RUG Meeting Minutes 9/4/2012

Reference User’s Group
September 4, 2012
Haverstraw Library

Attendance: Carol McCrossen (Washingtonville); Christy Blanchette (Valley Cottage); Mary Flannery Climes (Middletown); Brian Jennings (Nyack); Jerry Kuntz (RCLS); Harriet Wollenberg (New City); Jane Acoveno (Port Jervis); Charlotte Dunaief (Cornwall); Naomi Goldberg Honor (Haverstraw); Laurie Angle (Warwick); Leslie Riley (RCLS); Anne Sullivan (Haverstraw King’s Daughters); Eva Gruenebaum (W. Nyack); Tracy Allen (Spring Valley); Judy Joseph (Spring Valley); Benjamin Reid (Stony Point); Ginny O’Neill (Tuxedo Park).

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

2. Minutes of last meeting
A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Mary Flannery Climes moved to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Carol McCrossen. Minutes accepted.

3. Election of Officers:
Slate of Officers was presented: Brian Jennings for Chair; Carol McCrossen for Secretary. Motion to accept: Harriet Wollenberg made the motion; Mary Flannery Climes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Bibliocommons
Handouts were distributed on Bibliocommons system. Bibliocommons is an overlay on the public catalog system that has some features that our Enterprise system does not at this time. However, the cost is significant (about the cost of our Symphony ILS system). Further, it wasn’t assured that individual library branding and separate web-searching for each library would be available.

5. Jerry Kuntz Report
It was noted that with latest Symphony/Enterprise upgrade, any libraries with links to a title record were dead after the upgrade. It was suggested that librarians use an ISBN search instead, as this would not change.

Symphony Blanket Holds function is not working properly. Do not use. Instead, use copy level holds.

It is expected that in the next version of Enterprise that the sort function should work better.
Libraries that have RCLS maintain their database pages are going to be switched over to a LibGuides template. Jerry has the template made up already. After the transition, libraries will take control of their database pages. In this way, libraries will be able to get better statistics for their database usage. Also, e-reference books can be moved to the subject areas. Further, libraries will have the ability to drop in widgets to possibly help to increase usage.

With Smartermail upgrade over the weekend, there will be a “Mobile interface” link at the bottom of the page so that you can view all mail folders easier on your smart phone.

Group database renewals will go out this week. Two new databases were offered this time around: 1) Muzzy & 2) Gale Demographics Now.

Boopsie – New interface is ready. They are in process of submitting to i-tunes – waiting to hear back (for i-phone). Android is all ready (rcls.boopsie.org). With this app loaded on smart phone, patrons will be able to scan ISBN in bookstore and check if library has book in catalog.

6. Leslie Riley Report
Movie licensing is up for renewal. Interested libraries should contact Leslie. If anyone needs applications for Talking Books/Braille library, contact Leslie.

7. Zinio Webinar
Recorded Books presented a webinar of their an online magazine product (RBdigital) called Zinio, which contains cover-to-cover full color of magazines. It’s a streaming view so it doesn’t download onto computer. However, Zinio reader app does download on device and then you can watch offline. Also allows you to bookmark magazine article and clip a picture from an article. Platform fee is $2,000/year (for up to 200,000 annual circ). Each magazine costs the same as a regular print subscription.

8. Motion to adjourn meeting: Brian motioned; Carol seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol McCrossen, Secretary