

PubPac
September 14, 2006
1:30 PM – SAILS Office

In attendance: Debbie Batson, Plympton; Denise Briody, Norton; Chris Dargelis, Middleboro; Ann Gerald, Bridgewater; Kate Hibbert, Attleboro; Mary O’Connell, Bridgewater; Bonne Mendes, Somerset; Laurie Lessner, SAILS.

New members were welcomed and introductions took place.

Link to Tixkeeper via iBistro:

This is currently loaded on the test server and was shown at the August membership meeting. For patrons using iBistro at home, a choice of “Reserve Museum Passes” will allow the patron an auto log-in to the TixKeeper. There will also be an optional link to the SAILS PDF museum pass list.

Auto Login for Virtual Catalog:

Along the same lines, home users will also have an auto-login to virtual catalog which will skip the first login page.

Databases and Library Information on iBistro:

Laurie explained that there are over 50 individual gateways managed by SAILS on the iBistro site which include library information, my account, contact us, etc. SIRSI worked on a script to take these gateways and compile them into only 3 or 4 gateways which may help response time! It was also one of the main causes of the failures when we upgraded the last few times. However, this causes an issue with the online database tab. It needs to be moved. Extensive discussion took place regarding the importance of having this prominently displayed. Options were laid out (*although they are limited*). It was agreed to keep the tab at the top; however this will require a couple more steps for the user to get to the databases. Users will click on online databases – a webpage will load – the user will then have to select their library—then they will get to the database list. Laurie will see what she can come up with for the webpage link and let us know.

Overdrive login (update):

It was discussed at a past PubPac meeting that an auto login would be nice for overdrive; however Laurie explained that it is not possible at this time.

“History Sails on”:

It was agreed that the template for the SAILS Produced Patron Brochure (which can be found at <http://www.sailsinc.org/sirsi/brochure/>) has been updated to better describe the “History Sails On” section of iBistro to say “digitalized historical documents and primary

source material for research or enjoyment” .This is a good reminder that these brochures are only templates and can be individually edited for your library’s use.

Other business:

Question about the speed (or lack of speed) of the system. Laurie explained that time of day can impact speed. A new iBistro server will be installed next year. The change in the gateways may make a difference until then.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of PubPac will be **Monday, November 20, 2006 at 9:30 AM** at the SAILS office. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held via Instant Message conferencing.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Mendes, Chair.