



**Director's Report  
October 2011**

**Symphony**

Included in the Board packet are updates to circulation and database maintenance policies. These were developed by Ann Fitcher in conjunction with LMxAC committees. They were discussed at last week's membership meeting.

Prior to our migration to SaaS we cleaned up old missing items from various inventory projects. In doing so we mistakenly removed missing items from Sayreville before they had completed their review. Working with Sirsi we were able to restore the items using back up tapes from our old production server. We are revising our internal procedures for libraries doing inventory to assure such a situation does not happen again.

Ed Miller, our part time technical services assistant, is re-locating to Rhode Island. Rather than re-post this position we have decided to combine it with the computer operator position held by Patrick Murphy. We'll try this for 6 months and see how it works. Patrick is entering library school this winter so we think he will be able to take on more responsibility.

**Consortia SIG Meeting**

I attended the annual Sirsi Consortia meeting in Chicago October 12-14. As usual I found the meeting very informative and was able to talk with colleagues from around the country about issues common to us all. In addition to our discussions about the challenging economic times I was most interested in a discussion we had about discovery layers in use in place of iBistro. Bibliocommons and VuFind were two very popular options. I hope to have a committee in place to begin looking at this for possible recommendation in the spring.

**Computer Room**

Recently the compressor on our air conditioner broke and cannot be fixed. A compressor lasts (I am told) for about 5 years and ours is 6 years old. The cost to replace it is about \$5000. Since taking the large SUN servers offline we do not require as much air cooling as we have previously. I am not sure if it is worth having this unit replaced and am investigating other options. I also want to see how the new UPS impacts the heat in the room.

**SAM and UPS**

The new UPS will be installed on Monday. SAM will be upgraded to 9.0 later in the week. We will be bringing libraries up on SAM 9.0 one at a time starting with Plainfield.

### Activity Report

In September we made 10 troubleshooting visits to 8 member libraries. Other measures of activity include:

<b>System statistics</b>	<b>September</b>
New Items Added	23115
Bib Records Added by LMxAC	172
New Bib Records Added	5190
New User Records Added MCC Student records)	9666 (Includes 5071
Brief Record Upgraded to full MARC	574
Duplicate records merged	189
API reports and transactions	8
Authority Records Added	508
Authority Records Modified	108

### Meetings

I have participated in the following meetings:

NJLA IF Meeting	Sept. 22
LMx Meeting	Sept. 22
Spotswood Interviews	Sept. 27 – 28
OCLC Webinar	Sept. 29
ListenNJ Conference Call	Oct. 5
NJLA PPC	Oct. 7
Monroe Planning Meeting	Oct. 11
Consortia SIG Meeting	Oct. 12 – 14
Virtual Reference Task Force	Oct. 17
BCCLS Meeting	Oct. 20
New Director Visit – Spotswood	Oct. 25
Adult Services Forum	Oct. 26

Respectfully Submitted,

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