MVLS/SALS Joint Automation Project
PAC Steering Committee

June 1, 2007   Schenectady County Public Library, 9:30 am

Attending: Diane Robinson (JA), Jason Thompson (JA), Sharon O'Brien(MVLS), Harry Dutcher(SAR), Carol Clingan(MVLS), Brendon Koslowski(SAR), Kathy Naftaly(GLE), Michele Largeteau(JA), Barbara Germain(JOH), Claudia Hayes(CPH), Rob Lang (SCP), Robin Pelton (SCP)

1) JA update:

> Help dashboard added
> Item specific requests implemented

> New Item report for the dashboard is progressing and was demonstrated to the committee. Parameters need to be determined and include what time period to cover and how many items to include in display. Items in a particular collection can be indicated as a new item list, including collections that are only used by one or more libraries.

> Comments/questions by the committee included:
> - a request for the addition of the collection in the report to assist the patron in finding the items,
> - how a longer more complete list of items could be included (increase the date range),
> - items that will not be included (new additions to the collection of older titles)
> - should the parameters be included for the patrons

> Each library will need to be polled to determine what parameters to use, with the trainers polling the libraries who don't respond.

2) Future items

> Upgrade to 3.3 is planned for Columbus Day weekend 2007. 3.3 will be placed on trainer for the libraries to use and to train staff. Trainings will be offered. This group will look at the PAC before the next meeting in order to decide on the items that should be changed before implementation. Pierce County and Fayetteville have the beta version of the PAC available.

> Pierce County search option will be explored after the implementation to 3.3.

> Some other projects for future investigation are:
> - A checkbox to exclude children's items

- A page or dashboard that can be created from an item record set (to highlight a particular collection theme or special event collection)
- E Sources link to the PAC. Needs to be an enhancement request since it doesn't allow differentiation by branch.
- Log in once to place multiple requests
- Incorporate "limit by" in the keyword search
- Data clean-up of lost items

3) RSS Feeds

NYTimes Bestseller list is not available from Polaris.

Question was asked on what version of RSS will be used for searches in 3.3. Should there be multiple versions or just the highest available assuming it is backward compatible.

Current available Polaris new item RSS feed is for the entire system new list. JA is investigating creating an RSS feed from the created branch specific new item list.

4) Other items:

Wording when you request a book that is not available for interlibrary loan. Current wording is "requests are not permitted for this item" will be investigated to find out what our options are.

Request for a better description in "suspend vs.cancel requests". Decided that "cancel request" can be eliminated.

Next meeting set for July 26th at 9:30 am at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.