

**COMPASS Users Group  
Arrowhead Library System  
Wednesday, October 31, 2018  
10:00 a.m.**

**Agenda**

All meeting documents can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sF8A-A3QL4Zw8UDnWVr093uk2-wGYwAx?usp=sharing>

**Libraries present:** Carla Powers, Marcia Anderson/Grand Rapids, Crystal Phillips/Cook, MaryEllen Higgins/Eveleth, Su Dabbas/Gilbert, Ty Pulkkinen/Hibbing Julie Billings/Silver Bay, Nancy Maxwell/ Virginia PL, , Kelli Pelland/Baudette PL, Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Katie Sundstrom/Two Harbors, Liv Mostad-Jensen/Coleraine, Anne Lundquist/ Cloquet, Diane Adams/IFalls, Beth Swenson/Cloquet, Anna Amundson/Mountain Iron

**Libraries attending via Zoom Meeting:** Lisa Pennala/Babbitt,

**Staff present:** Shari Fisher, ALS, Chris Magnusson, ALS, Mollie Stanford, ALS, Jim Weikum, ALS, Chadd Niles, ALS

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Approval of COMPASS minutes for August 22, 2018 meeting.  
Approved by consensus

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

**Grand Rapids:** hosting a successful ad-hoc writing group

**Cloquet:** Started a story time for adults at a local bar, Hired an additional youth services worker. Acquired Sewing machines & laptops, submitted a grant app for building expansion, now have FT children's and FT YA staff.

**Silver Bay:** FOL Christmas tea fundraiser scheduled for Dec 1,

**MT Iron:** Anna Amundson, new director, is meeting people in community. They are starting toddler reading time again.

**Coleraine:** new computers means more kids after school.

**Hibbing:** Started a subscription to Ancestry.com. They are preparing for Yuletide Fest. Theme this year is Polar Express,

**Chadd:** Working on Enterprise including working on formatting for mobile display.

**Hoyt Lakes:** Hosts weekly Code Club, 15 kids using computers dedicated for coding for that hour, PRENDA software co.

**Two Harbors:** Sponsored successful "meet the candidates" night. FOL book sale is this week

**Baudette:** Legacy program went very well. Now cleaning out storage area. Anyone want any albums or laser disks? They are Partnering with Historical Society to host author of *Breath of Wilderness* about Sigurd Olson

**Eveleth:** Friends group is now official 501c3 organization. Afterschool movies continue, hosting drop-in genealogy workshop, phenology program ending after Dec. (volunteer organizer is leaving)

**Gilbert:** has furnace issues in building, Celebrating Craft Week, has anime twice/month, Hosts regular cookbook club

**Duluth:** not quite ready to join ALS on Horizon. Will revisit in 2 or 3 years. Moving forward with credit card acceptance

**Cook:** Great American Read ended. Patio poured, hosting Fiber Arts Tea, Applying for grants for early reader shelving.

**Mollie:** Teaching super-charged story times: trying to schedule 2019 Legacy programs by Dec. Brian working on Winter Reading materials, early literacy subcommittee met,

**Shari:** Please use online form for print shop orders

**Virginia:** Sarah Stonich author visit.

**Aurora:** Has new staff, FOL fundraiser finished,

**Babbitt,** FOL placed Little Free Library, patron built Boxcar display for Boxcar Children books

**IFalls,** distributing early literacy calendar of activities, focus on 0-4 age group. Kids get free book after completing 20 activities.

#### 4. COMPASS and Technology Related Issues.

a. Questions or issues with Horizon functions.

Connection Summit coming up (online conference)

b. **Horizon news:** updates, upgrades (7.5.5 and 7.5.6), etc.

i. **7.5.5 ?** will upgrade in early 2019 (family cards and online payment function)

7.5.6 released late fall 2019 Will include ability to merge borrower records.

ii. **Notices** (including patron privacy issues).

Robert is working on notes re borrower notification.

GR & Hib notices through analytics until today. Can update email notices.

**Printed notices can use titles.** (general consensus)

Is it possible to use titles on overdues and pre-overdue but not holds? (answer is no)

iii. **OCLC Reclamation & DataSync project.**

Seems to be going well, lower than expected number of problem records, holdings set so everything looks like ALS owns, but details show library

iv. **OCLC Updates.**

v. **Database clean-up schedule.**

See document

Reports will be generated periodically and emailed.

March and October for other item status reports

Lost item cleanup

Dec. borrower purge : Expired more than 3 years, and less than \$10 in fines.

Bar code cleanup in April?

vi. **BLUEcloud Circulation** demo.

- Available now for demonstration, need login to access
- No way to print receipt at present.
- Can open in browser
- Can see and place holds and items checked out,
- No notes visible on block screen.
- Let Chris know if account set up desired.

c. Enterprise & eResource Central (eRC).

i. **Enterprise update schedule.**

Mobile release has been pushed back to Quarter 2 next year.

Enterprise can do special display of collections: ie. see Hibbing's new collection and Dylan collection buttons.

ii. **FRBR.**

Working on making this type of item display happen. Chris will send out link and instructions, and will send out advance notice before rolling out

FRBR Pulls records for Hardcover books, LP books, paperbacks, BOCD, title and author

d. Issues relating to Fine-Free events and initiatives at ALS libraries.

Spreadsheet on Google Drive will be updated to keep track of libraries participating. Will send link to document

e. Temporary borrower cards.

i. First committee meeting follows the COMPASS meeting.

f. MnLINK: billing for lost items.

Jim reports the regions may have consensus or each system may determine whether to bill for items, and how.

The next MnLINK meeting is November 1.

g. Balance of ALS materials budget for OverDrive: annual budget divided equally each month.

h. **RB Digital** e-magazines: how are patrons responding?

Positive responses. RB Digital Started October 1 Circ 973 as of October 28<sup>th</sup>. Shari Can pull stats by library.

3. "Round-robin" questions of the day?

a. Who circulates video games and how are they handled?

Bookmobile and MAB and a few others circulate

Hoyt Lakes: circ similar to DVDs

Gibert: circ only to adults

IFalls: will circulate later now use is only in-house

How to decide which system?

Nintendo now is geared more toward younger kids

Xbox and Play Station geared toward older kids & teens,

Requests for Fortnite (needs to be downloaded every day)

6. Library Issues.

a. School outreach: Digital card pilot project update.

Taking longer than anticipated, Working on contract from Mesabi East giving permission to share. Students will be able to use online resources.

b. ALS strategic planning update.

2 surveys out: Multitype and Direct Patrons. Nov 15 deadline.

c. Legacy staffing and programming update.

- Trying to get PR material 6 weeks in advance.
- Trying for higher number for cap on creative workshops.
- Trying to get programs planned and committed through August
- Working on adult poster and book log for winter reading.
- ALS has READ poster software and Brian can produce.
- Direct mail to rural residents to promote MAB services.

Notes:

- Resource sharing is growing in MN.
- Minitex has interesting infographic.
- If there is a repair slip in a DVD, please use it to report problems.

7. Next meeting: December 5, 2018.

8. Adjourn.