

Minutes

North Carolina Library Association, Public Library Section, Collection Management Committee
September 17, 2010

The NCLA PLS Collection Management Committee (CMC) met at the Cumberland County Public Library in Fayetteville at the invitation of Martha Crawley and Catherine Rudelich. Members attending were Sherrie Antonowicz and Deborah Wadleigh (co-chairs), Mark Blaisdell-Buck, Martha Crawley, Chuck Ebert, Carolina Eisenstein, Kelley Loftis, Tim Myers, Kenneth Odom, and Catherine Rudelich.

Sherrie convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. by welcoming new and returning committee members. She passed out an agenda and printouts from the NCLA web page that covered PLS and also the CMC. Sherrie explained the CMC's charge and spoke about what that means in practice. The CMC is to stay on top of trends that affect public library collections in any way and determine the best way to share this information with public libraries in North Carolina. Traditionally, the CMC has prepared programs for the NCLA conference and given workshops in non-conference years. Past sessions have included workshops and conference sessions on open source ILSs and downloadable audio.

Because the CMC is forming later in the biennium than usual, and because the PLS Planning Council is planning mini-conferences to take place in the spring, the group decided to concentrate on programs for the NCLA conference to be held in Hickory in 2011. CMC members will also offer to help in any way with the mini-conferences.

Chuck is on the Planning Council committee to plan the mini-conferences and he shared information. The conferences will be called Fabulous Fridays. The dates and locations are:

March 25, 2011	Asheville
April 1, 2011	Winston-Salem
April 8, 2011	Wilmington

The conferences will run from about 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be an opening speaker and then breakout sessions or discussion panels on topics that affect most frontline library workers, such as circulation, new technology, readers' advisory, customer service, safety and security, displays, etc.

Sherrie then asked committee members what topics they felt the CMC should explore. The following paragraphs try to capture the many free-flowing ideas discussed.

There is a great deal of interest in all forms of digital media and formats and their care. Several members have RTI machines. An interesting conference program might have representatives from RTI and its competitors discuss and demonstrate their machines. Another topic could be dealing with AV circulation issues, such as methods of keeping all parts of multi-disc sets together, security, and replacements discs, etc.

E-books are hot. Committee members are watching developments in this area and can see any number of program topics to pursue. The problem is knowing where to jump in – every day brings something new. Anything planned now would undoubtedly be out of date by late 2011. Several committee members are signed up for the virtual conference, "Ebooks: Libraries at the Tipping Point," sponsored by Library Journal on September 29.

Catalogers would be interested in information on RDA. Caroline said that the Library of Congress is to make a decision on whether to adopt the RDA format by October 1. This will probably determine the future of RDA. Another cataloging issue is the use of FRBR, a method of keeping all formats of a title on one record.

Other topics discussed were Freegal, RFID (particularly wands for inventory), the NC CARD project, Library Elf, libraries using Netflix for their patrons, blio (B&T's new software for ebooks), OCLC's web-based ILS, and the upcoming NCLA RTSS Fall Workshop, "Navigating the New Frontier" on September 30. Mention was also made of the PLS Marketing/PR workshop, "Maximizing Your Marketing with Minimum Costs" at the Wake County West Regional Library in Cary on November 17.

The committee decided to wait until the next meeting before beginning work on any programs. Members prefer face-to-face meetings, but will use email or teleconferencing between meetings. It was decided that Southern Pines might be a more central meeting location than Fayetteville. The next meeting time will be determined after Sherrie and Deborah attend the Planning Council meeting on November 5.

Sherrie announced that she is retiring at the end of November. Catherine volunteered to be the new co-chair. Kelley volunteered to be the group's secretary.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Antonowicz