RUG Meeting Minutes 1/15/2013
Reference User’s Group
Nanuet Library

Attendance: Carol McCrossen (Washingtonville); Catina Strauss (Monroe); Charlotte Dunaief (Cornwall); Evelyn Daks (Finkelstein); Pauline Brower (Suffern); Vicki Biehl (Pearl River); Brian Jennings (Nyack); Mary Flannery Climes (Middletown); Eva Gruenebaum (W. Nyack); Anne Sullivan (Haverstraw); Julie Marallo (Nanuet); Donna Sopalsky (Haverstraw); Harriet Wollenberg (New City); Jeannie Stiller (Newburgh); Thomas Berman (Nyack); & Laurie Angle (Warwick).

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 Brian Jennings. Minutes accepted.

3. JobNow! Database
Allows libraries access through May 2014. Training will take place at RCLS, but additional dates can be added at your library. A flyer was handed out. Contact Grace Riario if interested.

4. E-Books
Overdrive Read: Overdrive is trying to get away from Adobe Digital Editions. Overdrive Read is a way to present e-pubs without Adobe Digital Editions. This should make process of downloading e-pub titles easier.

A question was raised as to whether any library has come up to the Harper Collins “26 Circ Rule.” It was noted that at least Harper is selling e-content to libraries, unlike some other publishers. The consensus was that the 26-Circ rule didn’t seem to be a big problem.

E-Resource Central is expected to be released at some time this year.

5. Omeka.net
Omeka was used to create an Obituary Index, using a spreadsheet & uploading it to Omeka. Also check out: Omeka.org, “a free, flexible, and open source web-publishing platform for the display of library, museum, archives, and scholarly collections and exhibitions. Its “five-minute setup” makes launching an online exhibition as easy as launching a blog.” (according to their website)

6. Jerry Kuntz Report
Jerry is still working on transferring database pages to Lib Guides.

Purchase Alert Report can be exported into Excel spreadsheet & sorted by # of holds to make it more utilitarian.

Jerry is re-doing RCLS website using Drupal, a content management program. Drupal will make it easier for library to edit their info on the RCLS website. Drupal also enables us to create logins that allow only certain people to see things – ex: office forms

Catalog Error Form is still on RCLS.org site.

ILL News: SEAL was bought by OCLC (called Worldshare). We will have to wait & see what happens with this.

Jerry is doing a linking refresher on January 30, 2013. He will be addressing the "|z" volume statements. These need to be standardized so that Enterprise system can work properly.

If patrons are experiencing an "app error," try to hit SEARCH button instead of Enter key. If this doesn't work, report the error to RCLS.

RCLS is looking into having tinyurl on one of its servers. It will be easier to change item links this way.

7. Posterous.com
This website is being taken down on April 30, 2013. So a discussion of its uses is not very useful.

8. Pre-Loaded E-Book Readers
There was a discussion of how libraries are loaning out pre-loaded e-book readers. Staff loads each reader up every 3-4 months with an additional 15-20 titles. If they purchase 1 copy of a title, they are able to load onto 6 devices.

9. Next Meeting is 3/19/13 @ Cornwall.

10. Motion to adjourn meeting: Mary Flannery Climes motioned; Brian Jennings seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol McCrossen, Secretary