



**Director's Report  
May 2011**

**Symphony**

Ann and I have been working on developing an authority control workflow that will help us to regularly update authority control headings and authorize them in our database. Ann has really done an excellent job in tackling this complex issue and we have made significant progress in getting a handle on authority control in our database. We are now regularly running reports to update headings, adding authority records and modifying existing records. This is a long process but it is off to an excellent start thanks to Ann.

She has also used Director's Station to identify MARC records with incorrect catalog format designations. She and Mei have completed some clean up. Members have been provided with reports to review locally for this project as well. Again, this is an important database maintenance activity and I am pleased that we have been able to make significant progress in correcting MARC records with errors.

We have also received an analysis of our database that Sirsi did for us (free of charge). Ann is reviewing that and will use it to identify other database maintenance projects.

**Comprise SmartPay**

I met with Diane Weinberger of Comprise to discuss the SmartPay online payment system. In order to use this (and to upgrade to the latest version of SAM), we must upgrade our existing SAM server. This server was purchased sometime prior to 2006 and is certainly due for replacement. I would like to discuss how we should pay for this new server, as well as the proposal for SmartPay. I am awaiting a formal quote for SmartPay but expect it to cost between \$15,000 to \$18,000 for the first year with annual maintenance charges between \$10,000 and \$11,000 (about \$410 per library). SmartPay would be accessible to all LMxAC libraries regardless of whether or not they use SAM. I would like to see us make a decision about this service in May or June so that we can let libraries interested know about our plans.

**Gale Virtual Reference Library**

We have received a proposal from Gale for an LMxAC discount on purchases of titles in the Gale Virtual Reference Library. I have forwarded this proposal to members of the Collection Development Committee and requested their input prior to making a recommendation to you. I will have copies of the title list for Board members at the May meeting.

## Q&ANJ

As I know everyone is aware, there has been a substantial debate within the library community in NJ about the future of virtual reference and Q&ANJ. LMxAC is in a position to serve as a resource to those wishing to continue this service, both short term and long term. I will update the Board on the May 13<sup>th</sup> Reference Section meeting and other discussions I have had involving this project. I seek a consensus from the Board on what services LMxAC could offer in this arena.

## Activity Report

In April we made 13 troubleshooting visits to 7 member libraries. Other measures of activity include:

<b>System statistics.</b>	<b>April</b>
New Items Added	19500
Bib Records Added by LMxAC	168
New Bib Records Added	4593
New User Records Added	3247
Brief Record Upgraded to full MARC	356
Duplicate records merged	489
API reports and transactions	8
Authority Records Added	914
Authority Records Modified	286

## Meetings

I have participated in the following meetings:

LMxAC Director's Breakfast	Apr 29
NJLA Conference	May 2-4
ALA Legislative Day	May 9-10
Meeting with Ed Beckerman	May 11
Delivery Task Force Meeting	May 12
Public Policy Committee	May 13
Reference Section Meeting on Q&ANJ	May 13
NJLA Board Meeting	May 17
Collection Development Committee	May 18
Tech Services Meeting	May 19
LibraryLinkNJ Membership Meeting	May 19
LSTA Advisory Council (observing for NJLA)	May 24

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director

<u>KEEP YOUR LIBRARY CURRENT Ebook PRICING BY TIER</u>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>MAJOR SUBJECT AREA</u>	
American Decades, 2000-2009	\$316.80	History	
Cuba: people, Culture, History	\$ 875.16	History	
Gale Encyclopedia of American law	\$ 3,024.90	Law	
Encyclopedia of American industries	\$ 1,441.44	Business	
The College Blue Book	\$ 951.30	General Reference	
Scholarships, Fellowships and loans	\$ 615.78	General Reference	
The Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer	\$ 817.56	Health, Medicine	
The Gale Encyclopedia of Children's Health	\$ 1,342.62	Health, Medicine	
The Gale Encyclopedia of medicine	\$ 1,536.12	Health, Medicine	
The Gale Encyclopedia of Senior Health	\$ 1,338.48	Health, Medicine	
Encyclopedia of modern China	\$ 1,019.34	Nation and World	
U-X-I Encyclopedia of U.S. History	\$ 1,029.60	History	
Epics for Students	\$ 522.36	Literature	
Gale Contextual Encyclopedia of American literature	\$ 1,019.34	Literature	
Gale Contextual Encyclopedia of World literature	\$ 1,019.34	Literature	
The African American Almanac	\$ 560.16	History	
Environmental Encyclopedia	\$ 556.02	Science, Environment	
The African American Eras - Segregation to Civil Rights Times	\$ 518.94	History	
Grzimek's Animal life Encyclopedia: Evolution	\$ 401.58	Animal Science	
Chemical Elements	\$ 403.56	Science	
Food: in Context	\$ 556.02	World Culture	
Experiment Central	\$ 735.66	Science	
Encyclopedia of Small Business	\$1,190.16	Business	
Everyday Finance	\$422.10	Finance	
Gale Encyclopedia of Everyday Law	\$821.70	Law, Personal Law	
Gale Encyclopedia of Science	\$1,480.50	Science	
Climate Change in Context	\$529.20	Science, Environment	
Daily Life	\$1,081.08	World Culture	
Poetry for Students Vols.1-16	\$3,559.68	Literature	
Shakespeare for Students 4V	\$665.10	Literature	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,351.60</b>		