NORTH STATE COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Council of Librarians Meeting December 14, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

The Librarians Council of the North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS) met this date at the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library in Chico, California with Chair Betsy Emry presiding. The meeting convened at 11:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	ABSENT	MEMBER LIBRARY	REPRESENTATIVE
X		Butte County Library	Derek Wolfgram
	X	Del Norte County Library District	Russell Long
X		Humboldt County Library	Victor Zazueta
	X	Lassen Library District	John Flaherty
X		Modoc County Library	Cheryl Baker
X		Orland Free Library	Marilyn Cochran
X		Plumas County Library	Margaret Miles
X		Shasta Libraries	Joy Sentman-Paz
X		Siskiyou County Library	Betsy Emry
X		Tehama County Library	Caryn Brown
	X	Trinity County Library	Oresta Esquibel
	X	Willows Public Library	Cha Mee Yang
	X	Butte College Library	Luozhu Cen
	X	CSU Chico Library	Carolyn Dusenbury
	X	College of the Redwoods Library	Jason Leppaluoto
	X	College of the Siskiyous Library	Dennis Freeman
	X	Feather River College Library	Tom Davis
	X	Humboldt State University Library	Ray Wang
	X	Lassen College Library	Rosanna Brown
	X	Shasta College Library	Janet Albright
	X	Simpson University Library	Larry Haight
X		California State Library Representative	Jon Torkelson
X		Plumas County – SAB Representative	Laura Ashkin
X		NSCLS System Headquarters – Exec. Dir.	Annette Milliron
X		NSCLS System Headquarters – Asst. Dir.	Patty Hector

1. Introductions:

The Council of Librarians introduced themselves to Jon Torkelson from the State Library.

2. Public Invited To Address Board:

No public was in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Margaret Miles and seconded by Marilyn Cochran. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING:

A Motion to approve the October 19, 2007 meeting minutes was moved by Margaret Miles and seconded by Derek Wolfgram. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Laura Ashkin reported that the SAB is committed to participating in Day in the District and they will be lobbying the Governor about State funding for libraries. They would like the library directors to begin recruiting new SAB members as there are currently five vacant positions on their Board. The System Advisory Board plans to develop a publicly accessible blog on the NSCLS webpage.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/NEW BUSINESS

A. REFERENCE COMMITTEE

1. Update

The Reference Committee met before the last Council meeting for a training with OCLC. Ms. Milliron reported that the statewide reference program changes have been put on hold due to the difficulty in recruiting a project leader, plus the new deputy State Librarian has some ideas on new directions. Ms. Milliron reminded everyone that the State Librarian's webcast is archived and available for viewing in case they missed it last week.

2. GALE DATABASE RENEWAL

Ms. Milliron reported that the basic health databases/Infotrac subscription is up for renewal. Joe Cochrane has managed to negotiate another year with no increase but it is a one-year renewal. The Chilton's and Testing databases will be up for renewal in May or June. Derek Wolfgram reported that his library's usage statistics on Chiltons and the Testing databases are in the single digits per month. Other council members reported trouble using the Testing database. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wolfgram and Ms. Milliron located some reference money in a trust fund at Butte County that can be spent on electronic reference books. Victor Zazueta asked if NSCLS had ever looked into downloadable audio books. Ms. Milliron reported that she did look into it, but the cost was over \$40,000 and required an annual membership of about \$3,500. Joy Sentman-Paz stated that her recent quote from Overdrive was \$1,750 per month and included a set of titles worth \$7,500. Additional titles would cost \$35 each. Ms. Paz was encouraged to seek consortia pricing. Califa has two different collections which would be much larger than NSCLS having its own. Ms. Milliron reported that there is a piece of equipment that libraries can purchase which allows patrons to download these types of materials in the library. She recommended that the libraries who are interested negotiate a contract that is open-ended so that additional libraries can be added later. Discussion ensued. Further discussion of downloadable materials will be on the March agenda.

B. AUTOMATION COMMITTEE

1. OCLC CALIFORNIA CATALOG

Derek Wolfgram discussed Butte County Library's positive experience with patron initiated ILLs. Discussion ensued.

