Thursday, September 11th

MUG Descriptions

Marmot Library Network

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Computer Lab
Advanced Sierra (Session 1): Create Lists, Global Updates, Statistics, RDA, etc.
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11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Community Room & Patio
Informal Meetings: by library type, committees, etc.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Community Room
Orientation Session: "Marmot Sampler" orientation for new library employees
(Mary Katherine Katzer, Member Services Librarian, Marmot & other Marmot staff)
What exactly is Marmot? What is the best way to contact the Marmot help desk? Which Marmot staffer does what? This orientation session is designed specifically to enlighten the many new employees within Marmot’s member libraries about the organization, Marmot Library Network. Employees with less than 9 months of experience within a Marmot member library are encouraged to attend. Those of you who’ve been around a while and feel you have a good idea of what Marmot is all about can delay your attendance until the 2:00 session.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Community Room
Opening Session
Welcome, introductions, conference guide, and Marmot annual report update by Jimmy Thomas

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Creating Sierra print templates  Community Room 1 - Mesa
(Amelia Shelley, Director, Garfield County Library District & Tammy Poquette, Library Systems Trainer, Marmot)
Everything you ever wanted to know about print templates...but were afraid to ask. Frustrated by trying to create templates for notices? Wondering how those other libraries figured it out? Join me for a look at how to create time-saving templates that will make holds and in-transits a breeze for your library.

Sierra tips and tricks  Community Room 2 - Monument
(Mary Katherine Katzer, Member Services Librarian, Marmot)
After more than 10 months of using Sierra, most users have a really solid grasp on the functionality that is used in routine and regular tasks. This session will enlighten us all on some of the tips and tricks used to go deeper into the software. Attendees should come prepared to share at least one of their favorite Sierra tricks.

VuFind for administrators  Enstrom’s Conference Room
(Mark Noble, Senior Developer, Marmot & Pascal Brammeier, Junior Developer, Marmot)
Are you in charge of administering VuFind for your library? Come to this session to learn about customizing VuFind for your library. We’ll review the configuration options available to you and talk about how to integrate VuFind widgets into your library's website. Pre-registration is required by emailing Mark at mark-at-marmot.org, because space is limited.
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4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Discovery Committee & E-content Committee  
(Drew Brookhart & Mark Noble)
An update of the things accomplished by the eBook Task Force this past year and an explanation of changes coming in the next few months will be the focus of this group discussion.

Union Catalog Committee  
(Angela Smith & Mary Katherine Katzer)
What are some tasks within the Technical Services realm that would fit into a “best practices” cataloging document to standardize tasks within Marmot member libraries? This session is an opportunity to discuss how to expand the current “best practices” doc to best effect.

Access Services Committee  
(Nathalie Crick, Oak Smith, Brandon Cole)
Some members have asked for a broader “best practices” circulation document to standardize some of the circulation tasks within Marmot member libraries. This session is an opportunity to discuss how to expand the current “best practices” doc to best effect.

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8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Digital Resources Project Update  
(Jordan Fields, Digital Services Librarian, Garfield Country Library & Joseph Sanchez, Director, Mesa County Libraries)
Marmot Library Network’s next major development project will be to digitize unique local content and make it readily available via VuFind. Project activities will include selecting technology for scanning and storing photos and documents; copying and storing music and video, creating appropriate metadata and developing VuFind as the user interface. This project will build on the success of a genealogy database currently maintained by Mesa County PLD, Eagle Valley LD, and Bud Werner ML. Joseph Sanchez will explain some of the background, architecture, and a unique project on Colorado wildlife that demonstrates the next phase in Marmot’s ability to store and deliver high value digital content. Jordan Fields will demonstrate one of the digital projects she worked on at the Kansas City Public Library and discuss her team’s decision making and implementation process.

Statistics for annual reports  
(Mary Katherine Katzer, Member Services Librarian, Marmot & Brandon Cole, Application Support Administrator, Marmot)
There are a number of products to use to gather statistical data for the variety of reports that Marmot members need to produce throughout the year. This session will provide an overview of Decision Center, Create Lists, Browse Query and Sierra statistics and a demonstration on how to use them.

Introduction to Sierra DNA (SQL)  
(Mark Noble, Senior Developer, Marmot)
Do you have a report that create lists can't handle? Need to extract information from Sierra quickly? Come learn about Sierra DNA which provides direct SQL access to the Sierra database. We'll talk about how to access Sierra DNA, common pitfalls, and walk through a couple of examples of data access. Prior SQL experience is not required, but it's strongly suggested. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. This brief introduction will not provide the certification that is necessary for using this complex tool. If attendees want to be "certified" after this introduction, they will need to have a conversation with Mark to learn how to complete the certification. Pre-registration is required by emailing Mark at mark-at-marmot.org, because space is limited.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Prospector: why it does what it does**
(Karen Neville, Technical Services Librarian, Colorado Christian University)

Why does Prospector merge some records and duplicate others? Why do some items require me to select which copy I want? Learn the answers to these questions and many others. BONUS: Sneak peek at Mobius!

**VuFind tips and tricks**
(Mark Noble, Senior Developer, Marmot)

Not getting all that you can out of VuFind? Think there must be an easier way to do something? Come to this session to learn some great new ways of handling all the power of VuFind. Topics covered will include searching, recommendations, lists, ratings, and commonly overlooked features. Pre-registration is required because space is limited.

**Marmot Help Desk 911:** Reader’s guide to the Marmot wiki
(Tammy Poquette, Library Systems Trainer, Marmot)

Tammy will show you the many ways to get in touch with the Marmot staff when placing a helpdesk request.

**Marmot ticket system**
(Sean Hanson, Enterprise Administrator, Marmot)

Sean will give an overview of the Marmot Ticket System, and how to make the most efficient use of this tool.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Keynote Session: Whole Person Readers’ Advisory**
(Duncan Smith, a Vice-President of EBSCO, is the co-founder of NoveList)

You’ve heard of whole collection RA which focuses on not only promoting a library’s books but its entire collection—DVDs, e-books and audio. But whole person? Join NoveList co-founder Duncan Smith as he sums up over 25 years of thinking about readers’ advisory and introduces this new concept.

Whole person RA focuses not on the library’s collection but on the interactions between staff, readers and collections. Smith argues that delivering the service our users really want means:

1. Identifying the true product of RA services (it’s NOT pushing books).
2. Getting all staff involved.
3. Moving out from behind the desk.

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**VuFind Annual Update**
(Mark Noble, Senior Developer, Marmot)

2104 has been a busy year for VuFind. Come to this session to learn about the changes we've made since MUG last year and learn about where we plan to take VuFind in the coming year.