



Sailor Advisory Committee
Annapolis Road Library Operations Center - ARLOC
April 26, 2018
10:00 AM

Attendance: Michael Gannon, Stuart Ragland, Darcell Graham, Beth Thoms (note taker)

Virtually: Thomas Vose, Carla Moore, Jennifer Ranck

Absent: Mike Walsh

Welcome (Michael Gannon, Chair)

Call to order

Approval of Minutes – Feb 18

Did not have a quorum so no voting. We will vote to approve next meeting.

Several people have terms expiring – Jim, Carla and Beth. All agreed to serve another term. Michael will go to Irene to request reappointments.

Statewide ILS Committee Update (Darcell Graham)

- Gathering information on what people want in new ILS
- Looking a Polaris and other vendors
- Group has 8-10 members and SAILOR has representation on the committee

Sailor Quarterly Report (Stuart Ragland)

- Dail-up users dipped below 100 for the first time
- Database usage – Heritage Quest still very popular, and Ebsco databases in the schools are getting good use

Relais/MARINA Update (Darcell Graham)

- Maryland Interlibrary Library Organization (MILO)
- Release of Discovery 3.0 is delayed until May
- Emma Beaven, Manager of MILO, sent notification at the beginning of April and recommended that all libraries open up the appropriate ports in their system's firewall.
- There is a sandbox environment that will allow staff to get familiarized with Discovery 3.0 before its official release.
- The Relais Users Group expressed some concern with the slow response or feedback on requested enhancements. The groups created a spreadsheet with the suggested enhancements and are awaiting a response for prioritization.



- Emma Beaven will be attending the Annual Relais Users Group meeting at this year's American Library Association Conference in New Orleans.

State Library Resource Center Financial Report (Darcell Graham)

- SLRC is on pace with the budget; no report submitted.

Renovation Update (Darcell Graham)

- The phase II internal moves are complete and floors two and three are fully occupied with the temporary subject departments and some permanent spaces.
- Construction has begun on the 1st floor, Central hall, and 2nd and 3rd stacks. Estimated date for the release of Central for full occupancy is May 2019
- Planning for the new Teen Wing is underway and will include a new teen collection, programming space and a studio for video and audio production.

Collections and Access Services Division and SLRC Update (Darcell Graham)

- Amnesty month begins May 2018 followed by Fine Free beginning in June 2018.
- Pratt and Baltimore County Public Library will be co-hosting the Urban Libraries Council's Annual Forum, Leading Forward, September 5-7, 2018.
- In addition to the physical renovation of the Central library, the collection is also undergoing a renovation that includes:
 - A cataloging project with BackStage for our Old Block Collection; part of the library's original collection dating back to the 1850's through 1900's including Early 20th Century materials
 - Interfiling project of all materials (reference, oversize, etc...) and re-shelving of materials according to the LC classification, A-Z.
- Digital Maryland published the Pratt Library's collection, Aeronautics in Maryland. This collection from the Maryland Department Photograph Collection covers the history of aeronautics in Maryland (1908-1957) including early balloons, dirigibles, airplanes, and seaplanes; later-built propeller-driven military airplanes and commercial airliners, including the Glenn L. Martin-built "China Clipper"; airports; and air stations for flying boats or seaplanes.
- We began to plan for the expiration of the current SAILOR contract and have talked with two of the three major vendors (EBSCO, Gale) about our thoughts for the next three year contract and have asked them to provide the following information:
 - 1.) A list of their Maryland customers and the products to which they subscribe



- 2.) An indication of which of those products are supplied by a third party – because there's less flexibility on pricing for those, and because we want to avoid any licensing issues like the one we encountered with Rosetta Stone.
- 3.) A list of states where the vendor has a Statewide contract so we can take a look at the configuration of those packages.
- Some other things we have discussed – but no decisions have been made – include the following:
 - Rather than one mega-package with just one vendor, we may mix things up a little more this time to include some of the products that all libraries use the most.
 - We are weighing the advantages and disadvantages of using LYRASIS to broker the deal vs doing the work ourselves.
 - We are talking about what additional vendors we might include in addition to the big three.
 - Year three of the current contract begins July 1, so we plan to survey the MPERL's in the summer and schedule vendor demos for the fall. We are still talking about other ways we might solicit feedback and allow for input from the library systems. Please let us know if you have suggestions.

SLRC Commission Report (Michael Gannon)

- March meeting was cancelled so no report at this time. Next meeting May 15

Other Business

- Request was made for a tour of the newly renovated library. Maybe at our June 2019 meeting.
- ARLOC moving back to Central, May 2019

Next meeting: June 7, 10AM (at Annapolis Road Library Operations Center - ARLOC)