2. UPDATE FROM LISA CONFERENCE

There are 10 TLC systems in NSCLS. Derek Wolfgram attended the TLC conference and reported that it was very useful. He presented a report on the LISA Conference to the Council Members.

C. BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. FY 2006/07 AUDIT

Ms. Milliron stated that the audit shows the System as being in very good shape. There's about \$599,000 in reserves, some of which will need to be spent on fully funding the PERS account. Also, NSCLS will need to pay off sick leave and vacations for staff. The System isn't fully funded with PERS, but hasn't been told what amount it will have to pay, but Ms. Milliron noted that it will be at least \$18,400. She further noted that Cheryl Turnbough's PERS account has not been settled as of yet. The auditor didn't find any items that needed attention. A Motion to approve the FY 2006/07 audit was moved by Marilyn Cochran and seconded by Derek Wolfgram. The Motion passed unanimously.

D. CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Children's Services workshop was well attended this year and included several people from Mountain Valley and North Bay libraries. Attendees reported that the workshop provided great information for children's programming. The Committee would like to establish a NSCLS listserv for children's staff. Ms. Milliron asked Council Members whether the Young Adult website should be updated. A Motion to discontinue the Young Adult website was moved by Derek Wolfgram and seconded by Cheryl Baker. The Motion passed unanimously.

E. Program & Services/Networking

1. RURAL INITIATIVE FY 2007/08

A portion of the 2007/08 funds will be used for scholarships for rural libraries to attend the ARSL conference in Sacramento next year. Last year's conference attendees are serving as the local arrangement committee for the 2008 conference. Funds from 2008/09 could be used as well. There will be at least one full scholarship for each rural library jurisdiction. The Clearinghouse has seen their usage statistics climb in the last few months and they are adding new materials and links. InfoPeople is bringing their technology petting zoo to libraries in North State and there will be two web 2.0 workshops held in three different locations. Jon Torkelson reported that the State Library is conducting a training needs assessment for friends and foundations. Mr. Torkelson is researching the technology circuit rider idea that was brought up last spring at the NSCLS grant workshop. The State Library is talking about using PLA's advocacy materials to do some training for rural libraries. Discussion ensued.

2. RURAL INITIATIVE FY 2008/09

Ms. Milliron reported that there will be less money for NSCLS' usual expenses because money is being redirected to send people to the ARSL conference. Jon Torkelson mentioned that there is a health initiative to bring broadband access to rural areas that hopefully will include libraries. Discussion ensued.

F. MEDIA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. FINAL REPORT ON MEDIA STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

Ms. Milliron reported that one of the long-term findings of the Media Study report is that a shared system would be an ideal way to promote resource sharing between libraries. Margaret Miles has been asked to take the music collection which, due to the way it is categorized (by accession number), needs to stay together for the time being. The cost of moving the large collection was discussed. A Motion to authorize the System to expend up to \$800 to move the music collection to Plumas County was moved by Marilyn Cochran and seconded by Cheryl Baker. The Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Milliron recommended that the System stop circulating Video Center materials as of January 4th in order to move the materials, which hopefully will be available for circulation again at the end of January. Both Ms. Miles and Ms. Cochran have agreed to promote the collections by developing marketing materials for member libraries to use. Ms. Baker agreed to take the books on tape.

2. BOOK CLUB IN A BOX – FUTURE ADDITIONS

Joy Sentman-Paz reported that Redding's Friends group has given the library money to develop more book

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club in a box collections for adults, which would be available to all North State libraries. Butte County is willing to remain the host for the existing collection and would like to develop more titles for the collection as well, if NSCLS can budget some money for it. Discussion ensued. A Motion to purchase up to \$1,500 in new book club in a box collections was made by Margaret Miles and seconded by Marilyn Cochran. The Council expressed their appreciation to Butte County Library for their acting role as host of the collection. The Motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. DAY IN THE DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Milliron reported that the SAB is interested in participating in Day in the District, which will be held on either January 25th or February 1st. The issue that needs to be pushed this year is full funding of PLF and TBR. CLA fears that there will be further cuts because of the deficit that is being predicted. Library funding took a 30% cut last year which is much more than most. Discussion ensued.

8. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. REFERENCE ACTIVITY REPORT

Ms. Milliron referred the Council to the Reference Activity Report that was included in the meeting packet.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margaret Miles reported that Plumas County's ELF grant is working out very well for them and that a lot of mothers are bringing their children in to the library. The library is setting up a symposium with all the organizations that serve children in their community.

Victor Zazueta reported that he will be going to Washington D.C. to receive an award from IMLS, the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Betsy Emry reported that her foundation received a legacy that they will use to build a building in Ft. Jones.

ADJOURNMENT:	
The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.	
Betsy Emry	Annette Milliron DeBacker
Chair of the Board	Clerk of the Board
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Library. Solution Annual Conference Highlights San Antonio, TX – November 12-14, 2007

Compiled by Derek Wolfgram, Butte County Library Director December 11, 2007

New Circulation interface to be deployed in Spring-Summer 2008

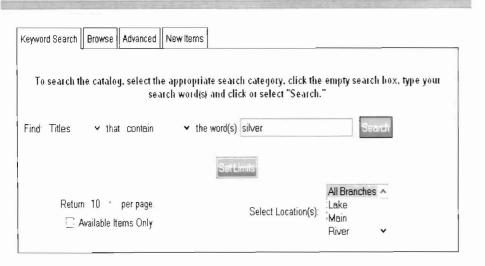
- Tabbed environment with skin capabilities for customizing displays
- Full-screen display!
- Most data columns can be rearranged (or renamed, or hidden), and data can be sorted, filtered, and printed to create "instant reports"
- Lost items, claims returned, claims never out can be marked from patron screen by right-clicking on item
- Suspended holds are enabled
- Ability to easily place multiple holds for some patron and multiple holds for same title
- Web-based administrative module allows configurations to be applied to all workstations without touching every computer
- Circulation rules are configured by "rule manager" program no more need to set circ policies for each item type for each patron type
- "Check F4 message" should be going away

New Public Access Catalog

- Looks like product created this century cleaner look, new toolbar images and icons, skins
- More intuitive search interface
- Faceted searching displays
- Improved layout for account review
- Improved workflow for placing holds (user goes to same screen whether placing item-level or title-level holds)
- RSS feed links from search result screens
- See screen shots for pretty pictures

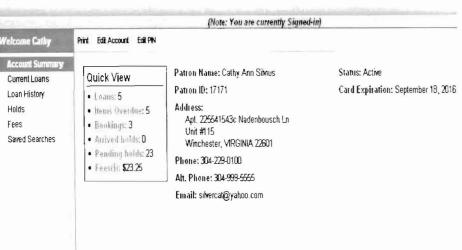


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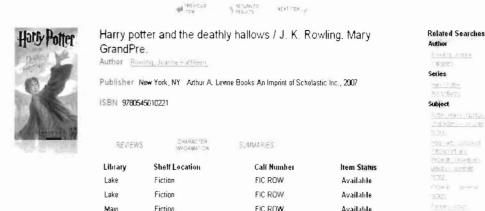


My Account layout





Label Display



This item has been checked out 0 time(s) and currently has 1 hold request(s).

FIC ROW



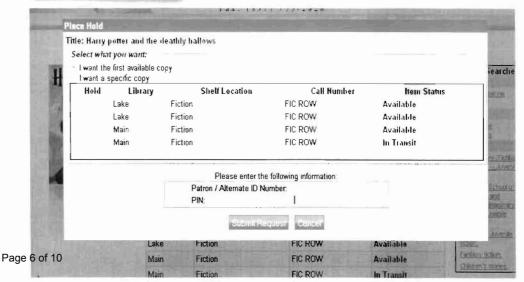
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Improved Hold Request Workflow

