

Shared Automation System Users' Group (SASUG)

Virtual meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021

9:30 AM

MINUTES

Call to Order—9:30 AM

A revised agenda was sent out Wednesday, October 27. It removes VI. New Business item A. Seed Libraries call for interest. Megan Summers (ROAK) asked to postpone discussion of this topic until seed library group infrastructure is in place. This item will return on a future agenda. Anyone interested in conferring with her can email megans@ropl.org.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by James Lenze, GARC / Seconded by Adrienne Breznau, ROAK

Approval of September 23, 2021 Minutes – Motion by Kimberly Schaaf, OAPK / Seconded by Toni LaPorte, LVCC

System Update

Anne Neville, TLN

TLN staff have seen an increase in the number of items coming through delivery with hold slips attached to them. Please remind staff at your library to be careful when banding items together and putting items in delivery bins.

Pre-COVID, about 25 libraries used Unique Management Services, Inc. (UMS) for collection services. Many collection libraries halted collection services due to uncertainty surrounding operation amid COVID. To date, only half have reengaged this service. For those libraries who have not reengaged collection services, consider whether or not it is time or if it is no longer beneficial to your library. Reminder: if your library is going to make changes to your settings contact TLN via helpdesk. TLN has to open a ticket with CARL to have these changes implemented and it can take time. The lead-time varies depending upon what needs doing, but two weeks notice is recommended for major changes.

Report from Ex Comm

Andrea Dickson, WIXM

Ex-Comm last met on Thursday, October 7, 2021. New officers were elected. Paul McCann will remain Chair and Andrea Dickson is secretary. They welcomed new members Carrie Ralston (WALL) and Alyson Lobert (COMM). Meetings will continue on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM.

There was discussion of CARL updates and developments and the FRBR catalog. One library questioned whether 21 days overdue is still an appropriate timeframe for an item to assume a lost status. There was discussion of auto-renewal and libraries being fine-free relating to this timeframe. Paul McCann (DEXT) is going to contact that library to see if this topic should come to SASUG.

Report from TLN Board

There was no update, as the TLN Board had not met. The next meeting for the TLN Board is Thursday, October 28, 2021 at noon.

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Report from TLCU

Anne Neville / Celia Morse, TLN; Ed Rutkowski, BRIT

This year's conference was remote. TLN saw demonstrations of how acquisitions will incorporate into CARL.Connect and how the development between CARL and Inn-Reach (MeLCat) is progressing.

CARL has two releases scheduled per year. The first release was in July though TLN has not upgraded to it yet. The second release will be near the end of December. The first release is on the test server and is geared more towards CARL.Connect improvements. Upon check-in, material dialogue boxes will trigger and patron notes will be imported. With the second release, libraries will see numerous improvements to the Discovery catalog. Issues with searching for material containing punctuation have been corrected; international language titles have been de-boosted to appear following their English counterpart; and users will be able to move to a specific page within their search results and determine the number of results displayed, up to 100 per page. A more interactive version of the Patron Overview via the Circulation function in CARL.Connect should be coming towards the end of the year.

There may be a new reports module coming in CARL.Connect toward the end of the year. Little is known of the product at this time, but portions of it seem similar to SirsiDynix's Director's Station; however, unlike Director's Station, this product will update in real time.

Unfinished Business:

A. BayScan Update (ID Scanner)

Garret Hungerford, REDF

Redford continues to use the scanners configured for them with no issue. A list of libraries interested in purchasing these scanners has been provided to John Inman (TLN).

New Business:

A. Holds lists during TLN delivery hiatus

Ed Burns, FERN

Discussion on whether or not any libraries are changing how their staff will handle the Router/Fill List while the garage floor at TLN is being resurfaced and delivery is cancelled. Most libraries reported that they will make no changes; however, several said their decision will depend on the amount of space and the number of delivery tubs they have on hand.

B. Meeting date for Nov/Dec

Ed Rutkowski, BRIT

The November 2021 meeting would fall on Thanksgiving Day and the December 2021 meeting would fall on the day before Christmas Eve. It was determined our final meeting for the year will be Thursday, December 9, 2021.

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C. Meetings format and agenda topics 2021-22

Ed Rutkowski, BRIT

SASUG meetings will continue to be virtual through early 2022. Following the winter months, if there is interest in meeting in-person, it can be discussed. There was a request made to offer the option to attend remotely should in-person meetings resume. Hybrid meetings were the norm pre-COVID, so this should not be a problem.

Prior to adjournment, there was discussion of public computer usage. No one reported computer usage at their library being on par to what it was pre-COVID. However, many libraries made the decision to increase the number of computers available to the public. Several libraries eliminated time limits because usage is substantially down.

Adrienne Breznau (ROAK) asked if any libraries have staff specifically assigned to help patrons with computer issues. LVCC has been assigning Pages to monitor their computer lab in one-hour increments, while TAYL reports rotating paraprofessional and librarians at a desk outside of the computer lab to help patrons.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jonathan Deahl, WATE / Seconded by Donna Winter, LVCC

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

Next Meetings:

December 9 / 9:30 AM – Virtual

Remote Attendance:

Adrienne Breznau (ROAK)
Alyson Lobert (COMM)
Amy Rosen (WHLK)
Andrea Dickson (WIXM)
Anne Hague (HTWD)
Anne Neville (TLN)
Bonnie Holzerland (MDHT)
Brigitte Felix (TLN)
Carrie Ralston (WALL)
Cathy Buehner (HIGH)
Celia Morse (TLN)
Colleen Tabaka (TAYL)
Don Priest (SOGT)

Donna Winter (LVCC)
Ed Burns (FERN)
Ed Rutkowski (BRIT)
Edmond Richardson (PONT)
Garret Hungerford (REDF)
Hilary Savage (BELL)
Holly Teasdale (LYON)
Jackie Seimer (OXFD)
James Lenze (GARC)
Jaema Berman (ADDI)
Jenni Gannod (CLAW)
Jeannine Warrow (MELV)
Jessica Wilhoite (ROMS)

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Jody Wolak (WAYN)

Jonathan Deahl (WATE)

Judy McIntosh (NORT)

Kathy Dimond (MANC)

Kim Oakley (ALPK)

Kimberly Schaaf (OAPK)

Laura Gramlich (WYDT)

Linda Ballard (CHEL)

Martin Smith (REDF)

Maryann Zurmuehlen (NOVI)

Matt Church (BERK)

Minni Shetty (AUBN)

Sandy Ruhmann (ALPK)

Teneia Combs (REDF)

Teresa Natzke (FRAN)

Tina Hatch (MILF)

Toni LaPorte (LVCC)