

COMPASS Users Group

Arrowhead Library System

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Libraries present: Nancy Maxwell/Virginia, Tyler Pulkkinen/Hibbing, Julie Billings/Silver Bay, Kelli Pelland/Baudette, Katie Sundstrom/Two Harbors, Katie Christenson/Chisholm, Su Dabbas/Gilbert, Liv Mostad-Jensen/Coleraine, Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Bethany Leseman/Carlton, Crystal Phillips/Cook, MaryEllen Higgins/Eveleth

Libraries attending via Zoom Meeting: Rachel Heinrich/Ely, Diane Adams/International Falls, Beth Sorenson/Cloquet, Will Richter/Grand Rapids, Carla Powers/Duluth, Lisa Pennala/Babbitt

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

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Approval of COMPASS minutes for December 5, 2018 meeting. **N. Maxwell/ M. Higgins, Motion Approved**
3. What's happening at your library? Read any good books lately?
 - a. Two Harbors: Cleaning out closets, getting rid of DVD and CD cases, Friends group was given 1,000 books.
 - b. Coleraine: New board members. Book: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, *Neither Wolf Nor Dog* by Kent Nerburn, *The Book Thieves* by Anders Rydell, *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.
 - c. Chisholm: Received \$40,000 from US Department of Education for \$80,000 renovation project including safety, ceiling, electrical, brick and exit upgrades.
 - d. Hoyt Lakes: Meeting room to make space remodel including charging stations, white board tables, cabinets, blinds, bins, and shelves. Credit union donated chairs. Fine free has removed barriers for patrons.
 - e. Silver Bay: Over 40 kids participating in the Winter Reading Program. New board member, working on strategic plan and building maintenance.
 - f. Hibbing: Over 1,000 attended the Yuletide event. Friends group is hosting an 80's themed escape room. Fine free for patrons has been positive.
 - g. Chris M., ALS: Audio book: *Word by Word* by Kory Stamper.
 - h. Chadd N., ALS: Working on new phone system and new computers. Book: *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline.

- i. Baudette: New board member. Forty-five people attended the Chad Lewis program. New powerlines are being installed in the area, bringing new visitors to the library. Local students are participating in Read Across America.
- j. Gilbert: Su is listening to children's audio books. The library is looking for a new clerk. Library access doors will be fixed. Looking for venues to host library programs in the community.
- k. Eveleth: Blind date with a book has been well received. Looking for board member and staff. Book: *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson.
- l. Carlton: Building maintenance and equipment purchases including heater and electronic door opener. High school students are working as aides in the library. Friends group purchased a sit/stand desk. Book: *Born in Fire* by Nora Roberts.
- m. Cook: Received a \$50,000 CDBG grant to make ADA compliant ramp and entrance. Received \$1,000 Lake Country Power grant to purchased shelves and rug for the early reader area. One Book One Community programs include movie, book discussion and adult mystery event.
- n. Shari F., ALS: Arrowhead is working on their strategic plan. Shari made site visits to Carlton and Hibbing.
- o. Virginia: Book Lover's Tea with author Monica Ferris. Queen City Reads: *Rare Birds* by Kathleen Novak.
- p. Jim W., ALS: Crystal Phillips was elected as public library representative on the ALS Governing Board. ALS has a variety of standing desks in the building. Book: *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life* by Eric Idle.
- q. Babbitt: Winter Reading Program wrapping up. Adult coloring contest, blind date with a book and up north crafts.
- r. International Falls: Creating a recording studio. Book: *Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall.
- s. Duluth: \$88,000 public bathroom project, moving computer lab. Now accepting credit cards.
- t. Ely: Harry Potter events. Book: *Calculating Stars* by Mary Robinette Kowal.
- u. Cloquet: Programs: Bob Ross Style Painting, Winter Reading Program, Mystery Sticker Mosaic. Friends group shelf recommendations.
- v. Grand Rapids: New teen space, fit bike with magazine stand, interfiled reference with nonfiction, construction grant, new hire.

4. COMPASS and Technology Related Issues

a. Horizon Functions

Chris M. demonstrated overlapping buttons in new borrower screen and file menu disappearing in Horizon. SirsiDynix is working on these issues.

Grand Rapids is working on making their hold shelf public. Chris M. is working on self-pickup hold receipts.

b. Horizon Updates: 7.5.5

Family Card feature is currently in a test database, staff-view only.

Auto-Renewal feature will automatically renew items that have no requests and are able to be renewed. Chris M. talked to Hennepin County Library staff about their autorenewal statistics and found circulation up and fines down. Hennepin County patrons have responded positively to the autorenewal policy. Chris M. recommended a system-wide change to autorenewal and asked for further discussion at future meetings.

c. BLUEcloud Circ Update

Chris M. demonstrated how to pay multiple fines, look at alerts and see payment history.

d. Enterprise & eResource Central (eRC)

Chadd N. showed how to find summary of holdings by location. He has been working on library profiles to make searching easier for patrons. Chadd N. demonstrated how FRBRization, listing all formats together, looks on the OPAC.

e. Chilton Library Database

Shari F. talked about Chilton database available on the ALS website. Postcards are being made to help promote the database. Usage of the database will be monitored.

f. Database Products for 2020

Budgets for databases are currently frozen, if a new database is added, one will have to be removed.

g. Balance of ALS Materials Budget for OverDrive

Annual budget is divided equally each month. The collection is currently split 50/50 between e-books and audio books. Usage increased in 2018.

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

Changing due dates on materials from other libraries.

Popular DVDs become a problem when dates are changed as there is no way to monitor what individual libraries are doing. Chisholm patrons are frustrated when materials

checked out on the same day are not due at the same time. Eveleth DVDs are set at 2-day checkout and can be changed to 7 day but MaryEllen asks that DVDs not be renewed or extended beyond 7 days. Gilbert calls the lending library before changing the date.

6. Library Issues.

a. **Regional delivery service**

Cancellations, weather, driver turnover and increased number of bins have been issues with Northern Network Express. The courier agreement between NNE and ALS will end at the end of March. Shari F. is working on finding another courier service.

b. **Public library annual reports**

Reminder of annual report due date: April 1.

Due to Mollie's absence, the annual report session following the meeting was postponed.

c. **School outreach: Digital card, Teacher cards, Juvenile fines**

Mollie and Brian are working on a card design. Mesabi East School currently has digital cards in Horizon.

d. **Legacy programming update**

ALS Governing Board approved the contracts for the Chisholm Legacy Art project, Brave Girls & Wise Women with Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux, One-Dog Canoe with Mary Casanova, Siama's Congo Roots.

Jim W. reminded the group that annual Legacy funds come in September.

e. **Grant Writing Workshop with Stephanie Gerding: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at ALS**

Registration link will be sent this week.

f. **ALS Facing the Future Summit 2: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at NESC**

Registration link will be sent this week. Topics include internet security, American Indian students, inclusive services, community needs assessment and library spaces.

g. **Library Legislative Update**

Jim W. gave information regarding the regional library systems basic level support distribution formula request and multi-type funding request. Library Legislative Day platforms are available.

7. Next meeting: May 22, 2019.
8. Katie S. adjourned.