



South Central Regional Library Council

Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 11 AM

SCRLC (Work from Home); Zoom Room <https://zoom.us/j/924611225>

Minutes

Present: Caitlin Finlay, Cornell University; Virgilio Pinto & Ben Hogben, Ithaca College; Lorie Brown, STLS; Molly Brown, SCRLC.

Excused:, Sarah Shank, Ithaca College; Elise Thornley, Binghamton University; Gregg Kiehl, Tompkins Cortland Community College; Julia Iannello, ONC Boces SLS; Deb Geier, Finger Lakes Library System; Noah Roth, SUNY Broome; Mary-Carol Lindbloom, SCRLC

- **Last meeting minutes** – approved.
- **Needs-Assessment Survey COVID:** The committee worked on the survey in Google Docs, adding and editing questions. We will meet again in April to finalize the survey. In the meantime, Molly will put a draft in Survey Monkey for the committee to review.

Around the Table:

- Elise –
 - i. The 3rd floor of the Bartle Library (main library) will be undergoing asbestos abatement/renovations in the near future. In preparation, the collections (approx 500,000 volumes) are being moved from the 3rd floor. 90,000 volumes were flagged and moved out to our current offsite storage facility in early March.
 - ii. The other 423,000 volumes will begin to be moved starting mid-April, and will eventually be temporarily available in the basement of our Science Library. Until the volumes are moved to the Science Library, they will be unavailable to check out/borrow through ILL.
- Caitlin –
 - i. Nothing at this time
- Ben –
 - i. Is having discussions with other library staff regarding the future of reserves (Print? Digital? Both?) – how to best meet the needs of faculty and students.
 - ii. He recently hired new student employees for the library,
 - iii. Lastly, he is working on a presentation for the CDLC in mid-April.
- Lorie –
 - i. Resource sharing options from beyond our system borders have been suspended until March 31. As the vaccine is more available and as libraries of all types are opening up to the lending of more physical materials (the primary items requested by our member libraries), we believe that we will reactivate this service later this Spring. We are discussing, TC3, any necessary training and onboarding practices that need to be refreshed for our member library staff.
 - ii. In other areas of service, our membership (44 independent libraries—48 buildings) is in various stages of opening their buildings to foot traffic-- depending on staff capacity, building size and many other

considerations. Most are continuing to offer curbside services and virtual programming. Many feel that these services will remain long after everything returns to normal (whatever that is.) Most libraries are currently planning for summer 2021 and are planning a mixed bag of programs—some virtual, most outdoors and socially distanced but some reading their buildings for some, socially distanced, indoor programs as well. Weather contingency plans are all part of the planning/preparation process.

- Virgilio –
 - i. Busy with lending resource sharing changes and clean up as we transition away from OCLC/Illiad to Rapido/Alma ROTAs. For example, Ithaca College is no longer lending returnables via OCLC, but still filling OCLC scan requests. However, we are doing resource sharing of returnables via our SUNY ROTA partners. **If you are an Alma library and would like to be a ROTA partner contact us.** Also, we are in the process of getting SUNY ROTA article requesting going for lending with a meeting on Friday to discuss that. One tricky part of cleanup is working on getting items back to us that were lent before covid struck in 2020. We have 33 pre-COVID loans still out as of today, 3/11/21.
 - ii. He is also still doing other access services tasks at the library, and working on DEI initiatives such as a monthly meetup of BIPOC SCRLC library staff. The second BIPOC meetup was held this month, and it has now become a monthly ongoing event.

The committee will meet again in late April 2021.

Notes taken by Molly Brown.