

Reference and Adult Services User Group

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Oshkosh Public Library

Present:

Gretchen Raab, Neenah

Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, Neenah

Tasha Saecker, Menasha

Mark Arend, Winnefox

Daryl Rogers, Fond du Lac

Marjorie Brashier, Fond du Lac

Desiree Bongers, Ripon

Joe Bongers, Menasha

1. The group discussed the possibility of providing patrons with an option to store and access a list of materials that they have checked out from Winnefox libraries. Karla and Mark discussed some of the technical and legal implications for retaining such information. Several members have experience with products such as LibraryThing and Goodreads and think these might work for some patrons. There was also some thought that such a service might be offered in the Infosoup catalog through the Outagamie Waupaca and Nicolet Federated library systems. Joe is going to investigate this.

2. Karla discussed some recent changes to the catalog, as well as some that were pending. Everybody agreed that the new spell check feature was valuable. The group was also impressed with the "Add to List" feature that Karla is testing for the catalog. Karla also pointed out that the Catalog FAQ was recently update and sought suggestions for any additional topics to include. Karla also relayed some information from Joy Schwarz about the increased usage of Askaway since it has been added to the catalog.

3. The group discussed the possibility of adding an online language resource to the services offered by Winnefox. It is thought that Mango Languages is currently the only company working with public libraries while Recorded Books is developing a product that will be available later in 2009. Joe will work with Keetra to obtain pricing and trials.

4. Desiree inquired as to whether any libraries were adding Blu-Ray discs to their collections. Nobody was aware of any libraries in the system adding this material. Desiree noted that she has heard that Blu-Ray discs are more fragile than standard DVDs.