

Licensing Business Function Group
Minutes
September 21, 2011

Attendance:

Michael DeKoven	North Van DPL
Melissa Lowenberg	TNRD
Martin Boughner	Port Moody
Scott Hargrove	Fraser Valley Regional Library
Julie Spurrell	New Westminster PL
Allan Carlson	Libraries and Literacy
Christina de Castell	Vancouver PL
Jim Looney	Consultant
Greg Barkovich	Burnaby PL
Toni McKilligan	Houston PL
Sharon Herbert	Sitka
Sue Kent	West Vancouver Memorial
Maryann Kempthorne	West Vancouver Memorial

Previous minutes: July 20, 2011. Motion to accept: Michael ; seconded: Christina

Agenda changes: none

Major Discussion:

Sitka Business Function Group Update – Melissa Lowenberg:

- working on adding claims returned status
- 50th site has now gone up with Evergreen - Beaver valley.

eBook Meeting Report - Christina de Castell

- Christina reported on her meeting in Toronto with the Association of Canadian Publishers; ACP concerned with drop in sales to libraries; discussion about making their content available as eBooks to libraries; different model than Overdrive would provide ownership of, not just access to, titles; seeking better integration with library catalogues / discovery layers; very motivated to have a Canadian distribution system.
- Christina noted she had started a blog on eBook news: <http://pwp.vpl.ca/culc/>. She invited libraries to contribute news, local experiences with eBooks.
- in response to a question from Allan, Scott stated the investigation of an eBook server by the

Coop is on hold due to the fast changing marketplace; will take a wait and see approach for now.

BiblioCommons Data Storage Relocation

- BiblioCommons was surprised at our concern about their use of Amazon Cloud data servers. Apparently our contract with them allows for this possibility and they were only informing us out of courtesy.
- BiblioCommons states that no 'sensitive personal information' is stored at Amazon. My Shelves marked 'private' are stored on the cloud. However, we are told, there is no way to link this content with an identifiable user.
- Each library will likely want to be sure they inform patrons of the need for BiblioCommons usernames that do not personally identify them.

Sitka Connector - Sharon

- BiblioCommons connector implemented in August for Sitka sites that are part of the trial.
- there are some issues with BiblioCommons settings to be worked out; but the connector is working fine. E.g., reading history is incorrectly being collected by BiblioCommons – this will be corrected.
- the 9 sites that are testing the connector could go live as early as the end of September. The work that remains are the BiblioCommons configurations for each site so the go live date will vary by site. Allan expects all to be live by Christmas.
- the next 'wave' of Sitka sites to implement BiblioCommons will follow. Allan will "be aggressive" with BiblioCommons to move these sites forward.

Reporting Capabilities

- Scott hasn't received any other input from members on what they'd like to see in BiblioCommons reports. Let him know if you other requests. Scott thanked Michael for his report.

Invoicing

- Allan noted invoices are issued once a site is live and the implementation is stable.
- anyone going live with BiblioCommons after July 31st this year will get pro-rated pricing to the end of this calendar year.

Content Enhancement – Jim Looney

- Jim will send out results of the vendor testing in the next week
- interested libraries will be invited to participate in a meeting in the week of October 17.
- Jim noted there are some big wins with this consortia approach; there are also some changes that will have to be accepted.

BFG Planning Session – Scott

- Chairs of the BFG, Ben Hyman, Sharon, (others?) will participate in a strategic planning session and review of the previous year
- a strategic plan will be offered at the next LBFG meeting for review of the membership

Emerging Issues

- Mobile PAC: Scott is not clear on the level of interest for a BiblioCommons mobile PAC. All the members present at today's meeting were interested.
- Scott noted there are libraries that are very interested in moving this forward. He said he would have more details on a group purchase for the October meeting.
- RDA Toolkit: due to delays with RDA there is little interest in this at the moment. Wait and see approach for the present.
- Scott asked the membership to think about what additional technologies the LBFG should be considering as possibilities for group purchase in the next year?
- E-book readers were discussed as a possible group purchase. This topic, including best practices for circulating e-book readers, will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Next Meeting – October 27, 1-2:30

Motion to adjourn – Christina.