2015 Green Mountain Library Consortium Annual Report

As a goal for FY2015 GMLC set the intention to increase our communication with our nearly 150 members statewide. Our new google group and updated website, along with social media sites, are designed to bring information to members and allow them to collectively solve problems and share solutions. You can visit our website at www.gmlc.org. We now have nearly 170 subscribers to the group which can include all staff from any GMLC library.

The Department of Libraries granted, for the third year, an award of \$10,000 to the GMLC to add eBooks to the collection. We are very grateful to the VTLIB for their continuing support.

Lucinda Walker, Norwich Public Library, stepped down from the GMLC Board after serving since the beginning of GMLC and Listen Up!Vermont in 2008. There are no words to thank her enough for her energy, insight, calm and collaborative nature and her commitment to our organization.

We wish to thank our many volunteers for making this consortium unique, strong and reliable.

Listen Up!Vermont

From May 1, 2014 to April 28, 2015, Listen Up! Vermont patrons checked out 144,135 total digital materials, consisting of 74,775 eBooks and 69,360 audio books on approximately 4,000 titles. This represents a 30% increase in audiobook circulation and a 21% increase in the circulation of eBooks. The total increase in circulation of digital materials from last year is 25%. Kindle downloads represent a little over 50% of all eBooks circulated.

Thank you to our Selection Committee of Hannah Peacock, Joan LaJoie and Lisa Milchman. And to Kelly McElligott who posts our MARC records.

Mango Languages

There are currently 22 GMLC libraries enrolled in the Mango Languages service. During the calendar year 2014 there were:

Total number of sessions: 1813
Mobile Sessions: 636
Average session length: 16 minutes

Mango Languages provides a wide variety of courses for many different languages and learning levels. A new service is the availability of foreign films with enhanced language learning modules providing an additional way to gain proficiency.

The most popular languages were, in order: Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Swahili and Swedish.

VOKAL

The VOKAL Executive Committee has suspended new library membership for the foreseeable future. The Implementation Team continued migrating libraries in the past year and the consortium is now focusing on streamlining the system and training member staff. Currently, 54 libraries are circulating in the VOKAL system and another 3 will go live in VOKAL in 2015. Circulation for the last year is close to 1.5 million items. The system contains over 340,000 unique titles and 1.4 million items. Close to 80,000 patrons are active in the system.

The VOKAL Executive Committee consists of Wendy Hysko (Brownell Library), Kim Peine (Dorothy Alling Library), Richard Pritsky (Carpenter Carse Library) and Nick Clemens (Quechee Wilder Libraries).

VOKAL has sponsored and co-sponsored a number of development requests to improve the VOKAL system and these developments have been included in the standard releases of Koha and will benefit libraries around the world. We are looking forward to a development we sponsored that will add additional sounds to Koha in the next release (3.20).

Our Circulation Committee chaired by Brownell Library's Alison Pierce continues to develop circulation standards for the consortium. The Cataloging Committee chaired by Dorothy Alling Library's Debbie Roderer continues to train incoming library staff on VOKAL cataloging standards and orientation to cataloging in Koha. The Training Committee, chaired by Arvin A Brown's Susan Smolinsky, continues to look into training opportunities. The Consortium Committee, chaired by Wendy Hysko, meets prior to each new Koha release to discuss new system preferences and decide which preferences would be advantageous to use in the VOKAL system. The Reciprocal Borrowing Committee, chaired by Brownell Library's Susan Pierce, meets as needed to discuss handling holds and ILL records with the absence of a delivery system which the Koha ILS is designed to be used with.

The VOKAL consortium is proud to be a contributing member of the Koha open source community. We have an excellent partnership with our support vendor Bywater Solutions who have been very flexible in accommodating our unique needs running the first statewide consortium in our rural state. It continues to be a rewarding cooperative experience connecting libraries through open source technology, and sharing experience and knowledge throughout Vermont and beyond in the Koha community.

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