

PubPac

November 20, 2006

9:30 AM – SAILS Office

In attendance: Denise Briody, Norton; Janet Campbell, Mansfield; Chris Dargelis, Middleboro; Ann Gerald, Bridgewater; Kate Hibbert, Attleboro; Mary O'Connell, Bridgewater; Amy Sheperdson, Carver; Bonnie Mendes, Somerset and Laurie Lessner, SAILS.

Status of Upgrade:

Laurie reported on the recent upgrade which went very smoothly. Everything appears to be working with the exception of the emailing of the **Favorites** and some sorting issues with notices. Laurie has also had a chance to work with the next release, java client. She doesn't think this new client will require custom toolbars in circulation. Although there is no set time table, Middleboro and Lakeville will be the first two libraries to use this new version.

Change display / holdings wording and Overview of New features.

With this new version came some subtle changes in iBistro. The committee discussed the changes. It was agreed by the committee to change the wording in Edit Holds from "**expiration date**" to "**need by**" as there appears to be some confusion with library card expiration dates. Discussed was the fact that the "**Change Holdings Display**" (*under View Holdings*) and the upper toolbar "**Display options**" should match. Both will now say "**Display Options**".

Laurie expressed her concern with the new round of budget cuts Romney has made. These cuts will impact the network. Although discussions will take place with the budget committee and directors; PubPac agreed with Laurie that if need be the reviews, book covers, best seller lists, content notes, etc. be removed from iBistro for a month with a note that this will be the future if funding is not restored.

What's Next?

Laurie discussed new search possibilities in the future such as a custom list of websites developed especially for SAILS. Also discussed was the creation of a fiction finder where patrons and staff could do genre searches and read-alike searches.

It was asked if a spelling component will be available such as "Did you mean?" with the correct spelling. This will eventually be possible.

A request was made that for libraries using the integrated Novelist in iBistro that the icon be made more prominent. Laurie suggested adding text to help explain Novelist's use. If you have suggestions for wording, please let Laurie know. Libraries using Novelist appear to be very happy with the product.

Laurie displayed the template for the new SAILS website. The committee was very impressed with the possibilities for the design of this website.

Members were reminded that there is a Sirsi listserv forum available to them to view the many comments and suggestions other users across the country have posted. Laurie will have Debby create a PubPac account and will forward information for logging in via www.sirsidynix.com

Next meeting of PubPac will be Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 1:30 PM at the SAILS office. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held via Instant Message conferencing.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Mendes, Chairman.