



**HRLC Technology Committee Minutes
January 10, 2005**

Present: Mary Martin – MCL (Chair); Suzanne Blecker – SCCC; Heather Craven – HRLC; Amy Kearns – CPL (recording); Valerie Smith – RPL; Joanne Roukens – HRLC; Mary Wilson – PPL; Bill Harrison – PTHPL; Michelle Kowalsky – WPHS; Leigh Keller – RCL.

Agenda:

1. Update on Technology Resource Page
2. Update on Technology-related CE Classes
3. Brainstorm ideas for small group technology topic meetings
4. Report on Sussex/Warren Wireless Roundtable (Suzanne B.)
5. Federated Searching ideas (Michelle K.)
6. Other issues/news
7. Schedule next meeting

Heather reported that the upcoming **Wireless Program** at WPU is very popular and well-registered. We may run it again. Heather and Joanne are to attend and possibly Mary W.

We brought up the new webpage <http://www.hrlc.org/technology/technology.htm> .

- Ø If you have not yet submitted your page, please do so, in a Word document, to Mary M.
- Ø Also, please look at what is up and send comments or updates to add to it.

Joanne reported on the **Rutgers Library School Alumna of the Year – Kathy Schrock** and her web page, <http://www.kathyschrock.net> .

Kathy is the Tech Coordinator for school districts, and a “Tech Wizard!”

We looked at her page which is really useful.

Joanne reported on Kathy’s talks - one in the morning on school media stuff and one in the afternoon on the latest gadgets, which Kathy calls contemporary “magic.”

We looked at that site <http://www.kathyschrock.net/magic> where she has listed entertaining and informative gadgets.

Joanne had spent a lot of time talking to her and we want to see if we can link to her page.

1 Kathy’s recommendation on how to stay current – READ EVERYTHING!!!!!!

We then discussed what we want to link to from our page.

It was agreed that we should link to sites that conglomerate and review technology stuff.

Amy Kearns mentioned the upcoming **NJLA Conference** with programs with Jessamyn West who is known for technology and blogging.

It was expressed that we should have a regular part of our agenda be reports from any other committees, etc. we might be on that would be of interest, i.e., Amy is on the NJLA Information Technology Section.

A question was posed about linking to sites vs. posting PDFs. It was decided that we will post PDFs when it is something compiled and/or reviewed by us and we will post links until there are too many links on a certain topic, and then a PDF is called for.



BLOGGING was brought up as a topic of interest and Michelle K. said she would look into it and do a page on it.

Mary M. reported that based on our HRLC flyer about our committee, an IT Guy contacted us about what we could do for him – he is apparently an IT Guy for a town who is taking control of a Library's IT. At Joanne R's suggestion, she has invited him to attend the next meeting of our committee.

The **CE Committee and Classes** were reported on. Everyone agreed that the latest batch of classes including SPYWARE and ADWARE and Chatting and IM'ing were really good and exciting and getting a lot of response! Heather mentioned that one on BLOGGING is coming up!

Suzanne B. reported on the **Sussex/Warren** wireless roundtable meeting.

Sussex/Warren County Librarians wanted to get together on a more local basis to discuss things. Their first topic was Wireless.

Suzanne provided the minutes of this meeting in a handout and we are trying to see if we can post them on our page in some format.

Rob Zangara from the State Library attended and presented and did a great job.

Sparta Library has a wireless connection and that it is "wide open," a "hot spot."

The wireless network is apparently segregated from the rest of the network and so the security risk is low.

Different ways of providing such a wireless network were mentioned, i.e., "Cable Drops."

Roxbury has Cable Drop wireless.

An issue of how many drops or connections you can have was brought up by Mary W.

Parsippany is apparently looking into wireless.

Rob is apparently available for talking and consulting and is happy to do so.

There seems to be a lot of interest in WIRELESS!

Suzanne B. to check if we can use these minutes.

Amy K. mentioned that there might be a program coming up at NJLA w/ Rob Zangara, but that it might be more about the HUB situation in NJ – she would check.

Joanne stressed that we should get up the WIRELESS information AS SOON AS POSSIBLE on our page!

Mary Wilson is to do it.

Also, any notes /information from attendance at the WIRELESS Program at WPU.

Amy K. reported on the AIM Chat meeting that the NJLA Information Technology Section successfully used.

- Best for a small group.

- Has a handout of pointers for such a meeting.

Michelle K. showed up www.nicenet.net which she uses as a way to talk and have "meetings" on line (NJASL).

She also showed us www.njasltechapps.blogspot.com which covers small topics. She is trying not to duplicate what we as a committee are doing.

Mary M. brought up the **Infolink Tech Talk Series**.

She handed out a flyer on it.

Mary W. mentioned that we should be doing things like this.

We then discussed topics for such meetings –



Wireless – Mary W. suggested having a CableVision person attend
Blogging – Suzanne B. is to work on hosting/facilitating a roundtable on this
Security

Talks vs. roundtables were discussed as well as size for such groups.
Should limit it to 15 people in order to keep it manageable and for it to be able to be a discussion.
Meetings should be moved around the state, even though the possibility of meeting at the HRLC Denville offices is very acceptable to a lot of people.

The Roundtable should produce minutes and other information to be posted so that people have several chances/ways to access the information – a Program, a Roundtable, information posted to the page.

INFORMATION PRODUCED FROM THE PROGRAMS/ROUNDTABLES NEEDS TO BE PUT UP QUICKLY!

It was decided the committee should focus on one Roundtable per quarter.
This quarter – 3rd quarter – 2005 WIRELESS

Class or event ⇌ Roundtable ⇌ Webpage

Mary W. will host/facilitate a Wireless Roundtable at Paterson at the end of February.
Date to be determined – about 2 hours – middle of day, middle of the week, 1pm-3pm.
Beverages and a snack or something will be provided by HRLC.

The other quarters' roundtables are suggested to be:

BLOGGING
and
SECURITY

Michelle K. brought up **Federated Searching**, i.e., searching across several databases from one search box, i.e., JerseyClicks, portals, Webfeat, etc..

Michelle is looking for a way for us to do this.

Mary W. brought up some of the drawbacks of searching in this way.

Mozilla and Firefox were mentioned as Open Source possibilities – Open Office

Scripting could be used to get into the databases when they log in, look at the address.

Talk to vendors for help?

WPU has its own federated searching – very costly!

Mary M. will do something on Federated Searching (she has already posted something to our NEW BLOG! www.hrlctech.blogspot.com!)

Joanne spoke a bit about the **State Library and AutoGraphics** (JerseyClicks and JerseyCat) and how responsive they have been to user groups with making changes to interface, etc..

As the next meeting was being set and it was brought up to try to become more “technologically advanced” at some point in the future about our meetings, i.e., **Chat, Boards, Blogs**, etc., and **Mary M. agreed to throw up a blog** for us on **Blogspot** and invite each of us to write on it!

It was agreed that this would be a good way for us to “dive into” blogging and that we should just get one up and play with it! Check it out!!!! The address is <http://hrlctech.blogspot.com>.



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ALSO: Computers in Libraries conference was mentioned – Mary W. attending – she has gone before. Definitely worth it! There is a discount available through HRLC – go to webpage and click on LATE BREAKING NEWS.

May W. also shared the website <http://www.NJHELPS.org> .

Next Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2:30-4pm at HRLC Denville.