

Report from September 21, 2006 NHAIS Board meeting

Minutes were approved. There had been one comment submitted by email that questioned a particular sentence in the previous meeting's minutes. One attendee suggested that since the comment in question was an editorial comment, it did not need to be edited.

There was no report from the Chairperson, although she was in attendance.

State Librarian's report

1. Downloadable Audiobooks

The downloadable audiobooks service is off to a great start. The program has the participation of 20 libraries from the start, and another round of 10 more libraries is expected to be joining the program by the middle of October.

The State Library has absorbed the approximately \$23,000 in setup costs and another \$11,000 in annual costs. In addition, the State Library contributed \$35,000 to purchase content on the front end. The system now offers 862 titles. When a particular title accumulates 4 requests, this triggers the purchase of a new copy of that title. 609 titles have circulated in the first two weeks. 150 titles have holds on them.

The State Librarian believes the service has received lots of good press coverage including articles in the Nashua Telegraph, the Union Leader and several other publications.

2. Digitization projects

The State Librarian believes using a similar service model (to that of the new statewide DAB program) makes sense when considering providing statewide digitization services. One name for such a project would be the New Hampshire Center for Digital Content.

Diana Degan's report

Diana was not in attendance. The State Librarian commented that Diana and Bobbi Slossar had both done a terrific job overseeing the DAB project. He also added that the Biography Resource Center database has been well-received and implemented by libraries throughout the state. He also commented that the State Library's new website is looking great.

Charlie LeBlanc's report

Latest NHU-PAC statistics:

- 1,680,215 bibliographic records
- 5,032,836 items

Charlie discussed future technological needs, including the need for 2 new servers in July 2007, both of which will be maintained by Sirsi/Dynix. He also presented a cost/benefit overview of switching to Sirsi/Dynix's new ILL service. Right now, this would mean losing the cataloging module, and he does not consider this a wise tradeoff worth making.

Charlie is forming a committee to evaluate and select an integrated library system software application. The committee's first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Rather than starting from scratch, Charlie plans to revise the existing RFP that was developed for the last cycle of decision-making.