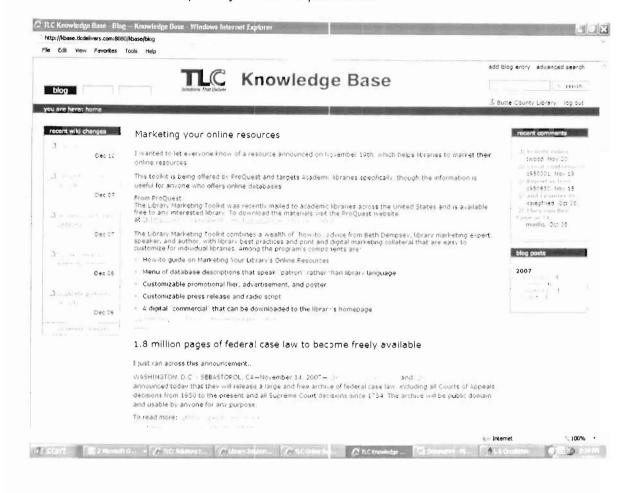
In Transit

Context is not Lost



New Knowledge Base

- Go to www.tlcdelivers.com/helpdesk, then log in, and click Knowledge Base at the top
- Log in again, adding a c in front of your account number (Butte County would be c910165) and your same password



- Combined product manuals, blog, wiki, support center content for single searchable support resource
- Still in development eventually should replace listserv
- Log into knowledge base and search for "lisa" to see all powerpoints from the conference

New enhancement request process and implementation

- Enhancement requests will be handled through a single stream
- Requester will receive confirmation email, followed by an evaluation/review email with either Declined or Considering status
- Customer review of all Considered requests will take place on a monthly basis
- Release dates for enhancements will be announced as next set of enhancement requests is coming in
- Development will be built around the principles of agile software development (see www.agilemanifesto.org for more)

Other things they talked about but I haven't had time to check out yet

- Improved online reporting, including the capability for established reports to be automatically printed or emailed on a daily/weekly/monthly/yearly schedule
- New online real time inventory module lets users select criteria, scan barcodes in, and generates an instant report of what's missing
- Three vendors gave lunchtime presentations Envisionware, PhoneTree, Talking Tech

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October 13, 2007

North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS)

Children's Workshop Report

Workshop Purpose:

The intention of the October 5, 2007 Children's Services Workshop at the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library was to offer encouragement and education on the topics of song and art activities at the library. Twenty-six library staffers who provide services to library youth from Humboldt County to Sacramento participated in a day that highlighted subjects that are frequently included in library programming.

Guest Speakers:

Music educator Jill Lundberg presented the morning session of the workshop. With a college education in music performance and a teaching credential, Jill offered many insights into the importance of music and how closely the elements of music relate to reading. She pointed to the development of listening skills, the stimulation of the brain and tips to develop those skills during storytime. Songs were sung, dancing scarves were waved about the room, and we were reminded of the ever increasing role the library plays in a young person's development beyond the books on our shelves.

Nancy Chavez, a Child Development Resource Coordinator for Valley Oak Children's Services who has her degree in Child Development and is finishing her masters in Human Development, provided our afternoon session. The vital importance of developmentally appropriate art activities was encouraged as well as ideas for those activities. She shared everything from "instant snow" to books about ooey gooey messes to be made by little hands. Nancy gave everyone a chance to go "shopping" through the material she had displayed and take items back to use at the library with our young patrons. Nancy encouraged the group to realize the valuable activities the library may offer to cultivate the healthy growth of a young brain.

Business:

Participants in the workshop filled out a form that requested current contact information for those providing Children's Services in the NSCLS. This will allow for an updated NSCLS Children's Services roster. Attendees were also

asked as to who may be interested in becoming involved with NSCLS Children's Services Committee Those names for the Council to consider are as follows:

Jody Meza (Orland Free), Kristin Freeman (Humboldt Co.)*, Cheryl Cruse (Shasta-Redding Library)*, and Sally Ainsworth (Tehama County).

*Prefer not to serve as Chair at this time.

The need for sharing resources was brought to the attention of those attending the workshop. Susie Mesecher, Butte County and Jody Meza, Orland Free showed an interest in creating a NSCLS Listserv that would address this need. This will create a stronger network of support and a venue to channel and deliver the creative, experienced knowledge of those working with youth in the NSCLS.

Summary

A chance to learn with and from one another is always time well spent. However, a big bonus for the day were the many tools presented by our speakers to create an educated, developmentally appropriate, library storytime. They conveyed the impact of song and appropriate art in the ever active mind of the young patrons at the public library.

Submitted by Heather Tovey Butte County Library NSCLS Children's Committee