



**Director's Report
September 2012**

Symphony

The upgrade to Symphony 3.4.1 is scheduled for the weekend of October 28, 2012. Workstations will not be able to connect to Workflows if the client has not been updated. We will be sending you much more information on the upgrade including release notes and client upgrade instructions closer to the upgrade date -- for now we just wanted to give everyone a heads up so that you may plan accordingly.

SmartPay

The SmartPay service is still being field tested by Edison, Monroe and Piscataway. The reports prepared by Comprise do not yet do what we need to assist us in allocating the money collected but I think we are very close. Once that issue is resolved we can open it up to everyone.

At the time the service is made available across the consortium we will add links to SmartPay on the iBistro page as well as within My Account in iBistro. We will also be sending out a press release announcing the service.

Boopsie

LMxPRESS was submitted to the various app stores and is now available in the Android and Blackberry stores. We are awaiting availability in the Apple store before a press release is sent out. You can download the app now at lmxac.boopsie.com.

We will provide the following link for your webpages to promote the app:

http://www.lmxac.org/lmx/boopsie_app.html

Please DO NOT make this link available on your websites until we tell you it is ready to go.

Reciprocity

Several library directors have spoken with me over the last month or so about LMxAC's expectations regarding reciprocity and concerns about providing services to communities that do not support library services locally. It has been suggested that we look at how BCCLS and other consortia deal with this issue. This is, in part, due to the concerns about Jamesburg offering services to

Helmetta residents -- but also due to concerns that continued economic pressure on local communities and libraries may create inequities among our membership that strain the ability our existing shared services structure. It is my hope the Board can have a preliminary discussion of this issue at our next meeting and perhaps fold it into our long term strategic planning plans.

Activity Report

In August we made 6 troubleshooting visits to 5 member libraries. Other measures of activity include:

System statistics

August 2012

New Items Added	19,493
Bib Records Added by LMxAC	207
New Bib Records Added	4647
New User Records Added	4485
Brief Record Upgraded to full MARC	578
Duplicate records merged	821
API reports and transactions	8
Authority Records Added	837
Authority Records Modified	840

Meetings

I have participated in the following meetings

NJLA Conference Call	Aug 24
Meeting with Mary Chute	Aug 27
LSTA Advisory Council Meeting	Sept 13
LMx Meeting	Sept 14
NJLA Finance Committee Conference Call	Sept 17
NJLA Board Meeting / Fundraising Committee	Sept 18
Bib/Circ Meeting	Sept 19
ALA COL Conference Call	Sept 19
NJLA Conference Committee	Sept. 20
ALA Grassroots Conference Call	Sept 20
NJLA IFC Meeting	Sept 21
Perth Amboy Renovation Meeting	Sept 25

Respectfully Submitted,

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