



**Director's Report
March 2011**

Freegal

There seems to be some interest in pursuing a consortial discount agreement with Freegal. I have provided information (based on questions at last week's membership meeting) to library directors and will be sending out sign up forms next week.

ListenNJ

We will have about 6 new libraries joining ListenNJ this summer. In the past the project has only taken on new members annually but there was so much interest this year I decided to offer a summer membership. The additional revenue from these libraries will add to our collection development budget.

Symphony

Depending on the implementation timeline for the move to SAAS we may schedule our upgrade to 3.4 in late June. This upgrade will be fairly seamless to members although some training will be required for circulation staff.

Ann, Barbara and I attended a webinar conducted by Sirsi on Authority Control. We have not done much with authorities since moving to Sirsi and we are now working to put in place a mechanism for more easily updating authority headings. We will be concentrating on Name Authority records initially.

SirsiDynix

The SAAS contract will be discussed later in the agenda. Over the past 2 weeks we have negotiated a number of changes to the agreement. They are:

1. Incorporation into the agreement of a Service Level Agreement that provides compensation to LMxAC in the event we experience significant downtime.
2. Incorporation into the agreement that LMxAC will retain access required to perform API and other functions we require (such as the ability to customize iBistro).
3. \$1 million in liability to protect the assets of LMxAC (our databases)
4. Change to the Assignment section requiring any party that purchases SD to be bound by this agreement.

5. Incorporation into this agreement of the documents which detail security, backup and other operational benchmarks of the SAAS facility.

I believe that, with these changes, we are now ready to move forward with the SAAS contract.

Activity Report

In February we made 11 troubleshooting visits to 8 member libraries. Other measures of activity include:

System statistics.	January/February
New Items Added	38,201
Bib Records Added by LMxAC	98
New Bib Records Added	8095
New User Records Added	9504
Brief Record Upgraded to full MARC	316
Duplicate records merged	837
API reports and transactions	20

Meetings

I have participated in the following meetings:

ALA Grassroots Advocacy Call	Feb 23
LMx Meeting	Feb 25
Counting Opinions Conference Call	Mar 2
PPC	Mar 4
NJLA TF Meeting	Mar 4
Ebsco Host	Mar 7
NJLA Board Committee Conference Call	Mar 8
Circ Committee	Mar 9
State Library Webinar	Mar 10
ListenNJ Conference Call	Mar 11
Authority Control Training	Mar 14
NJLA Board Meeting	Mar 15
Conference Call with Sirsi	Mar 17
Conference Call with Sirsi	Mar 18

Respectfully Submitted,

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