

MARINet Board Meeting
October 18, 2012
Mill Valley Public Library

Present: Anji Brenner, Mill Valley Public Library
Abbot Chambers, Sausalito Public Library
Gary Gorka, Dominican Library
Gail Haar, Marin County Free Libraries
Sara Houghton, San Rafael Public Library
Linda Kenton, San Anselmo Public Library
Joan Garrett, Belvedere-Tiburon Public Library

Deb Moehrke, System Administrator

Absent: Frances Gordon, Larkspur Public Library

- I. **Public Comment Period** - no members of the public present.
- II. **Introduction of any guests** – Dan McMahon.
- III. **Approval of minutes from 9/20/2012 meeting.** Minutes approved with minor revision. (GH/AC.)
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Decision on limits on checkouts and fines:** After discussion, a motion was not brought forward to change limits on checkouts and fines; current policies will remain in place.
 - B. **Discover and Go usage:** Abbot Chambers presented usage statistics from launch of Discover and Go on Sept 24 to date. Usage has shown a strong start with the Discovery Museum the most requested ticket. Statistics were broken down by ZIP code except for Dominican where ZIP code is not readily available (or would be a student's home ZIP.) Feedback has been good and no complaints have been received. Abbot will continue to investigate and report on the addition of new museums to Discover and Go and solicited input from the Board regarding possible inclusion of more museums from Marin.
 - C. **Sierra Update:** Despite some initial serious issues on startup, Sierra seems to be much improved. The major complaint has been system slowness and this has been difficult to troubleshoot. Deb reported that when given specifics as to exactly what was being done when the slowness was experienced, III and MARINet have often been able to analyze and fix specific problems. All problems with the Acquisitions module have been resolved. Backup issues were fixed and SSL issues were fixed. Some Create list issues remain. Deb proposed and the board agreed to change logins to library code and initials as soon as possible. This will replace some granularity lost when we moved to initial only logins.

- D. **Delivery containers:** The current bins are not working out. The Board discussed various options to move forward. The Board unanimously passed a motion to authorize the use of up to \$7,000 from the sinking fund to purchase new bins. (GH/SH.)

V. New Business:

- A. **Innovative presentation of Encore Mobile/Airpac:** Marjorie McLaughlin of III presented both products.
- B. **Discussion of mobile catalog options:** The board opted not to vote on purchase of Encore Mobile/Airpac until it could examine better pricing data. Further discussion and possible vote will be moved to next month's agenda.
- C. **Databases Task force report:** Dan McMahon reported on three recommendations made by the task force: Purchase OneClick digital (when budget permits) to increase the availability of Audio Books. 2.) Support Califa's effort to build an electronic books collection and 3.) Acquire BookFlix - children's video book service.
- D. **Retreat Topics:** The Board Discussed topics for the MARINet annual board retreat. It was agreed that the half-day retreat will focus on Vision for MARINet moving forward and will include a SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) analysis.
- E. **Other non-action items:** Anji passed around an offer from Green Planet Stream that entitles libraries to a year's free subscription to their Environmental video streaming service.

VI. Standing Items for the agenda:

- A. **System Administrator's Report:** Detailed report on Sierra Status given.
- B. **Correspondence:** None.
- C. **Topics for future agenda:**
1. Decision on mobile Solution
 2. Sierra Update
 3. Delivery Containers
 4. One Click digital

VII: Announcements:

Dominican Gary reported that Dominican will host Project VoteSmart 2012, a student-led program on voter awareness that will include participants from Greece and Thailand.; **Mill Valley:** Anji announced that Mill Valley will host "Best American Poetry 2012" Nov. 8. Guests include former U.S. Poet Laureate, Kay Ryan. **Sausalito:** Abbot reported the Sausalito Remodel will begin in early November. **San Rafael:** Sarah reported that they have received the first installment of donations from Target. Their next Library Bond issue will likely come after a measure for Public Safety is proposed. **San Anselmo:** Linda reported they are in the process of updating their overall policies. They have introduced a new program: "Wired Wednesdays," a time when patrons can consult with an expert about how to use any of their electronic gadgets.