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# Morris Public Library Board of Directors Meeting July 21, 2020

Nancy Lundquist called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

PRESENT: Nancy Lundquist, Sally Irwin, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Whittlesey, Bev Huntley and Library Director, Elena Granoth

ABSENT: Ginny Williamson

MINUTES: Nancy moved to accept the minutes of the June meeting, Maureen seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sally presented her report. Jennifer moved to accept the report, Bev seconded and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Elena announced that Libby had to resign unexpectedly for personal reasons. The position has been posted and applications will be accepted. She is training the staff in the tasks Gail had done, and it is going well. There are computer updates and new applications scheduled, including Windows 10 and Web Client. The Library continues to be very active with on line- programs, book clubs and library visits. State recommended COVID guidelines continue to be observed. Jennifer moved to accept her report, Nancy seconded and the motion passed.

FUNDRAISING: Because so many services are provided by the funds raised every year, having to cancel our major fundraiser is a concern. Alternate ideas, including on-line auctions, were discussed. Ways to raise funds will continue to be evaluated along with the COVID restrictions, if any, at the date and venue to be determined at a future time.

NEW BUSINESS: Library Assistant position posted.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting, Jennifer seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Beverly Huntley** 

Secretary



#### FY2019-20

## **Benefits of Membership**

#### 1. HOSTED INTEGRATED LIBRARY STSYEM

Bibliomation provides a hosted, state-of-the-art integrated library system Evergreen which is open source. A robust package of functionality is provided through integrated modules.

## Cataloging

- Full OCLC membership, the world's largest bibliographic database
   Morris Library saved \$633 as part of Bibliomation's OCLC membership.
- Original cataloging for unique items in the database
   Included in the assessment, Morris Library saved \$25.

#### Circulation

- Access to materials at member libraries
   As a member library, Morris residents have access to 4,126,085 items valued at \$33,008,680.
- Patron placed holds on Morris Library materials
- Patron account management
- Patrons request materials from other member libraries
   Morris residents were able to request materials from Bibliomation libraries saving \$20,490.
- Mobile accessibility, responsive technology for use across devices

## **Acquisitions & Fund Accounting**

- Fully integrated vendor ordering
- Fully integrated fund account reconciliation

#### Serials Control

#### **System Hosting Services**

Fully redundant, secure automated system and data backup

- Evergreen software updates
- Server management with upgrades and configuration
- Operating system updates

#### 2. BIBLIOMATION MANAGED SERVICES

Bibliomation reduces the need for library staff by providing:

- Cataloging staff to manage the bibliographic database
  For each \$1 invested, Bibliomation provided \$14.45 in services.
- On-going bibliographic record loads
   Included in the assessment, Morris Library saved \$641.
- Help Desk support six days a week
   For each \$1 invested, Bibliomation provided \$5.80 in services.
- On-going training at the library or webinars
- Managed secure private network
- State of the Art network firewall (Palo Alto)
   For each \$1 invested, Bibliomation provided \$17.65 in services.

## 3. CONSORTIUM DISCOUNTED PRICING

Bibliomation negotiates discounted pricing in order to provide member libraries with savings on software (eBooks, eAudio, informational databases) and a variety of hardware).

- Discounted Pricing
- Centralized Licensing and Billing
- Simplified Renewals
- Top Vendors
- Act as Vendor Liaison
- OverDrive eBooks/eAudio shared collection
   Morris residents were able access 17,812 materials valued at \$496,986.

## 4. RESOURCE SHARING NETWORK

Bibliomation is an extraordinary resource sharing network of public, special and school libraries across Connecticut. Patron initiated resource sharing (Holds) ensures all Bibliomation members have access to the same collections for patrons of all demographics.

Cost to Morris residents - \$5.53 per person per year.