SAILS Network News
Library Network

Get on the Bus! ~ Legislative Day 2004

This year's Library Legislative Day will be just as easy to go to as last year's, thanks again to the Friends of the Somerset Public Library. The Friends are renting a motor coach to go into Boston for Legislative Day on April 7th.

The bus is free, paid for by the Friends. Donations would be gratefully accepted, but not required.

Let Sally Evans know if you would like a space or two or three on the bus, and where you would like to meet. They will start in Somerset, and probably stop at one of the Middleboro exits to pick up people from that area.

Think - Friends, Trustees, Staff Members who have the day off, anyone who would like to help the cause of Libraries.

This years major issue is line item 7000-9506: Library Technology and Resource Sharing. If this goes, which the Governor would like, it won't come back.

What does this mean for your library? If SAILS is no longer receiving reimbursement from the State, the remainder of the funding must come from the membership. How many of you can talk your towns

History SAILS On...

Some of you may have noticed a new button in iBistro called "History SAILS On…". What exactly is this? It's a link to a great digital collection from member libraries. In it you will find beautiful, fully-colored labels from Middleboro's Cranberry Collec-

tion, which also includes a history of the cranberry industry. Rochester has a 1997 town survey, including some cool cemetery pictures. Hanson included their Historic Military Registers and Historical Accounts, reproduced from their print publications.

This is a great resource for students

History SAILS On... Includes:

- Hanson's Historic Military Registers & Historical Accounts

- Middleboro's Cranberry Barrel Labels, Items related to the cranberry industry, News clipping, & Photographs

- Rochester's Community-Wide Historic and Architectural Survey

History SAILS On...

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looking for information on local history and primary documents. For most documents you will need Adobe Acrobat on your pc. If you're reading this newsletter, you already have this. Patrons will also need to have Acrobat installed if viewing some of the articles at home.

Legislative Day

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into paying more for library services? If libraries can't afford the service, and start leaving the network, SAILS will not be able to continue. We all feel very altruistic about our profession, but in the long run, it comes down to money. Rather than ask for the line item to be restored, how about asking for it to be close to where it was two years ago: 96% higher than it is currently. Then you may be able to see affordable assessments.

Last year SAILS worked hard to identify cost-cutting measures and we've already scaled back to just the core services. We can't do that again. We need your support, and a great turnout at the State House can really make the difference. Your Representatives want to see that you care enough to be present. If you don't take a day to support your libraries, why should they?

Remember, gather together your Trustees, Friends and patrons and get them to the State House on April 7th. If you don't want to drive into Boston, you don't have to. Get on the Bus! with the Somerset Friends and forget the hassle of parking and the Big Dig.

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The Future of Online Catalogs

FRBR is an acronym you may soon add to your vocabulary. It stands for Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records. Basically it is a way of categorizing bibliographic records to simplify retrieval for patrons. It is pronounced "Ferber".

For example, when you look in iBistro for the title Hamlet, you'll find almost 100 titles. Many of these are virtually the same text, yet by a different publisher. Does the patron want to see separate entries for the Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press, among others. How much easier would it be if you could see these almost identical titles grouped together under one umbrella? They could even place a hold on the title group, rather than wondering if one editor is different from the next. This doesn't take away the ability to view the separate records, just leaves the choice to the patron on how specific they would like to be in their request.

Built into this "hierarchical" system is the difference between various "expressions" of a work. This could mean that an original version of a text is classified differently from the critical interpretation or a translation. At the bottom of the hierarchy is the "manifestation" itself, meaning the actual copy of the item you have in your library.

By enabling the system to create the "work" level the specific title information is retained, yet the patron is able to simplify the search and drill-down to the item they are really looking for, rather than scroll through 20 pages of titles. Below is a screenshot from a possible OPAC from the RedLightGreen Project—http://www.rlg.org/redlightgreen/

OCLC has been testing on WorldCat with an algorithm they created and Library of Congress is going to be including FRBR in the next revision of AARC, so your future will contain FRBR!

Notable Dartclix Sites

These are fully searchable website records, available in iBistro.

NCAAsports.com : the official Web site for NCAA sports
—http://www.ncaasports.com/
"This Web site is the official on-line resource of NCAA sports. Visitors can find out about upcoming events in any sport, read top news stories, access scores, or search through an on-line archive of sporting information. Many of the articles and headlines are accompanied by Associated Press photographs.

The history of St. Patrick's Day — http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/stpatricksday/main.html
Created by the History Channel, this Web site is an on-line companion to a television program that explores the history of the holiday, St. Patrick's Day. Find out who St. Patrick was?, what happened during 800 years of conflict?, who are some famous Irish personalities?, and how the holiday first originated and became recognized around the world.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences—http://www.oscars.org
"This Web site provides information on the Academy Awards such as how the Awards was started and a current list of each years nominees and subsequent winners. Visitors can also search through directories of winners and nominees in years past, view Oscar events and activities, and a list of rules associated with the Awards. Don't forget to check out the information on how voting is collected and counted with top-notch security!"

General Network Announcements

- Kristin's schedule, until May, will be Tuesday—Thursday, 10 AM to 6 PM.
- New patron handouts have been created to reflect the changes to iBistro.
- Ahern Middle School (delivery through Foxboro High School) and Roosevelt Middle School are both filling holds.
- On the Network Calendar you may download an event to Outlook by clicking on this button:
- The iBistro login screen tells patrons when we are performing system maintenance.

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Upcoming Training & Meetings

Upcoming Training
Detailed descriptions and registration information, are available on the SAILS website.

Advanced Searching Training
04/13/2004 (Full)
04/14/2004 (Full)
9:30am to noon SAILS Training Room

Upcoming Meetings & Events
PubPac Committee Meeting
03/03/2004
9:30am SAILS Meeting Room

Serials Meeting
03/10/2004
(am SAILS Meeting Room

Technical Services Meeting
03/10/2004
10am SAILS Meeting Room

Board Meeting
03/17/2004
10am SAILS Meeting Room

Reference/User Services Meeting
04/06/2004
10am SAILS Meeting Room

Legislative Day
04/07/2004
State House—Boston

SAILS Network Statistics

FY04 Overview	December	November	October	September	August	July
Total Intranetwork Loans	41,116	41,675	48,551	39,894	44,057	47,458
Total Items Circulated	286,943	340,470	375,088	344,044	351,606	412,162
VirtCat Items Borrowed	559	644	673	620	408	518
VirtCat Items Loaned	202	314	295	318	250	301
Cataloging Requests	2,491	2,520	4,225	3,176	2,403	2,586
MARC Records Added	2,959	2,917	4,088	3,699	2,376	2,985
Patrons Added	1,617	3,419	4,240	6,935	3,571	3,513
Holds	22,014	26,822	28,163	24,411	24,421	25,558
Total MARC	903,727	901,016	898,448	893,731	890,100	888,434
Total Holdings	3,257,995	3,254,731	3,244,320	3,228,140	3,218,976	3,210,212
Total Patron	494,005	493,118	490,224	486,379	481,343	497,196

FY04 Overview	June	May	April	March	February	January	Total FY04
Total Intranetwork Loans						45,728	308,479
Total Items Circulated						354,331	2,464,644
VirtCat Items Borrowed						636	4,058
VirtCat Items Loaned						257	1,937
Cataloging Requests						2,566	19,967
MARC Records Added						2,784	21,808
Patrons Added						2,697	25,992
Holds						32,016	183,405
Total MARC						907,169	907,169
Total Holdings						3,256,320	3,256,320
Total Patron						496,345	496,345