements

Cassie (PLS):

- NYLA Advocacy Day - 53 registered, including 10 patrons.
- In January, Cassie forwarded a NYLA email requesting library advocates contact the Governor's office after his proposed 2014/15 budget included \$4M *less* in library aid than last year. The Governor did not include the \$4M during the budget amendment period. A second email sent this morning is asking library advocates to contact their state senator and assemblymember. http://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=58&MenuKey=advocacy
- Cassie introduced and welcomed Ben Lainhart, Assistant Director at Wood Library and Tim Niver, from Victor Library.

Pat (PLS):

- Summer Reading planning workshop: 3/7. Register via the CE calendar. Come share ideas.
- Pathfinder - Please submit a photo and short caption for the Spring edition. Deadline 3/3.

Lauren (PLS):

- April 11, 10 a.m. – the launching of a Friends, Foundation, and Fundraiser Roundtable. Maria Bucci, from Wood Library will lead the discussion. Come share ideas and ask questions. Please submit questions ahead of time if possible. PLS plans to host these roundtables twice per year.

Bob (PLS): At a Birds session about one year ago, there was an Evergreen self-checking demo and now it is ready to roll. Instructions are on the [TWiki](#) including info regarding particular printers needed. Please open a ticket to [request help](#).

Lindsay (PLS): Reminder to register on the CE calendar if interested in the Holdings Maintenance meeting— 25 registered so far. Feb 5 OWWLAC meeting, please contact your [representative](#) with comments/concerns.

Ron (PLS): Congratulations to the 2014 PLS Continuing Education Grant recipients: Kelley Blue, Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, Elly Dawson, Jessica DeMarte, Chris Finger, Wendy Freier, Lisa Gricius, Kelsy Hibbard-Baker, Ben Lainhart, Beth List, Tim Niver, Peg Pelletier, Blanche Warner, and Stacey Wicksall.

Kathryn (PLS): Reminder to be sure and label your items when sending them in for cataloging. Currently have 5 items with no designation. If not claimed, they will be sent to Geneva.

Aaron (PLS): Just a reminder that libraries can order their computers through PLS. Contact Aaron for details or visit <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/viewauth/Members/PLSMediatedComputerPurchasing>

Chris Finger (Central Library): Reminder, CLAC meeting after today's system meeting. See the YouTube video highlighting OWWL2go: <http://www.youtube.com/user/GenevaLibraryUTube/playlists>

Sharing

Renate (CAL): Question: Any good sites/apps for keeping track of things you've read or want to read?

Recommended: [LibraryThing](#); another option is [GoodReads](#) [bought by google]

Kelley Blue (CAN): The Teen Book Festival coming this May— posters are available. Thirty authors to-date will be there.

Are you interested in teen services? A series of webinars is scheduled throughout 2014 and held at alternating locations between PLS and Greece Public Library. A Harold Hacker grant was awarded for this Teen Training Initiative. Please register on the calendar of events: 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, and 12/3.

Jenny (CAN): The Wood Library construction is completed!

Serious Fun: Why Every Library Should Care About Games

Facilitator: Pat Finnerty

Presenter: Amanda Schiavulli, Education and Outreach Librarian at Finger Lakes Library System

<http://www.flls.org/programming/programmingresources/#gaming>

Highlights:

- Play is critical to human development, <http://www.thestrong.org/about-play>
- International Center for the History of Games, <http://www.icheg.org/>
- 34 is the average age of a gamer and 49% of gamers are between 18-49 years old; 67% of US households play video games
- Suggested library game events:
 - Wii Wednesdays
 - Minecraft event
 - Retro game night using older consoles, i.e. Nintendo
- Notice what your patrons are using, develop a short survey (Lyons did)
- School Library Journal [article](#) on Minecraft in the Library
- Expand your collection with books and players guides on gaming, i.e. books on the popular Minecraft
- Wood Library partnered with a local Minecraft group
- Clifton suggests you don't always need a formal program—provide the laptops and kids will make it happen!
- Red Jacket uses multiple monitors. Can get a Minecraft account for the library for \$25, no expiration
- Bandwidth is a consideration; Phelps had to increase their bandwidth to accommodate setting up their own gaming server
- Game Stop sells used games with one year warranty for additional \$1-2 per game
- Consider a hang out area for imaginative play games, i.e. World of War Craft
- Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon games are still popular
- RPG = role playing games
- Entertainment Software Ratings Board – ESRB can be a helpful . (Amanda did disagree with some ratings)
- Reminder: library staff cannot assume the role of parents
- November is International Games Day @ Your Library, <http://igd.ala.org/faq/>
- Check compatibility of newer systems with older games
- No new Wii games being developed, but the new Wii U system is backward compatible with some older games
- No new Nintendo DS games being developed, but some older DS games can be played on the newer system