MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee Meeting

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Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Members in Attendance: Peg Werner (Chair), Ken Behringer, Audrey Betcher, Vanessa Birdsey, Bob Boese (Interim Director, Northwest Regional Library), Pat Conley, Nick Dimassis, Ruth Dukelow, Stephen Elfstrand, Joann Frankena, Kathy Fredette, Connie Hendrick, Nicole Herold (attending for Chuck Wettergren), Ann Hutton, Brian Karschnia (attending for Kit Hadley), Barbara Misselt, Carla Powers, Mark Ranum, Marian Ridge, Kirsty Smith, Ben Trapskin (attending for Marlene Moulton Janssen, Vice Chair), Jim Weikum, Dayle Zelenka.

Others in Attendance at the Meeting: Jeanne DeMars, Traverse des Sioux; Jake Grussing, Great River Regional Library; Dixie Ohlander, CLIC; Michael Scott, SELCO

Minnesota Office of Higher Education unable to attend: Mary Lou Dresbach

Minitex Staff in Attendance: Nick Banitt, Cecelia Boone, Kathy Drozd, Valerie Horton, Becky Ringwelski

1. Welcome & Introductions
Werner welcomed Minitex’s new Director, Valerie Horton, to her first meeting of the MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee. Horton thanked Werner, other Committee members, and others in attendance for their warm welcome.

2. Review/Approve Meeting Agenda
The Committee approved the Agenda as distributed.

3. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2012 meeting
Behringer moved and Ranum seconded approval of the minutes as distributed. The motion was approved.

4. Minnesota Office of Higher Education Update
Ringwelski reported that no update was needed from the Office of Higher Education. Dresbach was unable to attend the meeting.

5. What’s new at your library – planning underway, status of discovery, ILS, etc.
Committee members discussed current activities at their libraries, noting which ILS they were using, plans for possible changes in ILSes or discovery systems, use of RFID tags, changes from Dewey to Library of Congress classifications, OCLC reclamation projects, reducing or expanding branch hours, and other topics. Commonly held ILS systems included Horizon, Symphony, Sierra, SirsiDynix Enterprise, Aleph, and Millennium. Individual systems are using Evergreen and Open Source Koha.
6. Statistical Update – 2nd quarter FY13
   Ringwelski reported that there were approximately 250,000 requests sent on the MnLINK Gateway in the first half of FY13. The fill rate is about 75 percent.

7. MnLINK Gateway software updates
   a) Upgrade to version 6.3
      Ringwelski reported that Version 6.3 has the option to bar requests for e-books. Staff will be contacting individual server sites to check whether they are interested in this option.
   b) Local hold functionality
      Ringwelski said that Great River Regional Library is testing VDX functionality that would keep patrons from placing ILL requests for items owned by their local libraries. Great River said the option has worked well and will be a time saver. Ringwelski said MnLINK staff can work with additional Horizon sites that are interested in this option.
   c) NCIP Symphony issues with copy level hold
      Behringer and DeMars said the local hold issue is a problem for libraries using Symphony systems. Ringwelski said staff have been pushing for a fix on this problem.
   d) NCIP testing with Evergreen
      Ringwelski said that NCIP testing with Evergreen is to start in mid- to late April.

8. Minitex/MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee Updates
   a) Minitex/MnLINK ILL Committee Survey Summary
      Ringwelski reported that 300 responses have been received to the survey. 54 percent of the respondents identified themselves as being from academic libraries, and 34 percent represented public libraries. The remainder was from special and “other libraries.” Using e-resources for interlibrary loan was the most frequently reported issue of concern. Other topics cited included: overdues, recalls, lost items and replacement of lost items; licensing and copyright issues; and varying loan periods for a-v materials. The Committee is working on a follow-up report about the use of e-resources for ILL.
   b) Communications from the ILL Committee
      Ringwelski asked Committee members to assess the Committee’s ongoing communication efforts. She noted that Resource Sharing staff were using Facebook for some announcements and had instituted a Resource Sharing Express News electronic newsletter.

9. Meeting preference in May
   Ringwelski said staff will poll the Committee on whether an in-person meeting will be scheduled in May.

10. Adjourn

Remaining MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee meetings for 2013: Nov. 7