

Resource Sharing Advisory Council

February 18, 2009

Present: Sue Black (WTVT), Rob Carle (UHLS), Dawn Geurds (EGRN), Debbie LaRose (COLN), Amy McLaughlin (APLM), Carol Melewski (RCSC), Virginia Prew (TROY), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Minutes of the last meeting: Approved without discussion.

Horizon upgrade: We spent most of the meeting looking at the changes that were made to the Circulation screens by the 1/27/09 Horizon upgrade. Immediately after the upgrade Rob had responded quickly to all requests to restore missing columns or to remove new, unwanted ones from the displays. At this meeting, we decided to make the following changes:

- Expand block comment fields to 55 characters.
- On checkin screen add number of checkouts.
- Remove unneeded white space on all screens.
- Add 'Collection code' to 'Current blocks' screen and 'All Items Out' screen.
- Add checkout location to 'All Items Out' screen.
- For APL only, add shelf location to 'All Items Out' screen.
- Look into the 'beep' problem: can't be heard on some workstations.
- Check 'Current Block Detail' screen in Horizon 7.3 client. History of loans was better than in the current version. Try to make the new client look like the 7.3 client.
- See if we can stop the automatic incrementing of expiration date on the 'Edit:Borrower' screen when other fields are changed (e.g. BType).

Note: If any library wants a customized view, please just ask UHLS.

Deleting old 'lost' items: We had hoped (actually, expected) that the upgrade to Horizon 7.4 would enable us to delete old 'lost' items without losing important loan transaction information, which is indispensable when discussing fee payments with patrons. Unfortunately, it looks like the minimal loan information that's retained in the borrower record is inadequate for this purpose. Joe will follow up with SirsiDynix to see if we're missing something.

If we're not able to delete the old 'lost' items without losing this information then making them 'staff-only' would at least hide them from the public.

TROL & TROS: Virginia asked that people call her directly if they have any issues related to the closing of the Lansingburgh and Sycaway branches.

APL pull list: Amy said that APLM's pull list has about 1,200 – 1,300 items a day. They are not able to process the entire list every day, so if anyone needs something expedited they should call her.

Courier: Everything is great.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at UHLS.