URSUS Library Directors Council Notes

At Bangor Public Library

Friday, April 9, 2010

Present:               Tom Abbott, Donna Bancroft, Greg Curtis, Leslie Kelly, Angelynn King, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery, James Jackson Sanborn

Absent:                John Barden, Chris Knott, Steve Podgajny

Delivery Service Update

Linda reported on the meeting that took place at Freedom Xpress.  Linda, Barbara, and Joyce met with Mark Osgood to discuss the volume of material that is shipped between all of the libraries.  Mark experienced a very high load the first week and was concerned.  We agreed to assess, as much as possible, the number of books shipped per year with the Request Function, INN-Reach, and some regular interlibrary loan.  We also agreed to meet again on May 3 to get another sense of the number of volumes.

Also there appears to be a shortage of totes in the system.  We all have lost totes since we began with the first delivery service.

Strategic Initiative Fund

We decided to edit the current document to about three pages.  It will be sent to Jim Breece prior to April 16, so we have a short time to complete it.

Maine InfoNet sponsored Collection Development Meeting

This will be held at Colby College on June 21.  If you have ideas about topics please send them to Clem Guthro or Joyce Rumery.

HECCP

We received an answer from Tracy Bigney to our memo.  It did not answer our questions.  We should ask our own Human Resources Departments about the draft job descriptions.  Our concern is from the example of the SECCP, by the time we were involved it was too late.  We plan on having a contingency meet with Scott Harrison prior to acceptance.

UMS Databases

Joyce will call Jim Breece about the UMS supported databases.

August Retreat

It is set for August 13-14.  David is working on the retreat agenda.  Steve will also be a host.

Database Committee

We asked that the database committee meet to consider the databases that are purchased from the UMS funds.  There is a small amount that cannot be covered by that line and the discussion may be around the OED.  Leslie suggested that PAIS may also be on that discussion list.

It was suggested that staff from PPL, MSL, BPL, and the LLRL meet with this group during their lunch to start discussions about broader purchases. *(Joyce learned later that this group meets for about two hours, no lunch)*

Leslie suggested that both Jackson Lab and the COA would be interested in some participation regarding joint purchases.  This may be a topic for the collection meeting this June.

Maine InfoNet

The EAD (encoded archival description) project did not get funded by the NEH.  There is now3 an application to the State Archives for support to get the website up to speed.

Future meetings

May 21 - BPL

June and July – no meetings scheduled

Retreat – in Portland on August 12 and 13