

Director's Report
December 2012

PTFS and the SCLS staff are scheduling another upgrade to Koha for the end of January. An improvement to the title search will be included along with developments involving last patron borrowed and better holds management by circulation staff.

The PAC Subcommittee of the ILS Committee met to discuss the patron survey concerning the new LINKcat. A summary and analysis of the LINKcat patron survey was prepared for free by a graduate student in statistics. The responses were shared with the member libraries. The summary contains the results for all of the multiple choice questions. The PAC Subcommittee will group the answers into subjects and use the responses to guide future development.

The E-Commerce work group met for a 2nd product demonstration by the vendor Comprise. The information gathered from the vendors' demonstrations will be compared to select the software and vendor.

Five people were interviewed for the Public Library Administration Consultant position. The position was accepted by Denise Anton Wright, the New Glarus Public Library Director. She will start at SCLS on February 20th. The Brodhead Public Library hired a new director, Nikki Busch, who has already started. Prior to her appointment Ms. Busch worked at the UW- Madison Memorial Library.

I was appointed to represent the Wisconsin Library Association on the Building Community Capacity Broadband Committee as a Community Broadband Advisor. My first meeting was December 19th.

Jon Mark Bolthouse testified before the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education on behalf of WISNet on January 19.

Only one application was received to attend National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. Gary Poulson will represent SCLS this year.

Kerrie Goeden, Bruce Smith and I met with John Erikson of Hausmann Johnson Insurance. Hausman Johnson sent out service and pricing requests to several companies. This had not been done for several years. As a group, we decided to switch the SCLS workers compensation and liability insurance from QBE to Acuity. Acuity was less expensive and is a regional company. We are investigating adding coverage for fiduciary liability and employment practices. This additional insurance coverage can be paid with the savings from switching to Acuity.

Respectfully submitted by,

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