

## **2014 Green Mountain Library Consortium Annual Report**

**May 20, 2014**

Thanks to Margaret Woodruff, Director of the Charlotte Public Library, GMLC received a \$1500 grant award from the Vermont Humanities Council. This award was to add eBooks to our collection and therefore to expand humanities content to Vermonters. We matched the award with another \$1500 from our budget and added 154 new books to our circulating collection. The Department of Libraries also granted, for the second year, an award of \$10,000 to the GMLC to add eBooks to the collection. Our Selection Committee has been working furiously to add titles with these extra funds. We are very grateful to the DOL and the Vermont Humanities Council for their support.

### **Listen Up!Vermont**

From June of 2013 to May 2014, Listen Up! Vermont patrons have checked out 109,942 total digital materials, consisting of 58,839 eBooks and 51,103 audio books on approximately 5,000 titles. This represents a 23% increase of audiobook circulation and an astounding 55% increase in the circulation of eBooks.

Thank you to our Selection Committee of Hannah Peacock, Joan LaJoie and Lisa Milchman. And to Kelly McElligott who puts up our marc records. Lyndsey Runyan, our wonderful LUV Coordinator, left GMLC early in 2014 and is sorely missed. We continue to look for a volunteer to replace her as the guiding light of this important Committee.

### **Mango Languages**

There are currently 22 GMLC libraries enrolled in the Mango Languages service. During the calendar year 2013 there were:

- Total number of sessions: 3308
- Mobile Sessions: 942
- Average session length: 14.72 minutes

Mango Languages provides a wide variety of courses for many different languages and learning levels. A new service is the availability of foreign films with enhanced language learning modules providing an additional way to gain proficiency.

Spanish and French Languages accounted for nearly 60% of the sessions, with Russian, Italian, Japanese, German and Chinese coming next. An astonishing 1% of all sessions were dedicated to Pirate Basic! Who knew?

### **VOKAL**

The VOKAL Executive Committee has suspended new library membership for the foreseeable future. The Implementation Team continued migrating libraries in the past year and the consortium is now focusing on streamlining the system and training member staff. Currently, 48 libraries are circulating in the VOKAL system and another 5 are cataloging their collections to automate their libraries and go live in VOKAL later this year.

The VOKAL Executive Committee consists of Wendy Hysko (Brownell Library), Kim Peine (Dorothy Alling Library), Richard Pritsky (Carpenter Carse Library) and Nick Clemens (Quechee Wilder Libraries).

VOKAL has sponsored and co-sponsored a number of development requests to improve the VOKAL system and these developments have been included in the standard releases of Koha and will benefit libraries around the world.

Our Circulation Committee chaired by Brownell Library's Alison Pierce continues to develop circulation standards for the consortium. The Cataloging Committee chaired by Dorothy Alling Library's Debbie Roderer continues to

train incoming library staff on VOKAL cataloging standards and orientation to cataloging in Koha, as well as evaluating the inclusion of additional standards, and incorporating RDA into the standards. Debbie has also been working cooperatively with Tom McMurdo of the Vermont Department of Libraries as they develop standards for their Catamount Consortium. The Training Committee, chaired by Arvin A Brown's Susan Smolinsky, continues to look into training opportunities, the most recent offering a VOKAL member run reports round table led by Nick Clements. The Consortium Committee, chaired by Richard Pritsky, meets prior to each new Koha release to discuss new system preferences and decide which preferences would be advantageous to use in the VOKAL system. The Reciprocal Borrowing Committee, chaired by Brownell Library's Susan Pierce, meets as needed to discuss handling holds and ILL records with the absence of a delivery system which the Koha ILS is designed to be used with.

The VOKAL consortium is proud to be a contributing member of the Koha open source community. We have an excellent partnership with our support vendor Bywater Solutions who have been very flexible in accommodating our unique needs running the first statewide consortium in our rural state. It continues to be a rewarding cooperative experience connecting libraries through open source technology, and sharing experience and knowledge throughout Vermont and beyond in the Koha community.

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Respectfully submitted,

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