### PLS System Meeting – Summary

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**March 21, 2014**

**@ Pioneer Library System**

Dorothy Graziano, **AHill**; Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, **AVO**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Diana Thorn, **BRI;** Jenny Goodemote, Ben Lainhart, Mary Ferris, **CAN**; Erin Robinson, **CAS**; Melissa Correia, **CS**; Chris Finger, Kelsy Hibbard-Baker, **GPL**; Wendy Krause, **HPL**; Cathy Allen, **LIM**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Tracy Whitney, **MAR**; Sharon Stanley, **MM**; Blanche Warner, **NAP**; Anne Tobin, **ONT**; Patricia Baynes, **PAL**; Leah Hamilton, **PHE**; Stacey Wicksall, Amy Aderman, **RJ**; Donna Norris, **ROS**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Angel Wright-Sackett, **SS**; Elly Dawson, Tim Niver, **VIC**; Jeff Davignon, Beth List, **WAL**; Lisa Gricius, **WAR**; Dottie Patt, **WOL**; Cassie Guthrie, Lauren Moore, Pat Finnerty, Ron Kirsop, Aaron Zsembery, Adam Keuer, Cindy Gardner, Heidi Jensen, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

**Birds of a Feather: Adult Summer Reading Discussion– Ron Kirsop; 10 attendees**

**Twiki:** <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/viewauth/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20140321>

**Announcements**

Cassie (PLS):

* State Funding – email sent earlier this week - NYLA asking that you communicate with state senators to stand firm on additional funding for libraries in the state budget. Thank you all for traveling to Albany and sending emails leading up to state budget being finalized. It’s making a difference.
* OWWLAC - Tuesday, 3/25 at 1:30 pm (Lindsay is at an Evergreen conference this week)
* OWWLUG - Friday, 3/28 at 10:00 am at PLSHQ & also remote viewing at Wolcott Library. OWWLUG attendees can choose to come to PLS or view the event at Wolcott Library. It is a great opportunity to experience attending a continuing education event remotely.

Pat (PLS) demonstrated the website DaybyDayNY, an Early Literacy Initiative, <http://daybydayny.org/>. This is an Early Literacy tool, funded in part through the Federal Library Services and Technology Act. The site has a virtual calendar and some content changes every day. There are stories, activities, books to read, website links, and previous month’s stories are kept. Music on the site is original. Pat will send a link in PLS notes on Monday, one that you can add to your library website. Pat will investigate if printed materials are available. Please give Pat your feedback and tell her how you may incorporate this in your library.

Laurie (BLO) thought the initiative a good idea and plans to introduce DaybyDayNY to parents at story hour. Bloomfield children’s services staff, Linda, may use the story-a-day element for a story hour program.

Lauren (PLS): Friends and Foundations Roundtable, April 11, 10-noon—An opportunity for Friends, trustees or staff to share and ask questions. Because some questions can be tricky and answers may need to be researched, please email your questions to Lauren ahead of time. Lauren will keep your question anonymous if you so wish.

Heidi (PLS) introduced Booker 2.0 & shared features: gloves for hands so wearer can give handouts, i.e. candy; head is more open inside and has cooling fan; Booker has a t-shirt; and there is a cooling vest with freezer packs to help keep the wearer more comfortable. Contact Heidi to schedule Booker for your event!

Adam (PLS) has visited most member libraries. Common issue: confusion about updates and their scheduling. Adam developed an updater program, found at <http://www.pls-net.org/support>. It will update Chrome, Firefox, Java, Flash, Adobe Reader, iTunes and quick time. This is silent—you don’t have to monitor and click boxes. The updater process is a lot shorter. Adam will update this program every 30-60 days and send out reminder emails when it’s time to do the updates. Call if need assistance. Adam is also willing to attend your library staff meeting.

Kelsy (GPL) reports that it halved the time it had previous taken her for doing updates.

Adam (PLS): Self-checkout software is still available. Keep in mind that a dedicated computer is needed for this. Call Adam if you’d like to have this feature used at your library.

Cindy (PLS): NYS Retirement Workshop, May 1, 9am-3:30pm. Please respond to the email sent by NYS Retirement **and** also register via the PLS calendar of events. Your response is needed so there will be enough handouts and food. This workshop is intended for library employer/payroll personnel.

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>

Two libraries have ordered so far. Aaron will send acknowledgement and order status updates to your library. A Kaspersky update to address Windows 8/Kaspersky incompatibility will be ready soon. Aaron will send out link when it is ready.

**Sharing**

Diana (BRI): [*Comfort Zone*](http://comfortzoneproject.com/) : a film about change - an independently and locally made documentary, 1 hour long. Diana knows one of the producers who has offered the opportunity for libraries to purchase the DVD at a reduced cost—$10ea if have 10 orders. Let Diana know if you’d like to purchase and she will coordinate an order.

The film is about climate change and its effect at the local level. It presents facts and is a conversation starter. Bristol Library’s program is Tuesday, 3/25 at 6pm, will show the DVD and Diana facilitating discussion. The film producers will also grant a one-time public performance viewing at no cost, if you let them know ahead of time. For an ongoing public performance license the cost is about $30. See the documentary trailer: http://[comfortzoneproject.com](http://comfortzoneproject.com/)

Blanche (NAP) highlighted another local filmmaker’s work. Robert Billheimer produced Not in My Life, a film about human trafficking.

Elly (VIC): The Banish Boredom Tour is coming to Victor April 1st to kid-test their Wandoo Planet product, currently in the beta stage. It’s a motivational software tool highlighting kids’ personal interests and helping them find books they’ll love. (*see*: http://evancedkids.com/wandooplanet/)

Victor Library began the same year as the movie Wizard of Oz, provisional charter dated April 21st, 75 years ago. The library will celebrate with 75 cakes, 75 prizes, and 75 stories. Do you have a story to contribute? Let Elly know.

Wendy (HON): A Hemlock woman’s search and rescue group meets at the library. They did a free program giving kids valuable information, such as what items to take into the woods/hiking that they may not think about—like a whistle. Very informative, and their group is a 501(c).

This is the 14th year for Honeoye Musical performances. Last year 1700 people attended in 9 wks. This year the gazebo is available again, and all the performers are lined up.

Leah (PHE): The Phelps library has opened their STEAM Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.) They have: mat cutter, 3D printer, large format printer, sewing machines, etc. Leah has applied for a local grant to get more equipment to add to the lab. She is also working on a Home Brewing program and one on the Appreciation of Weeds. The library’s Digital newsletter started this year and includes STEAM Lab goings on.

**Library Assessment Tools**

Facilitators: Ron Kirsop and Lauren Moore

The Edge and Impact Survey

*See PowerPoint on TWiki:* <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20140321>; under Program Materials.

**Library Staff Exchange:** Have target date, May – June, and 2014 process will be easier and more included. Library visits will be assigned and based on where you can travel & every library will be part of the experience. In a couple weeks, Lauren will send out a form, and make assignments, and host reflection time on what everyone got out of the experience.