

IT Board Report August 2017

For an online board-of-trustees portal, our new website has some pretty good tools for it. We can password protect it and make it a one stop destination for the board, we can load it with whatever files we want and then organize it as an archive based on meeting date. Currently on the new website the plan is to have Minutes from up to 3 years ago available to the public. I'd rather the portal not be easily found by the public though, so I would give you guys a link like ebcpl.org/board-portal that you just type into your browser and bookmark it.

I've also been dedicating time to working out livestreaming/recording of events at the library. The setups we can put together range from cheap/simple to expensive/complicated but I should have a more detailed proposal soon, we could always start with the easier setups to try it out. There have been enough requests and just in the tech world live streaming has really taken off, so I feel like its important thing to incorporate into our operation here along with easily accessible media content. Cheryl's media presence on Facebook inspired this and I'd like to augment that as best I can (so that she doesn't have to use her own phone all the time).

- I'll include release forms for presenters, as far as what programs we make accessible online in this way that will probably have to be a discussion.

With Libby's release I'd like to put together a demo/workshop to show people how to use it. I've found an emulator that should work with it so I can go step by step with everyone. Personally I like it better than Overdrive but it's a lot more selective with devices, so I could expand the workshop to include Overdrive and compare the two.

Some networking issues:

The "remote host" issue where our circ machines can lose connection to RCLS has resurfaced but not as harsh as before, currently monitoring it for something to send to RCLS.

There's also an issue with some of our Wi-Fi access points. Hopefully it is something a restart can fix, otherwise we'll have to change parts of our network setup (through RCLS).

- These access points are the spider-like devices we have on the ceiling; these are how you connect to the library's Wi-Fi. Your device will pick whichever access point it can get the strongest signal with, but doesn't take into account the access points own connection to the internet. So people will connect to the Wi-Fi just fine but then get extremely slow or non-existent internet speeds if the access point their device chose is compromised in some way.

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