

**OCM BOCES LIBRARY SYSTEM
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014
3:30 – 5:15 PM
OCM BOCES Rodax 8 Large Conference Room**

Minutes

In attendance: Monica Norton, RJ DeLisle, Kay Budman, Ellen Pristash, Linda Llewelyn, Debra Abbott, Chad Putway – for Mike Eiffe, Heather Turner (remotely), Marcie Mann

Absent: Debby Emerson, Renee Hill

RJ DeLisle called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Approval – October 3 minutes
 - 1st Ellen Pristash
 - 2nd Linda Llewelyn Approved.

Announcement: Congratulations to Renee Hill on the birth of her new baby boy!

- III. System Topics
 - SLS Program Updates
 - ❖ Initial Svc/Final Svc SLS form change
 - SLS has a new online interface for member librarians for purchases products/services. Also empowers the librarians to talk with their business officials as the form clearly delineates what they would like to purchase vs. what the district has entered in WinCap.
 - ❖ Automation updates/changes
 - F-M is moving to Follett Destiny at the end of this year. They will not be purchasing automation support from SLS. SLS is offering purchase of automation licenses (other than Mandarin) via the SLS CoSer i.e. Follett Destiny and OPALS. Additional/New service = patron uploads and catalog extractions to help offset loss of automation support and to ease workload for districts.
 - Westhill district is piloting OPALS automation this spring with an eye to migrate to OPALS by next year.
 - Districts are interested in the purchase of Overdrive next year and would be very interested in participating in a CoSer to build their local collections. M. Mann will continue to work on this.
 - ❖ Staffing changes for 2014-15/future.
 - Mary Tiedemann will retire at the end of June. SLS will not be filling the position. Discussion of how to meet professional development needs of member librarians followed. Council voiced support for providing “scholarships” to attend conferences, training and for grants to do work.
 - ❖ Leadership initiative discussion re: why leadership training is so important. “Think big” from several Council members. “Grow leaders, expand capacity, develop

vision, become a 'community' leader". Membership expressed support for developing member librarian leadership skills. Two ideas discussed was to bring in leaders from different fields to talk about how they lead i.e. Joanie Mahoney, County Exec; new Chancellor at SU.

- ❖ M. Mann continues to look for ways to advocate for school librarians. She is looking to build a "file" of great things happening in our member libraries. This stimulated discussion on ways we can encourage member librarians to promote themselves and their libraries. Ideas included: "Compliment (or indict!) a Colleague", create a "fill in the blank" form where they can submit what they're doing to SLS
- ❖ Kay Budman introduced the **Bresnahan Book Award**. Presentation of the Bresnahan Book Award will be Friday, May 2, 2014 at Barnes and Noble, Clay, 6 – 7 reading of the 10 nominated books by school celebrities 7 pm Guest Speakers and presentation of the Award. More information as it becomes available. (Liverpool students will be voting on their favorite book.)
- ❖ Our Annual Conference will be on Monday, October 27 at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool/Electronics Pkwy. We are working on a keynote and presentations currently.
- ❖ Committee asked that we revive the plan to work with SUNY Cortland and pre-service teachers. This is a key area for embedding librarians in instruction.

Motion to adjourn – RJ DeLisle – Deb Abbott 2nd Heather Turner. Approved.
The meeting ended at 4:56 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 @ 1:00pm, Rodax 8 Conference Room. This is a combined Communication Coordinator/Council meeting.