

## COMPASS USERS' GROUP

### DRAFT Meeting minutes of Wednesday, August 24, 2011 DRAFT

Members present:

Marcia Anderson/Grand Rapids, Ginny Richmond/Hibbing, Nancy Riesgraf/Hibbing, Diane Adams/International Falls, Carla Powers/Duluth, Nancy Maxwell/Virginia, Paula Chapman/Aurora, Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Mary Lukkarila/Cloquet, , Julie Billings/Silver Bay, Linda Chappell/Grand Marais, Michele Monsen/Two Harbors  
Shari Fisher/ALS, Mark Koukol/ALS, Linda Wadman/NCLC

Welcome and introductions: President Nancy Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Approval of COMPASS minutes for May 25, 2011 meeting. M/S Adams/Richmond, approved

3. COMPASS and Computer Related Issues.

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

Different messages are appearing in Horizon ie the message you used to get when trying to place a request on a book when the same patron already has a request on it has changed. It will now say something like "Too many requests on item". Let Mark know of other changes. Some may be bugs that need fixing.

Discussion on rotating collections: conclusion is that library forwarding collection should make changes.

b. **Horizon news: updates & upgrades, etc.** When things settle down after server update, Mark will begin working with S-D on implementing SMS messaging options

Note: if you are loading Horizon onto a new computer, contact Mark for the most recent version. He is working on a download of the new version.

c. **ILS & Discovery Layer selection process: update.**

Mark has been searching for a product that will work across 2 ILS systems (Duluth's Polaris and ALS' Horizon) So far there is only one vendor who says they can do it.

d. **NESC "Middle Mile" fiber optic project: update.**

Shari distributed a draft agreement with NESC. An agreement with ALS would also have to include agreements with the participating libraries. Fees will not be available before the e-rate process. Contracts may need to be signed in December of 2011. There may be a range of options.

e. **Efolio: possible grant update: (none available)**

f. **Overdrive Statistics: what data would be useful?**

Now download statistics are available by zip code. Shari can get log in information for those who want to get statistics. (Is location of ISP address available? )

0 FYI on Overdrive collection:

0		# of copies	#checked out
1			as of 8/22
2	Ebooks	2007	827
3	WMA audio	4187	973
4	Mp3 audio	599	221

ALS hopes to continue to purchase downloadable formats. Will try to order every month. Selectors will take suggestions for purchases.

**g. Staff reports**

oRobert issues a reminder: **Please empty the “Deleted Items” folder** on Web Mail. Don’t save things in Web Mail. It fills up quickly.

**h. Other. (none)**

**4. Library Issues.**

**a. ASCOLD representation on ALS Planning Committee**

ALS will begin strategic planning process and is seeking 2 representatives; **Marcia Anderson and Carla Powers** volunteered

b.Moved to end

**c. Biography Resource Center Usage Data**

A graph of database usage was distributed. BRC costs \$25000/yr and was used only a couple of months out of each year. Based on avg. cost of \$8.00/search, the general consensus was not to renew.

“Using Google Apps for a more efficient Library” webinar Sept 7 & 14, (ALA techsource webinar) Each session lasts from 1:30 to 3:00 . ALS is registered, so if someone wants to sit in on a session, please let Shari know.

**d. Legacy Amendment projects and programs**

ALS submitted an application to State Library Services for funding. The committee set a broad budget which includes museum tickets and theatrical and music tickets, plus workshops and performers at libraries.

**e. Staff reports.**

(question about ALS staffing) Decisions about filling catalog position and Rebecca’s position are on hold pending receipt of budget numbers from counties so they know what they have to work with. They have applicants for Legacy program coordinator, which will go through a temp agency.

**f. NCLC.**

a. They have \$4000 for scholarships to MLA for library staff

b. Linda recommended a free virtual conference on Library Resource sharing which is coming up on Sept 23.

c. ( <http://www.seflin.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=pages.vircon2011>)

d. She also recommended the archived version of a 2-day virtual conference on Web junction.

( <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webinars/webinar-archives>

<http://www.webjunction.org/trends-training-learning/-/resources/wjarticles>

Click on the title of the session which will open up a page for you to select your choice of what you want to do: View full archive of chat, slides and audio, or just the powerpoint, or just the chat log.)

g. What's happening at your library? (Moved)

### **Grand Marais**

Work on addition on library continues. People are excited. They are temporarily in the High School. The HS decided to allow access to Wifi. Plan is to reopen in Nov.

### **Aurora**

Question on Non-resident borrower cards (primarily out of state)

Responses: Charges range from \$10 – 45/yr. (IF charges \$10/mo with max of \$50/year) Cards are temporary with expiration date of one year or estimated departure date. Enter Home Library card number rather than issue ALS card. (note: issuing ALS cards to non-residents is a violation of agreement with Overdrive) For temporary residents use permanent and local address and put expiration date when leaving.

Question and discussion on purchasing e-readers for circulation.

Duluth is the only one doing this now. They have 2 NOOKs & 2 Sony, with different titles on each reader. 20 are free titles and 20 have been purchased. Grand Marais has several readers, including an iPad, and are now using them for staff training. They will do workshop pre-Christmas to familiarize people with different kinds of readers.

h. Other.

5. Adjourn.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m.,