

# COMPASS Users Group

Arrowhead Library System

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

10:00a.m. via Go-to-meeting

## Minutes

11.1. **Present:** Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Paula Chapman, Aurora, Linda Chapell/Grand Marais, Nancy Riesgraf/Hibbing, Deb Shaw /Moose Lake, Mary Lukkarila/Cloquet. Carla Powers/Duluth, Nancy Maxwell/Virginia, Nicole Miller /Gilbert

**Staff:** Mark, Shari, Jim

2. Approval of COMPASS minutes for April 25, 2012 meeting  
(not available at meeting: sent out after meeting with the apologies of the Secretary)

3. **COMPASS and Technology Related Issues.**

**a. Questions or issues with Horizon functions.**

**b. Horizon news: updates & upgrades, etc.**

Release 7.5.2 scheduled for this fall. It will include an SMS option. It will also include a fix for the IPAC browse issue

Windows 8 has been released to manufacturers. It will be available to consumers in fall. Compatibility with Horizon is unknown. Marks's suggestion is to purchase W7 for Horizon computers.

W8 has combination touch screen and desktop interface (mobile compatible) (has tile interface rather than desktop look) Note: W8 will not come with media player.

Java 6 is only version that works with Horizon (may change with upgrade)

**c. Current balance of ALS materials budget for OverDrive: \$11,500(as of August 1, 2012).**

**d. Transition to Google Mail: update.**

Still in process: problem is transferring domain name server records

**e. Unique Management: status report.**

Cloquet: Mary reports errors in people sent to UMS. Would like people to receive notice first to provide chance to return. (according to Mark, unique offers an option to send a pre-letter to allow an additional chance to return materials for an additional 75 cents)

**f. ILS selection process: update on proposed meeting with Marshall Breeding.**

Jim trying to arrange call with MB to discuss RFI

Please comment on propose RFI (Mark will resend)

There are concerns about requirement for web based option. (only 3 companies, Koha, Evergreen, and one other offer web option now, and some things are missing (ie. acquisitions) Polaris and III are popular and will be releasing web-based options next year. Next year all major contenders may offer web-based service.

**g. NESL "Middle Mile" fiber optic project: updates.**

0 Libraries scheduled for this year will probably be connected in October.

1Itasca Co Libraries were switched to Media Com 10 mb fiber lines. Connection will take place at end of August.

**h. Staff reports.**

0Shari: Reminder RDA wkshp 9-4 at ALS

**i. Other.**

Question on patron purge reference in April Minutes. Answer: Yes, it did happen.

4. **Library Issues.**

**b. Legacy programs: update.**

Nancy Dougherty is new coordinator for Legacy Programming. She is getting up to speed and making contacts.

ALS was just notified from state of the amountt of Legacy Funding for year beginning July 1. FY 2013 budget is \$8000 reduction from last year.

During next session, Libraries will seek restored funding and more stability for Legacy funding.

**c. ALS Strategic Planning process: update.**

Focus groups completed (note: not well attended) results will be shared with participants this week. Planning team will have 3 all-day retreats beginning in Sept.

**d. Staff reports.**

Jim: ALA has produced a great infographic *WEATHERING THE STORM*

Brian developed posters 6X23 and 12 X 40. One of each will be produced and sent to each library

Pieces of the infographic are available separately for reproduction

Statewide workshop *Lean Library Management* Sept 13 in Moorhead, 14<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud

(modified from industrial process management) author of book will present

Arrowhead will reimburse registration and mileage for one vehicle from each library

Scholarships are available for public library staff to attend MLA Oct 3-5

(\$200/person for up to 10 people).

Requires report on one session attended.

(ALS is still working on multitype budget. If possible, will make scholarships available to school libraries for MEMO)

ALS is registered as a site for online ebook summit, an all day online conference Wed Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

**a. What's happening at your library?**

Grand Rapids: Smart Play Spot open (installed by MN Children's Museum)

Grand Marais: Recent open house for new library was very successful. Around 200 people attended.

Virginia's book sale is 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September Wed – Friday

Gilbert Library Book sale is next week Aug 29-31 Wed-Friday (book and bake sale)

COMPASS will continue with mtg structure through this year. We will discuss in Dec. the meeting structure for next year. (new ALS bylaws call for quarterly meetings)

**e. Other.**

**5. Adjourn.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. ("in person" meeting @ ALS).