

Valley Library Consortium
Minutes of the Database Committee
May 26, 2011

Present: Cindy Hix (Bridgeport); Ann Langlois (LDL); Betty Gettel (Caro); Mary Schultz (Midland); Becky Grai (Northwood); Betsy Osborn and Paula Pashak (BCLS); Bruce Guy (Gladwin); Becky Grai (Northwood); Kristin Valyi-Hax (RHMDL); Kay Dunker and Lee Martin (VLC); Paul Lutenske (Saginaw); Anne Wooden (Delta).
Remote attendees: Sandie Snow (Almont); Susie Sandula (Dryden); Pat Lange (North Branch); Kelli Lovasz (North Branch); Jane Himmel (Pigeon); Lynn Deming (St. Charles).

Chair Ann Langlois called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Additions to the Agenda: Discussion item: Chair-elect.

Decisions:

1. P. Lutenske moved to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2011 meeting. B. Gettel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chilifresh Demonstration:

Scott Johnson provided a web demonstration of Chilifresh.

Book reviews: It is integrated into ValCat and allows patrons to rate and give reviews of the books they have read. In ValCat when viewing search results, you can click under the book jacket on reviews to add a review for a book. All of the content created by these reviews resides on the Chilifresh servers – not on VLC's. In terms of seeing the reviews in ValCat, a library can decide which level they want to see reviews at: just their library, the consortium, their own state, the United States, worldwide, etc. You can shut off review content at the level of your choice.

Moderating reviews: Each library can assign a moderator so that whenever a review is written, the next morning a notification email will be sent to the moderator letting them know there are reviews to be looked at. The moderator can accept, edit, or reject reviews and then they will be posted. L. Martin volunteered to be the moderator for all of the VLC libraries.

Connections: Along with Chilifresh is the Connections social networking platform, which allows library patrons to connect to other library patrons throughout the world. It displays as a blue scroll at the bottom of the screen, where it gives updates/messages regarding what users are doing, such as reviewing books or creating lists, etc. When a user clicks on a book jacket in ValCat, four choices come up for the patron to drag and drop their book jacket into, such as creating a booklist and recommending a book to others. Other features with this include an age restriction capability that can be activated by a library. Patrons would have to get their age verified in some way by the library prior to being able to have an account. The age restriction allows for separating those under 18 years of age and over 18 into separate groups for interaction. Book jackets: currently we purchase book jackets from Syndetics for approximately \$10,000 per year. Book jackets would be included at no cost with a subscription to Connections. Chilifresh can also create generic book jackets for items and has the capability to allow libraries to scan in book jackets for items that don't have them. Additionally, it is important to note that whether creating book reviews or using Connections, the user never leaves the ValCat catalog. When they are done reviewing or doing social networking, they are still in the catalog.

Chilifresh Cost: \$1200 annually for the 1st library, and \$120 for each additional library.

Connections Cost: \$10,000 but this also includes all of the book jackets.

L. Martin will send out an evaluation for Chilifresh and asked that we distribute it to all of our staff. L. Martin will also follow up on some questions that libraries had regarding Chilifresh.

Discussions:

1. Database Projects Calendar:

K. Dunker reviewed the Projects Calendar for June:

- Libraries work RIS for "In Transit" and "Hold expired" items
- Change incorrect heading of "Talking books"
- Requests on unavailable items
- Code/Agency mismatch (ITYPE, COLL, PTYPE, PSTAT)
- Misspelled word in transcribed fields
- Report of address correction block (acr) created by HIP users
- Report of lost blocks for items no longer lost
- Report of items flagged for request
- Weekly duplicate control# report
- Weekly duplicate ISBN report
- Misspelled words in authority fields
- Deletion of bibs with no holdings

2. Horizon 7.5.1 Upgrade

K. Dunker: There are still a few HIP issues but overall up and running. Horizon also was up very fast, with some things to clean up. If you have any issues with HIP or Horizon, let Kay know.

3. Report from Administrative Council

The three database committee recommendations were taken to the Administrative Council and approved. So libraries can start putting copy records on multipart bib records. A report will be run monthly to check for errors.

K. Dunker will implement the other recommendations by the close of business on Wednesday next week, June 2nd, unless HIP is having problems.

4. New Item Status code

BCLS would like a new item status for ebooks and e-audiobooks. They would like it to read "Click BCLS link above" instead of "ask at desk." Discussion followed that maybe this should not be individualized in this way - that it might be problematic to make individual item statuses like this for each library. When more than one library has the same e-audiobook or ebook, there is a link to click on in the 949 field for that specific library. Other suggestions to replace "ask at desk" were "click on your library's link above" or "click your library link." L. Martin indicated that K. Dunker can work up some examples of what this wording will look like and send it out to us for consideration.

5. Horizon User ID password changes

L. Martin mentioned that password changes were discussed at the Administrative Council and wanted feedback from us on password changes and problems/issues. The general consensus was that yearly password changes were not unreasonable in order to maintain security. However, the password requirements seem stringent. Discussion continued that most places require 6-10 character password but do not require the use of special characters and allow the use of dictionary words in passwords. L. Martin said that the VLC will put together new password guidelines and send them out today.

6. Chair-elect for 2011-2012

A. Langlois made a call for nominations for the position of Chair-elect for the 2011-2012 VLC Database Committee. Ann asked K. Valyi-Hax to accept a nomination. K. Valyi-Hax accepted. J. Himmel moved to accept this nomination of K. Valyi-Hax as Chair-elect for the 2011-2012 VLC. B. Osborne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements: K. Dunker has the BookMyne app, a mobile catalog app, on her iPod Touch if anyone wants to see it.

Next meeting Thursday, June 23, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Minutes submitted by A. Wooden, Database Chair-Elect