

North Texas Library Consortium Meeting
March 19, 2009
NTRLS System Office

Attending:

Adam Wright	NTRLS
Judy Daniluk	NTRLS
Leanna Cowan	Alvarado
Pat Stegall	Bridgeport
Margaret Horne	Bridgeport
Gwen Hopper	Crowley
Cecilia Hurt Barham	Decatur
Paul Waak	Haltom City
Gwen Bevill	Kennedale
Donna Pierce	Krum
Yvonne Flippo	Saginaw
Vicky Elieson	Sanger
Shae Tetterton	Equinox (by phone and Internet)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Adam Wright.

Old Business

- a. Invoices – NTRLS has paid the first Equinox invoice, and Equinox has started ordering and setting up hardware for us. NTRLS has received payment from most of the member libraries.
- b. Website Update – We still need a person from one of the consortium libraries to take charge of the Plinkit website. Geoff will be unable to do this.
- c. New Membership Discussion – The members approved the following plan for new members joining the consortium:
 - The new member will pay (to Equinox) the full cost of its own data migration and loading. The new member will be responsible for its own barcoding costs, if required.
 - The new member's annual charge for participation in the consortium will be calculated using the consortium's standard formula, which is based on population served. This cost includes the cost of Equinox support and courier service, so it may change if the cost of those services change. If the library joins in the middle of a support year, that year's charge will be pro-rated accordingly.
 - The new member will also have to pay to the consortium a one-time "impact fee" equal to 30% of its annual participation charge.

- Optionally, the new member can choose to spread out the payment of the impact fee over a three-year period. If they choose to do this, there will be an additional charge equal to 10% of the impact fee, to cover the administrative costs.
 - The consortium reserves the right to adjust these fees at any time.
- d. Data Extraction – Leanna has instructions on how to export data from Athena. Copies were given to the members that use Athena. Shae mentioned that some of the Indiana libraries migrated from InfoCentre, and they might be willing to share information. Geoff is going to write up instructions for extracting data from Book Systems. Shae confirmed that we could provide the data in XML or CSV format.
- e. Other –

Courier Service - Adam reported that the cost of Texpress 2-day service has gone up to \$2200. He discussed with Amigos the possibility of setting up a customized courier service that would only serve the consortium libraries. Some of the members commented that they prefer the regular Texpress service because it could also be used for other services, such as returning ILL materials.

Scanners and barcode printers – There was some discussion about prices for scanner systems (for rebarcoding after we go live). Crowley is still interested in this. It was noted that Evergreen does not have the ability to print barcodes. The usual practice is to buy sheets of pre-printed barcodes. (Discounts are available if you go through the LFNT contracts.) Another alternative is to keep Athena loaded on one computer and to use it for printing barcodes.

New Development – Shae suggested we should start collecting a list of features we would like to have added to Evergreen. There is a possibility that we could go in with Evergreen users in other states to combine development efforts. Adam mentioned our plans to host an Evergreen Users' Group at our annual TechNet conference.

New Business

- a. Circulation Policies – Shae gave a presentation explaining Evergreen fields related to circulation policies.
- b. Mapping Q & A – This topic will be continued at next month's meeting.
- c. TLA – Equinox will be at the TLA Conference. We will meet Thursday morning at 10:00 in front of the Exhibit Hall near the registration area.

Next Meeting – The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the NTRLS System Office.