



**Director's Report
January 2010**

Director's Station

Sirsi provided an advanced training class in January and LMxAC staff are planning additional classes in February.

Symphony

We are working with Sirsi to resolve a problem with Books by Mail which is currently being implemented by Monroe. We are also making some changes to the way we handle ListenNJ MARC records.

Staff is reviewing the release notes for Symphony 3.3.1 and we hope to install it in early spring.

Audit

The audit is complete and will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

Telecommunications Update

LMxAC received two bids for our local telephone service, one from Sprint and one from our current vendor Line Systems. The Sprint proposal was unresponsive to our needs. The Line Systems proposal is attached. I am asking the Board to approve a three year contract with Line Systems.

Membership Inquiries

As noted in my emails, LMxAC has recently provided quotes to East Brunswick and South Amboy. A follow up meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 3rd at South Amboy.

Also as I mentioned, LMxAC's current pricing structure is not likely to represent a large enough cost savings to institutions with very high circulation. I'd like to discuss that at the January meeting and see if we want to pursue changes that might make LMxAC attractive to larger libraries.

Downloadable Music Collection

There has been strong interest among our members in developing a downloadable music collection through Overdrive using the funds libraries will receive through the CD settlement grant program. Overdrive is willing to allow us to add this collection to ListenNJ and Cheryl O'Connor also seems open to this idea. We now have a sample Overdrive collection to review and I will be asking members of the Collection Development Committee to assist me in doing so.

I'd like to ask the Board for authorization to move forward on this project assuming any set up costs do not exceed \$1,000.

Activity Report

In December we made 13 troubleshooting visits to 8 member libraries. Other measures of activity include:

System statistics for December 2009

1. New Items Added	34932
2. Bib Records Added by LMxAC	597
3. New Bib Records Added (Total)	6507
4. New User Records Added	2891
5. Brief Record Upgraded to full MARC	382
6. Duplicate records merged	438
7. Inventory Reports	0
8. API Reports	4
9. Downtime	SVA: one day iBistro: 10 min to reboot server

Meetings

I have participated in the following meetings:

Meeting with Cable Providers	Dec 16
LMx Meeting	Dec 18
State Library Broadband Meeting	Jan 6
Public Policy Committee	Jan 7
Retirement Celebration for Lewis Ostar	Jan 13
Edison In Service	Jan 20
Director's Station Training	Jan 22
Meeting at Monroe re: iBistro	Jan 27

Respectfully Submitted,

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Local Charges	Qty / MOUs	Current	Unit Cost
<u>BTN: (732)750-2525</u>			
Monthly Local Charges	11	\$ 165.00	\$15.00
Inside Wire Maintenance	6	\$ 19.50	\$3.25
Carrier Line Charge	11	\$ 54.45	\$4.95
Local Usage	718.8	\$ 11.50	\$0.016

Monthly Total: \$ 250.45

**By signing this Proposal I agree to use the services of LSI
for a period of 36 months under the Terms and Conditions.**

Quote does not include Regulatory, Carrier, Federal, State and local surcharges or taxes

Customer Signature : _____

Date : _____