

COMPASS USERS' GROUP

Draft Meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Members present:

Debby Bocnuk/Babbitt, Mary Lukarilla/Cloquet, MarciaAnderson/Grand Rapids, , Nancy Riesgraf & Ginny Richmond/Hibbing, Linda Chappell/Grand Marais, Diane Adams/International Falls, Nancy Maxwell/Virginia; Carla Powers/Duluth, Sue Heskin, Two Harbors, Nicholas Prieve/Gilbert, Judy Holcomb, Kinney Linda Wadman/NCLC, Mark Koukol/ALS, Rebecca Patton/ALS, , Shari Fisher, ALS, Jim Weikum/ALS,

1. President Nancy Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and introductions were made all around
 2. . **Approval of COMPASS minutes for October 27, 2010 meeting:**
M/S Adams/ Richmond .Approved.unanimously
 3. **COMPASS AND COMPUTER RELATED ISSUES**
 - a **Questions or issues with Horizon functions:**
none
 - b. **Horizon News**
 - 7.5.1 Due out this quarter.
Mark noted that the servers are getting old and his is looking at replacing storage units. He had problems with the N-SIP installation. He and Jim also reviewed Sirsi's reciprocal borrowing module.
 - c. **ILS/Discovery Layer**
. A committee has been formed. Note: there has been a thread on the Horizon-L list about pros and cons of various Discovery layers used on Horizon.
Other regional library systems are or may soon be looking for replacement ILS.
Other systems are also subscribing to Overdrive
 - d. **Staff Reports**
NENET middle mile fiber project update:
Many libraries are scheduled to receive service in 2011. ALS is concerned about signing long-term contracts when e-rates are done annually, and local support is provided annually.
Cook and Lake Counties will be treated differently since they have grants for broadband. NENET is communicating with Paul Bunyan in Itasca Co, since they are not going into Itasca Co.
ALS is in discussion with Recorded Books about possible databases if we should choose to drop some of the existing subscriptions after evaluations. Trials have been set up for One-click Audio, Byki, a language learning system, and universal class, an online continuing education database. (note: Shari sent out a message on Friday, January 28 with a document attached which gives descriptions and links)
 - f. **Other**
none
- 5. Library Issues**
- a. (Moved to end) What's happening at your library?
 - b. Future of e-books in the ALS region
 - a. Is there enough in the regional budget to support continued rapid growth in popularity?

i. Libraries (or patrons) can contribute \$ to collection for specific books for general support.

ii. Rebecca did not anticipate running out of \$\$ for this year. Process: orders are done monthly. If there are more than 5 requests on a title, a second copy is ordered.

If there are requests for specific titles, email them to Rebecca.

Support for Overdrive questions:

Refer patrons to ALS support email on web site. Robert tries to answer questions that are simple. Stumpers are sent on to Overdrive.

c. "Legacy Amendment" projects and programs

Please send stories, outcomes, comments and description of programs to Rebecca. She needs these for compiling reports. The legislature must vote to allocate \$\$ to libraries for new biennium and compelling stories will make it easier to persuade law maker that libraries are good vehicles for supporting arts, culture and history programming

d. Staff reports

- Legislature: The MLA-Memo platform is now available at: <http://mnlibraryassociation.org/committees-subunits/legislative-committee/>

The focus will be on retaining funding for current programs rather than anything new.

MLA legislative day is Tuesday, March 1. Chris has made appointments with legislators.

The Libraries Strengthen MN brochures are available from ALS

- ROI Study is in process. They were doing sample questions in several libraries. They are modeling it after a Colorado study. It is expected to be completed in Fall 2011.

e. NCLC: They are doing a strategic planning process with Whitney Crettol and will be sending a survey (survey monkey) out to libraries. Please respond to avoid follow-up phone calls.

f. Other

Large Print Rotation: Several issues were raised about rotating collections including:

8 weeks is too short

It is more work for library staff

The master list should be on the web site

List by genre is not useful

Video rotations are coming late.

This will be added to the February agenda since neither Shari nor Angie is here.

A. What's happening?

- a. Several libraries have heard suggestions from their counties to move the county law libraries in to the public libraries. (without the accompanying funding)
- b. In response to a question from Grand Rapids, most libraries indicate they do charge for downloading and printing tax forms.
- c. Grand Rapids is asking for feedback on distributors as they are investigating switching from B & T (will send email to libraries)

- i. Grand Rapids will be closed in late March and/or April for replacing carpet. Exact dates will be sent out when available.
- d. Two Harbors upgraded their web site. They are hiring a space consultant to assist in redesigning their interior.
- e. Grand Marais is planning an addition to the building. They have the architect and drawings
- f. Hibbing is in the midst the strategic planning process. They are installing solar panels on the library and upgrading windows. Their indoor play park (upstairs) is open and popular. They are trying a subscription to Newsbank, which includes the Mesabi Daily News papers. They offer remote access with a link from their web page. Hibbing is partnering with Community Ed for computer classes.
- g. Duluth is doing a community read with "Hotel on the corner of Bitter and Sweet" They are planning a program with the author and other programs.
- h. Babbitt is offering another photo contest for teens
- i. Gilbert used tech soup donations to upgrade computers, is using an elder circle employee, doubled the program offerings, started more programming for teens, offered computer classes and workshops, including resume and Efolio workshops in partnership with DEED (Mesabi Community College)
- j. Kinney is trying to rejuvenate board and is seeing more community interest in the Library.
- k. Two Harbors is considering meeting room charges. Please send rates to Sue.

5. Adjourn at 1:45

Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb 23, 2011 @ 10:30

At February's meeting: DEED/Mesabi Community College will provide brief overview of Efolio