

**Libraries Linking Idaho  
Steering Committee Meeting  
June 24, 2009  
9:00am – 4:00pm**

Purpose: To collect and discuss ideas pertaining to the initiation, planning, and evaluation of Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI) programs and services.

**Steering Committee Members Present:**

Mary DeWalt, Ada Community Library  
Sue Niewenhaus, Lewis Clark State College  
Jane Somerville, Stanley Community Library  
Steve Poppino, College of Southern Idaho  
Cora Caldwell, Gooding School District  
Ann Joslin, Idaho Commission for Libraries

Lynn Baird, University of Idaho  
Marilyn Moody, Boise State University  
Joe Reiss, Post Falls Public Library  
Kay Flowers, Idaho State University  
Julie Woodford, Burley Public Library

**Staff and Guests:**

Gina Persichini, Networking Consultant  
Frank Nelson, Eastern Field Consultant  
Shirley Biladeau, CE Consultant (Facilitator)  
Nancy Reese, OSII (Recorder)

Marj Hooper, Associate State Librarian  
Jan Wall, North Idaho Field Consultant  
Kathleen O'Connor, Washington-Idaho Network  
Stefani Gunter, OSII (Recorder)

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Meeting opened with introductions and a request to alter the agenda items to accommodate individuals that had to depart early.
- Gina shared that Charlotte Fowles resigned from her position with ICFL to focus on research for her dissertation.

**General Program Updates**

LiLI Databases

- *Consumer Reports* is no longer available through the ProQuest databases due to an agreement between the publisher and another content provider. ProQuest does, however have consumer information and has offered to provide some online sessions for Idaho libraries to highlight that content. ICFL staff will work with ProQuest to schedule those sessions.

LiLI Unlimited

- OCLC held many of their prices flat for the coming year. They also revised our agreement to reflect that decision. As a result, the expected total cost was less than anticipated and so we did not have the planned 5% increase. That 0% increase was passed on to the full-cataloging participants that normally would have seen a 4% increase over last year's fees.
- The revised subscription also includes lower year-to-increases through June 2012, averaging around 3%
- We will be reworking the cost-sharing formula before next winter to determine cost-sharing fees for 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- There are hopes to include a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier in the pricing, creating a possibility to include more public libraries as full-cataloging participants. Libraries are currently trying out full-cataloging through June 2010 to see how it will work for them. We're collecting statistics in the meantime to see how useful it has been for libraries to add records for unique items to WorldCat.
- Training was held in April and May to teach libraries to use Dublin Core templates to add unique holding to WorldCat. Using the method, library staff describe unique items, items for which no one else is likely to have, with metadata versus creating an original MARC record. By using a Dublin Core template within OCLC's

Connexion browser, the system can then translate the metadata into MARC format so the item is findable in WorldCat.

- The 2009 Open Enrollment ended May 15<sup>th</sup>. There were some withdrawals: the schools in the Post Falls District, White Pine Charter School, and Grace High School. And 7 new participants:
  - Brown Mackie College
  - College of Western Idaho
  - Midvale School District
  - North Star Charter School
  - East Bonner County Library District
  - Heart of the Valley Public Library
  - Woodside Elementary School (Blaine District, new school)
- There are now have 220 participating libraries. That is actually 3 fewer than last year at this time. This is due to the withdrawal of the Post Falls School District, which includes multiple libraries.

#### LiLI eAudioBooks Collection

- An announcement was sent to LibIdaho and posted to the ICFL Blog (and also shared at all in-person meetings) that the current statewide subscription for eaudiobooks will end September 30<sup>th</sup>. ICFL staff requested information from libraries interested in continuing the service through a group purchase.
- 27 libraries expressed interest at the time; since then a few more have indicated interest. Along with their interest, libraries were asked to give a rough estimate as to how much they could afford for the service. Estimates ranged from \$5,000 annual down to \$50. \$50 is rather unrealistic given the lowest level of standard pricing for just the adult & children's collections is \$3,750.
- A rough-cut quote (using those 27 libraries) was requested from OCLC, I received it this week. Gina is reviewing the quote, looking for a way to share the costs quoted among the libraries that expressed interest keeping in mind the spending limits they shared. It does not look like it can be done. As a result, Gina has presented a counter-proposal to OCLC requesting a steep discount of 65% off the standard pricing for Idaho libraries interested in providing the service. This method would make it possible for libraries to join/leave the group on their own schedule and allow them to subscribe to the content that most meets their local needs. A response to the counter-proposal has not yet been received.
- Time is crucial as libraries are in the process of finalizing budgets for the next year, many having just entered placeholders for the service until a final price is known.

