

Resource Sharing Advisory Council
July 2, 2014

Present: Betty Albright (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sarah Clark (APLM), Marilyn Frone (BETH), Dawn Geurds (EGRN), Sue Hoadley (WSTR), Scott Jarzombek (APL), Dale LaGue (TROL), Debbie LaRose (COLN), Rebecca Lubin (VOOR), Carol Melewski (RCSC), Ginny Prew (TROY), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Preparation for migration to a new ILS: The discussion focused mainly on patrons. We'll send an email to patrons whose records will be purged (i.e. not migrated) to give them a chance to renew.

APL MyCard: Debbie LaRose had some very good questions that we can discuss:

If a staff member scanned the card at another library will a block come up on it stating that it can only be used at Albany Library? Are they only waiving fines for items checked out at Albany branches? If an Albany patron comes to our library to check out items and returns them late will they be waiving those also?

Sarah and Scott did a Show & Tell on the APL MyCard and passed one around. Some of the comments:

- Scott: This is a beta project.
- Scott: This (kids stop coming to the library because they owe money) is an issue at all libraries I've worked in -- rural and urban.
- Scott: MyCard is a good way to eliminate a barrier to patrons using the library.
- Scott: Re: the money "lost" by deleting all outstanding fines for APL youth -- "We're not really losing it since we never would have collected it anyway."
- Mary Trev: You're not losing money. You're gaining patrons.
- Betty: The card doesn't say "Can't be used at other libraries."
- Scott: Since fines paid don't go to the items' owning libraries anyway, the other libraries will lose nothing. They will still get their lost item fees.
- Debbie: Is this just a summer program? Scott: No, although it's beta, we're hoping it becomes permanent.
- Scott: A planned similar project: In September APL will roll out an eCard for OverDrive, Zinio, and public PC use. It will be available to city (Albany) residents only.
- Sue: Thank you for this excellent idea.
- Betty: It's very helpful that the physical card is different from the standard library card.
- Sarah: Age restriction for MyCard is seventeen and under.
- Rebecca: The eCard will appeal to high school students.

Progress report from circ staff on itype transition. Any problems? (Rob):

- Ginny: Almost no problems at all. We use 14DAY for audio CDs.
- Rob: GUIL made all videos requestable.
- Rob: We'll need to revisit all this (Itypes) as we migrate to Sierra.
- Mary Trev: Starting next week BETH video games will be requestable.

Mary Trev: this is Mary Trev's last Resource Sharing meeting before retiring. She thanked everyone and said she considered this and other advisory councils a "force for good." I would add that Mary Trev is, too, and we will miss her contributions very much.

Next meeting: Joe will look for a date in September for a joint meeting with the Database Maintenance Advisory Council.