

Valley Library Consortium
Minutes of the Database Committee Meeting
March 28, 2013

Present in Person : Mary Schultz and Ron Suszek (Midland) ; Sally Hirschman and Paula Pashak (Bay County) ; Ruth Ann Reinert and Paul Lutenske (Saginaw) ; Lee Martin and Kay Dunker (VLC) ; Anne Elias (Delta) ; Cindy Hix (Bridgeport) ; Yvonne Brown (Lapeer District).

Present Remotely: Sandie Snow (Almont); Betty Gettel (Caro); Stephanie Mallak Olson (Iosco-Arenac); Ronnie Jankoviak (Mid-Michigan Comm. College; Jane Himmel (Pigeon); Lynn Deming (St. Charles); Andrew Sullivan and Amy Winter (West Branch).

Chair Anne Elias called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Additions to the Agenda: 590 and 690 tags in HIP

Decisions:

1. Ruth Ann Reinert moved to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2013 meeting. Sally Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussions:

1. Update from Administrative Council
The trial period is ending for Social Library and most libraries have chosen not to use it. Library Thing has increased pricing on their product and VLC is negotiating the price increase. Recommendations will be made some time in April to change database meetings to coincide with Administrative Council meetings.
2. Adding Waiver Block
Some libraries will accept 1 can of food for 1 fine removal. A suggestion was made to add an additional Waiver block for this purpose. Discussed option of adding a comment in the comment field when applying waiver. All agreed to keep Horizon patron block option the same and not add additional block at this time.
3. Database Cleanup/Authority Control Project
RDA will be implemented on March 31, 2013 and OCLC will be changing authority records to comply with RDA. Kay is recommending working with Backstage to make Bib Records RDA compliant. For a onetime fee Backstage and Sirsi Dynix will load compliant records. Thereafter, Backstage will charge an annual fee to maintain authority records in our database. Ruth Ann motioned to recommend to the Administrative Council ongoing database clean-up. Sandy Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. RDA
Kay Dunker has proposed a committee to determine standards for RDA and how to implement RDA changes. Paul Lutenske will organize a meeting of the cataloging committee from VLC to discuss RDA standards. There are RDA resources on the VLC webpage to familiarize you with RDA.

5. 590 and 690 Tags in HIP

The 590 and 690 tags are local note fields and currently do not display in HIP. VLC now has the ability to display and link these tags. Mary Schultz made a motion to make the 690 display and link and to keep the 590 as is. Sally Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no Announcements.

Next meeting Thursday, April 25, 2013

Minutes submitted by M. Schultz