



## **Committee on Information Technology (CITE)**

Friday, November 13, 2009

Attendance: Mike Bell, Shirley Bower, Mary Carlin, Ted Ciambor, Debby Emerson, Sara Greenleaf, Corey Ha, Kathy Miller, Betsy Morris, Jennifer Morris, Mary Jo Orzech, Julia Sollenberger, Adam Traub, Patty Uttaro

Unable to attend: Chris Harris

The meeting began at 2:30. Committee members introduced themselves.

### **2009 update**

Debby and Kathy reviewed the status of RRLC automation projects as listed on Attachment C. Two projects from RBDB 2008 are being completed this year: the "legacy" and last edition of the TLC School Cat and the new Open Source School Cat being developed by GV BOCES SLS. RRLC training program is valued and heavily used by all libraries. Debby noted that the popular online courses from this summer have been extended to this fall because of demand.

Review of World Cat statistics show steady use with a relatively small percentage of "turnaways" for the 10 SUs to which the Council subscribes. Libraries noted that they have not noticed any problems. The Council can increase the number of SUs from OCLC but cannot decrease the number. The number seems sufficient. It was noted that in order to have holdings appear in WorldCat.org, a library must be either an individual subscriber or have access through RRLC to First Search World Cat.

Review of statistics for Democrat and Chronicle show low use among most libraries and higher among a few.

Debby noted that RRLC had recently had to upgrade to "level 2" Content DM. We had anticipated that this would not happen until Spring 2010, but we were able to do this by shifting some RBDB funding to this project.

The member projects have not yet been funded because of the state budget delay. RRLC has not yet received all of its funding and may be cut 4% or more. Because the regional RBDB projects are funded at full level (since the impact is on all or most libraries), the member projects would be cut a greater percentage – 27% or more if the proposed state cuts go through. If the funding is at that level, projects will have a full year to complete their projects. If the cuts are greater, the member projects may not be funded at all this year.

### **2010 funding**

There is a potential for further cuts next year which could mean that RBDB could not fund member projects in 2010. The Committee discussed each of the Council projects and in particular the D & C. It was agreed that the Council could cut the subsidy from \$39,000 to \$25,000 with participating libraries being asked to pay a greater share based upon use. It was also agreed that the school systems would have to pay their share in 2010 if they want to continue access. Their use of this resource is limited so their cost share should be less.

Reduction of the D & C subsidy would free up \$14,000 or more for member projects. To get a sense of the projects underway in the libraries, committee members shared information about projects at their libraries.

After further discussion, it was agreed that if money is available in 2010 for member projects the request for proposals should be open ended (within the RBDB guidelines), but note a special interest in development of open source tools that can be shared by other libraries.

It was also agreed that if 2009 projects are not funded because of cuts, these projects should be given first priority and funded with any available 2010 "member project" funding.

### **LSTA 2010**

The Committee discussed options for the LSTA funding – approximately \$16,000. One idea that the committee would like to pursue is a "Technology Leadership" conference, similar to what was MCLS held this fall. It would be larger, planned by members of CITE or their representatives, and open to all libraries. Patty Uttaro and Debby will confer on this.

### **Next steps**

Kathy will send draft minutes of the meeting to the committee for their approval. Their recommendations will be taken to the Shared Database Committee in December and also the Advisory Committee of Library Directors in January.

If any committee member has comments on the draft RFP, contact Kathy.

If there are member projects in 2010, the CITE group will meet as last year to review the proposals and make recommendations. Final selection is made by a jury from outside the region.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.