#### **Broadband Connectivity Discussion**

Attendees participated in a large group discussion on broadband using a conversation café style. Three questions were asked, the responses from the group discussion were:

1. From your perspective what is the current status of broadband connectivity in Idaho?
  - Are there dead zones?
  - Is it being used?
  - Do people have hardware to utilize it?
  - Are there really schools and libraries without access?
  - Wilderness equals problems for small communities
  - Poor terrain-e.g. We can't get cell access everywhere yet to use cell/online phone apps.
  - No R.O.I. for providers
  - Population centers drive connectivity
  - University good locations, but no good roads to connect
  - No economic incentive to do it –but eco disincentive to do it
  - Individuals are lacking the connectivity to access services
  - It's about both
    - Schools/libraries
    - Individuals

- Gates broadband initiative determined 40% of ID libraries have < 1.5 bps-T1
  - A good percentage indicates there is no demand for connectivity locally
  - Has the demand increased since unemployment need to apply for jobs increased?
  - The need is so apparent, but much of conversation is focused on old needs and not future requirements.
  - We don't know how much infrastructure is in place but just not plugged in
2. What are the infrastructure needs that you perceive Idaho needs to facilitate statewide connectivity?
- Political will elected/political will public
  - Vision
  - Expertise drain due to job losses in Idaho market place we need to grow our own
  - Libraries need to be @ the table and be demanding
  - Who is already concerned with this
  - Libraries need to know what to bring to the table-educate library community
  - Libraries are sharing the access we have, the more demand for the services
  - Libraries don't have the internal/local infrastructure (resources) to support staff, computer, space
  - Libraries need to develop a culture of learning and education cultural infrastructure
  - Public awareness of need/value
  - We need to be proactive in creating/training library leadership who can collaborate outside the library integrate with community at large
3. How do you envision Idaho libraries participating in the advocacy of broadband connectivity for the state of Idaho?
- Who owns the vision?
    - Creates it?
    - What is the vision
  - Libraries can have a role in creating the vision
  - Talk the language so we can be heard
  - Educate patron about benefits of accessing information useful to them so they become advocates
  - Be an advocate-be at the table
  - We can advocate for the have not's
  - If a vote equals a value-how do we change the value
  - Emerging themes are:
    - Value of Access
    - Expand Access
    - Role of libraries
    - Sustainability

### **ICFL Update – Ann Joslin, State Librarian**

#### ICFL as a participant in a number of multi-state projects:

1. National Digital Information Infrastructure Project – Washington Digital Archive is being expanded w/ this project, with Idaho and a couple other states being regional outlets for digital publications. So, as ICFL is creating the Idaho digital repository, we are also sending the same information to the regional repository. Contents include public records and state publications (documents and images). Primary contacts for this project in Idaho are Rich Wilson and Danna Angevine. The archive is meant for preservation.
2. WESTPASS – Project started in California. They had so much success that it became regional. It is preservation disaster planning. It's a 2-part series of training, which includes information about disaster planning, then a follow up where participants come back with their disaster plan and work on implementation. The series was held last year in 2 locations, this year one session will be held at ICFL. It's a program designed for small libraries. The project will have an additional phase with a single workshop focusing on preservation versus disaster planning that will take place next year.
3. Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> century librarian, Montana State Lib is lead. Idaho, Washington and Wyoming also involved. Has 2 components: 1) a learning cohort for a master's in library science through the University of North Texas.

