

Licensing Business Function Group  
Minutes  
April 20, 2011

Present:

Sue Kent	West Van. Memorial PL
Andrea Tataglio	West Van. Memorial PL
Deb Hutchison-Koep	West Van. Memorial PL
Michael DeKoven	North Van. DPL
Margo Schiller	Terrace PL
Melissa Lowenberg	TNRD
Martin Boughner	Port Moody
Scott Hargrove	Fraser Valley Regional Library
Julie Spurrell	New Westminster PL
Allan Carlson	PLSB
Christina de Castell	Vancouver PL
Phil Hall	Vancouver PL
Dan Phillips	GVPL
Kris Jorgensen	Okanagan Regional
Jim Looney	PLSB (attended only latter part)
Greg Barkovich	Burnaby PL

A. Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

- a. Scott introduced in-person attendees and call-in attendees introduced themselves.

B. Announcements

C. Consent Calendar

a. Agenda

- i. Additions: group purchase of Bibliocommons mobile app and federated search
- ii. Moved by Christina seconded by Deb that the agenda be accepted
- iii. Motion **Carried**

- b. Review of minutes of the March 23, 2010 LBFG meeting

- i. Moved by Julie; seconded by Christina to accept the minutes as presented.
- ii. Motion **Carried**

#### D. Major Discussion Items

##### 1. BiblioCommons

- Budget: invoices will be issued at the end of May. More details about the budget will be presented at the next meeting.

- BiblioCommons reporting capabilities wish list

The intention is still to come up with a base list beyond the reporting package. It will take us more time to figure out what we want to be able to track once we've fully learned what options are available at the moment and have used them for a while. Michael will present, at the next meeting, what options are available for Horizon libraries; Scott will do the same for Innovative libraries. Otherwise this was tabled for the next meeting.

- Update on awards data base

Scott reported these are still being worked on. The awards being done are: Vancouver Sun Book Award; BC Book Prizes; Commonwealth Writers Prize; Lieutenant Governor Award for Literary Excellence (BC); Red Cedar. Members suggested adding: Vancouver Sun Bestsellers; Genie Awards; Juno Awards. Scott will request that these be added.

- Update on Evergreen connector

Alan reported progress has been slow as Bibliocommons has not traditionally used APIs to connect to ILS databases as they have been able to use a direct connection instead. However Bibliocommons should have their connector talking with the Sitka production database in about one week and a half from today. Evergreen libraries should be up with Bibliocommons by the end of May.

- Horizon serials module

Quick survey of meeting participants today revealed only VPL, NVDL, and ORL are using this module. Phil and Michael will speak outside of the meeting to compare notes on how well, or not, Bibliocommons is communicating with and displaying data from the Horizon serials module.

- Mobile app group purchase

Scott asked that all interested libraries contact him to let him know of their interest. Libraries reported on what, if any, mobile apps they are currently using. Dan, Michael, Julie and Greg all indicated their libraries are interested in obtaining a group purchase price.

2. Ebook Developments – Christina gave a detailed account of the meeting held on ? She will shortly be sending out her report on the meeting. Deb noted that CULC has been doing a lot of work on this and that BC libraries want to be involved in articulating a plan. Scott reported that the Cooperative Board has approved the BFG as the appropriate place for a discussion around this matter to be taking place. However it was also noted that others, not just staff working on Bibliocommons, should be present when this discussion takes place in the BFG. Scott will email both the BFG list as well as Jim Looney’s Licensing group when Ebooks are on the agenda so they also have the opportunity to join the discussion.

3. Content Enhancement – Jim Looney not initially present but joined this discussion as it was in progress. Scott and Julie gave an overview of the April 4 meeting where the two offers, from Baker and Taylor and Bowker, were discussed. Several libraries agreed to supply data that will be used by the two vendors to compare coverage and enable a more detailed comparison of their offerings. Jim arrived at this point and noted he was still waiting for files from a couple libraries after which he will submit them to the vendors.

4. Communication: Letter from BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee – Christina reported on the events leading up to the letter, and on communication between the IF committee and Bibliocommons. Beth Davies (sp?) from the IF Committee does not want any action from the BFG at the moment; she is waiting to hear back from Bibliocommons on how they propose to address the concerns raised in the letter. Scott asked all present to report the positions of their libraries on the position outlined in this letter. A lengthy discussion ensued in which varying positions were articulated. Many agreed with the letter but others wondered whether libraries should be taking the lead on this as patrons have not, apparently, had any problems with the Notices feature of Bibliocommons. Greg reported that he had asked the wider Bibliocommons customer list if anyone had any concerns with the Notices feature and had heard nothing back. Scott asked that libraries continue to think about this matter and he will attempt to write something up for further consideration.

E. Parking Lot

1. Group purchase of Federated Search

F. Adjournment

Moved by Christina

Meeting adjourned at 2: 34

Next meeting Wed., June 1, 1-2:30 PM