

Valley Library Consortium
Minutes of the Database Committee
August 25, 2011

Present: Ron Suszek and Mary Schultz (Midland); Becky Grai (Northwood); Betty Gettel (Caro); Betsy Osborn and Paula Pashek (BCLS); Cindy Hix (Bridgeport); Linda Hudecek (CDL); Paul Lutenske (Saginaw); Kay Dunker and Lee Martin (VLC). **Remote attendees:** Jane Himmel (Pigeon); Pat Lange (North Branch); Ann Langlois (Lapeer); Kristen Valyi-Hax (Ruth Hughes); Lynn Deming (St. Charles)

Chair Kristen Valyi-Hax called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Additions to the Agenda: Introduction of attendees.

Decisions:

1. R. Suszek moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2011 meeting. B. Osborn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussions:

1. Database Projects Calendar:

K. Dunker reviewed the upcoming calendar of database reports and projects, which includes:

- RIS Report for "In Transit" and "Hold Expired" items
- Report of incorrect heading of "Talking Books"
- Requests on unavailable items
- Report of records containing misspelled words
- Report of lost items no longer lost
- Weekly duplicate control and ISBN reports
- Deletion of bibs w/out holdings aged more than two months
- Report of items flagged for request
- Report of address correction blocks

2. Report from Administrative Council:

VLC's multi-year maintenance contract with Sirsi/Dynix has expired. Lee was able to negotiate a 1 year contract for the current fiscal year with a 0% increase in cost. Lee is also working to negotiate a subsequent 3 year contract to bridge support services until a replacement ILS is online.

80% of Admin. Council has expressed interest in participating in a Catalog (HIP) Enhancement Product Review. Lee will compile pricing and other comparative data for the September Admin. Council Meeting. A final selection of product(s) will be forthcoming.

3. New VLC Website:

On September 1st VLC will officially launch its new website which can be currently located at <http://beta.valleylibrary.org> . At this date, the old website will no longer be updated but will remain accessible for an additional year. Unlike the old site, most of the information on the new version (90%) will be accessible without having to log in. To ensure everyone has access to the entire site, all those with Horizon usernames and passwords should try logging in as soon as possible. New information that has been added to the site includes: annual reports; meeting calendar, an rss feed of library related news, Horizon documentation, strategic plan updates, a job board, and links to products/services being evaluated by VLC.

4. Jaunter (Spell checking on HIP):

Lee provided a demo of Jaunter, a HIP enhancement that generates suggestions for misspelled search terms. Much like Google's search interface, Jaunter is based on actual usage of words and phrases, as opposed to a dictionary, so it can suggest common spellings for proper nouns such as authors' names and book titles. It can also determine the context of a search term in order to provide intelligent search alternatives. The projected annual cost for this service is \$2000.00. A version of HIP with Jaunter incorporated can be accessed via the VLC website.

5. E-books and E-audiobooks on HIP:

Kay has incorporated a new HIP icon for e-audiobooks. She has likewise created library specific search limits for these collections. If you would like these limits to appear on your library's version of HIP, contact Kay. Libraries new to Overdrive that have not already added their holdings to the catalog should also contact Kay for detailed instructions on doing so.

Those interested in learning more about Overdrive e-services may attend an hour long discussion prior to the September 27th Admin. Council meeting (9-10 AM).

6. Block Detail Display:

When looking at a patron's History Blocks-Detail info, libraries with multiple branches can only see the code for the library system under the "cko location" heading. A motion was made by A. Langlois to change this view to a branch specific code. P. Lutenske seconded motion. Motion carried. Kay will make the consortium wide change soon. Kay also reminded members that if for someone reason a specific Horizon view is not working for your location, VLC should be made aware so that a solution can be sought.

7. Sybase Password Changes:

VLC will contact member libraries by Friday, September 9th with a new Sybase password. New passwords will go live on Friday, October 7th. Each member library must update this Sybase password on each machine on which a Horizon client is installed. Passwords will be simplified this year to make for easier use and retention. Libraries that would like to create their own password should contact Lee.

Announcements: Jon has created a screencast for Horizon client installation on Window 7 machines which can be accessed via VLC's website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Minutes submitted by R. Suszek