There will be 30 participants in that cohort; Idaho has 6 seats reserved, but there are 6 at-large seats that could be utilized by Idaho librarians. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is for teacher librarians seeking certification endorsement – there will be another cohort for them. Programs will have 2 on-site 4-day workshops, with the rest of the education taking place online. Individuals getting their MLS or library endorsement through the program, will stay working in one of the partner states for 2 years. More information about the program will be in the ICFL website. The program will begin Fall 2010. This was one of 33 applications (out of 111) funded through the Laura Bush initiative.

4. NASA Lunar Science Institute Team. Will develop materials & identify resources for library materials, then share the model with children's librarians to share within their communities. Workshops will take place in 2012.
5. Boomers in Public Libraries (Boomers as volunteers and library users). Regional multi-state project. Lead partner is California and also includes Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

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### Idaho Education Network

- Patterned after the Utah Education Network, it would provide a network allowing for dual enrollment for K12 students to work on college-level coursework alongside K12 education.
- Legislation was passed previously establishing IEN, though funding was not immediately provided.
- IEN has two staff members that work with the Department of Education
- Their first priority is to connect all idaho high schools through broadband.
- Ann Joslin was invited to serve on the technical subcommittee of IEN.
- Funding model for IEN for next 2 years covers only connecting the high schools (the first priority). Other priorities connect other schools and, later, public libraries. The Albertson Foundation is also at the table with potential funding to contribute toward the implementation of IEN.
- It is disappointing that there is not a more aggressive funding plan, but the priority of connecting high schools has narrowed from 3 to 2 years.
- There is an application being prepared for stimulus funding by a group outside of IEN. The group working on that application are interested and open to including at least some libraries in that application. ICFL has provided all the information we have for use in that effort. Two vendors have been identified to work on the network, ENA and Qwest. They will be collaborating on the project.
- Ann will be meeting with IEN staff next month to discuss what public library involvement might look like. One possibility might be libraries joining with them for e-rate applications and discounts.

### Gates Foundation Connectivity Study

- All but one Idaho library responded with information; a phenomenal response. Currently, when ALA uses data from the study showing a map of the U.S., Idaho and a few other states are noticeably blank. Hopefully the data provided this year will change that. The Gates Foundation contracted with an outside vendor to conduct the survey, which included follow up through phone calls to the libraries.

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### Connecting to Collections

- Heritage Health Index Report identified & described a variety of collections in libraries, archives & museums that are at risk in terms of preservation. IMLS has initiative a grant program with the idea that each state would be awarded a \$40,000 planning grant to address preservation of collections. To date, 41 states have applied for and

received their \$40,000 grant. IMLS would like to be able to say that all states have received this grant. Idaho has not applied previously.

- Liz Bishoff at BCR has been working on preservation issues for a number of years. She, along with someone from LyraSys, have put together a proposal with 4 options for the states that have not yet taken advantage of the grant opportunity. If we are interested in one of those options, they are willing to write the grant application on our behalf.
- Preservation is not something that we have heard very loudly from the Idaho library community as a priority so far. We're sure there's a need, but it is not clear that this is a high priority. As the grant opportunity extends beyond libraries, Ann has shared this opportunity with the Idaho state historical society so they, too, are aware of it.
- Options presented by BCR:
  - Planning process: form a consortium to get all the players represented, advisory representatives, etc.
  - Data & Trend analysis. Go back to HHI and analyze the data to provide a foundation for future planning & decision making. The question is: How many Idaho institutions responded to that study & is there enough data to do anything with it?
  - Training Workshops for all partners, museums, staff & volunteers, etc. They cite WESTPASS as being potential providers for this. Expected results are that workshops equip attendees w/ the knowledge to go back to their organizations to create their own plans.
  - Town Meetings: To raise the awareness of the important of preservation.
- Mary DeWalt is a member of a group that may be interested. She will let them know about the opportunity.
- Among the options, there was interest in a summit type of event (2-day event) where library staff would attend with a partner from a museum or local history group. The event would be modeled after ICFL's 21<sup>st</sup> century skills events, but with a focus on preservation and preservation planning.

