



**Director's Report
April 2013**

Symphony

We've begun the implementation process for Keyport. Sirsi re-programmed the library previous used for Somerville so that it is now assigned to Keyport. Christy met with library staff at Keyport to begin developing their policies and calendar.

We've installed some software necessary in order to properly load records consistent with the new RDA cataloging standard.

In July OCLC will move to a modified OCLC record number format which our Sirsi software cannot accept. Sirsi has developed a patch that will allow us to load OCLC records after July 1st and that patch was finally made available to us this week. Normally we would prefer to test a software patch ourselves only after it has been in the field for a while – so we will be reviewing our options and have asked that the patch be loaded onto our test server for evaluation. The patch also has some other software improvements that we are looking forward to – one being the ability for a patron to automatically reset their PIN. We will announce an upgrade date as soon as we can. We know Summer Reading is coming and that is a difficult time to do an upgrade but we really do not have a choice with this upgrade. We will do our best to make it as seamless as possible.

Zinio

The Zinio contract is signed and I am expecting implementation details shortly. I have a great group of volunteers for the collection development committee and will be contacting them soon. I have only 2 volunteers for the PR committee so if you know of anyone else who has skills in this area please have them contact me.

Director Searches

I have been working with the Kenilworth Board on their library director search. Long Branch may also contact me to work with them.

Open Borrowing

I attended a meeting of the open borrowing partners in March. There is considerable concern about the program and its impact on libraries in PALSPlus and BCCLS. We are looking at making changes to the program to address these issues.

Activity Report

In February and March we made 19 troubleshooting visits to 10 member libraries. Other measures of activity include:

System statistics	March
New items added	16674
Bib records added by LMxAC	331
New bib records added	4848
New user records added	297
Brief records upgraded to full MARC	210
Duplicate records merged	407
API reports and transactions	5
Authority records added	7
Authority records modified	4

Meetings

I have participated in the following meetings

Public Policy	Mar 1
IFC	Mar 1
Monroe MakerSpace Opening	Mar 1
South River Re-Opening	Mar 2
TD Bank Meeting	Mar 4
ALA Grassroots Call	Mar 6
LMx Meeting	Mar 15
NJLA Board Meeting	Mar 19
NJLA Fundraising Committee	Mar 19
Kenilworth Board Meeting	Mar 20
Open Borrowing Meeting	Mar 20
Visit to Revel	Mar 27
NextFab Tour	Apr 2
PPC Meeting	Apr 5
Disaster Recovery Summit	Apr 8
Middletown Public Library	Apr 11
NJLA Board Meeting	Apr 16
ALA Grassroots Call	Apr 17
NJLA District Library Strategy Committee	Apr 22

Respectfully Submitted,

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