

Executive Director's Report

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On the first of February we installed the latest version of Unicorn on the production server. The software was installed with no problems and did not result in any service interruptions for any libraries open on Sunday. Very few libraries experienced problems updating Workflows on their computers the following days. The software patches installed allows SAILS to add the Charge History feature for patrons interested in being able to view items they have checked out and returned. The largest component of the software release is the ability to customize iBistro adding new features. Laurie has been working with the PubPac in modifying the look and feel of iBistro. The new iBistro was launched February 23. At the same time we began testing a spell check (did you mean?) product called Lucien. This software service is offered on a subscription basis and worked well on the test server. We will not know what the annual cost will be until we test it for 60 days so we will report on this in March.

We have scheduled a full day of demonstrations for the 3 vendors selected as the strongest possibilities for the SAILS new OPAC. The 3 vendor products are Aquabrowser offered by Medialab, Enterprise 2.0 by SirsiDynix, and Encore offered by Innovative Interface. The demonstrations will be held on March 4th. We are still investigating the feasibility of using the Open Source product SoPAC but we are not in a position to include that product in the demonstrations. We plan on conducting user focus groups in at least 4 libraries in late March where we will invite comments on all 4 possibilities as well as the new iBistro.

Work is proceeding on customizing the circulation policies in the Java Client so that library staff only sees the codes used in their library. Once that is done Cataloging Services will begin the more time consuming project of creating customized item type, home location, and item category lists for libraries using the Java Client. Kristin has also been spending her time working with Ingram and the Raynham Public Library in order to get the 9XX interface between iPages and SirsiDynix to work. This will expedite the ordering process for libraries using acquisitions. She will be demonstrating this for libraries using Acquisitions at a meeting scheduled for March 19th.

We will be holding a meeting of current EnvisionWare Users on March 12th. The purpose of the meeting is to review the latest software releases for PC Reserva-

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Overdrive—Most popular titles

Death Qualified, 6 checkouts
 Pride and Prejudice, 5 checkouts
 Foul Play, 5 checkouts
 A Wrongful Death, 5 checkouts
 A Person of Interest, 5 checkouts
 All in One Piece, 5 checkouts
 The Friday Night Knitting Club, 5 checkouts
 The Brass Verdict, 4 checkouts
 Twilight, 4 checkouts
 The Price of Silence, 4 checkouts
 The Host, 4 checkouts
 1984, 4 checkouts
 That's Not in My American History Book, 4
 How to Survive a Robot Uprising, 4 checkouts
 The Almost Moon, 4 checkouts
 The Deepest Water, 4 checkouts
 Revolutionary Road, 3 checkouts
 Check out how SAILS [compares with libraries nationwide here.](#)

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tions and LPTOne and to discuss any other issues relating to those products. This meeting is not intended for libraries interested in adding EnvisionWare products to manage their public Internet services. Any library interested in obtaining information or a quote about EnvisionWare should email eservices@sailsinc.org or call me directly.

The management team will be attending two demonstrations of Open Source integrated library systems in March. Equinox (supports Evergreen) and LibLime (supports Koha) have been invited to conduct a one day workshop demonstrating their products. CW/Mars, NOBLE, and MVLC are submitting an LSTA grant to investigate the feasibility, cost effectiveness, and functionality of these Open Source Products but all the networks have been invited to participate in the initial product reviews.

All of this adds up to a very busy month for everyone in SAILS. Next month I will be reporting on the results of all of these meetings.

OPAC Vendor Demonstrations

Mark your calendars for 3/4/09—there's still time to register!

Schedule as follows: 9:00 a.m. - Aquabrowser (MediaLab) 11:00 a.m. - Enterprise 2.0 (SirsiDynix) 1:30 p.m. - Encore (Innovative Interfaces Inc.)

You must [register](#) to attend, but we encourage staff from all departments to come by to hear about these products. Here are a few website to view for each product we are considering for our OPAC upgrade.

Aquabrowser : <http://catalog.columbuslibrary.org/>, <http://notus.lib.uchicago.edu/>, <http://acornweb.org/>,
<http://navigator.ocln.org/>

Enterprise 2.0 (SirsiDynix) : <http://enterprisedemo.sirsidynix.com:8080/vse/app>

Encore (Innovative Interfaces Inc. : <http://www.library.nashville.org/>, <http://library.scottsdaleaz.gov/>

Envisionware Users Group Meeting

Another upcoming event for those of you who are currently using PC Reservation and/or LPTOne. We are going to have demos of how to upgrade to the latest release of the software and have time to share tips and talk about how you're using it in your library.

Upcoming Roundtables

Circulation—March 31st (West Bridgewater), April 2nd (Pembroke)

Acquisitions—March 19th (SAILS) - for those who are already using Acquisitions.



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	January '08	January '09	Total FY'09
Total Intranetwork Loans	64,682	63,253	353,710
Total Items Circulated	380,486	381,111	2,265,093
OverDrive Circulation	859	1,308	5,532
Tumblebooks	2,284	3,588	15,210
VirtCat Items Borrowed	1,092	1,178	6,552
VirtCat Items Loaned	653	633	3,319
Cataloging Requests	3,507	7,614	23,531
WebDewey Sessions	88	106	694
MARC Records Added	3,132	6,942	23,097
Patrons Added	3,130	3,292	24,634
Patron placed holds	53,248	54,697	286,309
Total MARC	999,147	1,059,672	1059672
Total Holdings	3,509,471	3,444,362	3444362
Total Patron	430,980	432,785	432785
Total Uptime	98.94	99.96	

Upcoming Events

- 3/4/2009 **OPAC Vendor Demos**
9 am to 3 pm
- 3/5/2009 **Virtual Catalog Training**
9:30 am to noon, SAILS
1 pm to 3:30 pm, SAILS
- 3/11/2009 **Adding records using the Java Workflows Client**
9 am to noon, SAILS
- 3/18/2009 **SAILS Membership Meeting**
10 am to noon, SAILS
- 3/19/2009 **Acquisition users meeting**
10 am to noon, SAILS
- 3/31/2009 **Circulation Roundtable**
10 am to noon, West Bridgewater Public Library

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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