## Networking Updates

Kay Flowers, ISU: Collections budget was reduced by \$150,000, plus 3.25 staff positions were lost. Received an IMLS bookshelf preservation grant with Bannock County Historical Society.

Steve Poppino, CSI: The new SirsiDynix Symphony catalog is up and running

Lynn Baird, University of Idaho: With the new fiscal year, the library is down 3 staff and 1 librarian position. Two faculty positions are being held open, the library will be hiring temp librarians. The WorldCat Local implementation is moving along as records are being updated in OCLC. The library is completing a feasibility study to examine the facility. Included in the plans are spaces for collections, a move of the archives to a different location, and the creation of an information commons.

Sue Niewenhaus, Lewis Clark State College: Library has 53 new computers, will be going through accreditation in October, and should see a budget for the new year that is better than the prior year's budget.

Marilyn Moody, Boise State University: Ended up okay with budgeting compared to the earlier estimates. There were some cuts and some vacant positions. The library is hiring two new librarians, including Amy Vecchione who currently works at ICFL. Just received State Board of Education approval for a technology grant with video production and English classes; it includes adding more laptop checkouts, live streaming video on demand. Research digitization is taking on more importance now and will be a big area in the coming year.

Jane Somerville, Stanley: The library is re-barcoding in preparation for merging the catalog database with others in the Library Consortium of Eastern Idaho. The library was a beneficiary of the Redfish Triathlon. The summer schedule is busy with 3 book discussions with the authors, and open house, book sale, Sawtooth Music Festival, and yard sale on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cora Caldwell, Gooding Schools and Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind: ISDB took a lot of hits financially and hours for all staff were cut back. The ISDB's status is being changed from a state agency to a bureau; the effects of that are still unknown. At the Gooding School District, Cora will be the district's librarian with aides doing the day-to-day work in the libraries.

Frank Nelson, ICFL: Schools-impact study ran this spring and had amazing response with about 78% of teachers responding and 40% of administrators. The Public Library Statistics can't be released until census data is released, which isn't expected until later in the summer. We can prove with the Idaho statistics that usage of libraries is going up high than what is consistent with population growth. Usage is through the roof, especially with electronic resources.

Mary DeWalt, Ada Community Library: Some of the Lynx Consortium member libraries received WalMart grants. Budget issues are affecting LYNX! libraries to various degrees. Eagle, faced with serious cuts, lost 8 staff and shortened open hours. The Twin Falls library recently celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Emmett Public Library was recently accepted as a member of Lynx and has begun the process of automating their data.

Jan Wall, ICFL: There are a number of questions regarding new term lengths and election timing for library trustees. Jan is working with the Secretary of State's office to learn more. A series of posts were sent via LibIdaho on the changes taking place with Open Meeting Law that take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Priest Lake Library and the West Bonner Library District in Priest River are joining the Cooperative Information Network (CIN).

Kathleen O'Connor, Washington-Idaho Network: WIN had a system upgrade last week and no new bugs were discovered. The Board is revisiting the Mission and strategic planning.

Julie Woodford, Burley Public Library: The Idaho Library Association Conference is in October in Burley. The Burley Library is in the middle of an automation implementation with the Demary Memorial and Jerome libraries, all moving to the SirsiDynix Symphony system. The Burley library had a vote in May for funding for a building project; it passed with 63% of the vote.

Gina Persichini, ICFL: There will be a Future Technology Showcase held at Boise State University later in the summer. The information appears closely tied with the Idaho Education Network. Gina will forward the information to the entire group. Steve Poppino will be ending his term on the LiLI Steering Committee this month, the seat now moves to be filled by someone from a special library. Joe Reiss is also coming to the end of a term, but he will be returning for reappointment. Some ICFL staff have decided to try online office hours using online meeting tools. Watch for schedules of those available times.

#### **Next Meeting Date(s)**

- Gina will send a Doodle request to determine potential meetings dates for Fall and Winter.