

**Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board  
Kentucky Virtual Library  
Louisville, Kentucky  
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**1 - Work groups.**

We have new charge sheets for our workgroups – both existing workgroups and those created out of the 2010-13 Strategic Plan. The charge sheets contain the assignment to the workgroup, roster of members of we have it, alignment to our strategic plan goals and objectives, any deliverables we are aware of, any benchmarking data or performance indicator goals, and the boiler plate information on when/how to meet and when/how to communicate with the Leadership Team.

We will be requesting volunteers and appointments to the new workgroups, depending on the group. We also need to fill gaps with some groups where members have dropped out.

We need volunteers for these new groups: NextGen WG and Access & Authentication WG.

And we need new people to join the existing Resource Sharing WG and Marketing WG as they have lost members and need new folks to join both.

We will be posting the charge sheets to our listservs, to the Facebook page, our website, and working with the Alliance and Leadership Team to find representatives to help us drive our strategic plan forward.

**2 – KYVL and the Council on Postsecondary 6 Year Capital Plan for 2014-2020.**

CPE and other state agencies are working on the 6-year Capital Plan for 2014-2020. The KYVL portion has been given to the Alliance and the Leadership Team to review, update, validate, add to and approve. We must finish our edits by the end of March, ideally, because CPE must have all new and revised entries in the state system by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Get in touch with Enid if you are interested in seeing past plans.

**3- KYVL Accountability Plan.**

KYVL Leadership Team has completed an Accountability Plan and a calendar. The KYVL Alliance approved it at their February meeting. The elements of the plan include:

Communication, Productivity (qualitative and quantitative) and Action based on information/data collected including feedback from the membership.

#### **4 – KYVL Strategic Planning Survey.**

Survey was announced Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and will be open until March 15<sup>th</sup>. As of 13 March, we've had about 400 responses, majority are from postsecondary. Of the response so far, 37% are K12, 39% are postsecondary and about 21% are public library.

#### **5 – EBSCO Discovery Service.**

We did a soft launch in late January. It is officially a pilot but so far, EBSCO has the most compatible product for us at the best price. Our official press release went out March 4.

And we announced the Name the Search contest for Kentuckians to give our EDS instance a fun name. See <http://www.kyvl.org/NameTheSearchContest.shtm> for details and to access the entry form. Pearson, EBSCO and Pomeroy have donated items so far for the prize pool.

The "Name the Search" contest will run through 5pm Eastern time, 31 March.

#### **6 – Boopsie mobile app.**

We've gotten very good pricing from Boopsie to create and maintain a KYVL mobile app for nearly all the device platforms. We are very excited about this. We do need to get approval from the Finance Cabinet before moving forward but we're told that should go well.

#### **7 – Collections Workgroup and our databases.**

Finance has changed some procurement rules and our database purchases fall under a different authority. We will not have to RFP for acquisitions. The Collections Workgroup will still need to do their analysis of our collections, the usage, do surveys of member of what we have and should have, and basically do everything to be best informed for making recommendations to KYVL. We expect to do that over the next year so we have ample time to do things the right way.

Just last week, Lois Schultz of NKU agreed to be the Chair. James Manasco, of UofL, will be the Vice Chair.

Timeline tentatively is for the group to review the past surveys [last issued 2010 and 2005] to collect user wish lists and needs and then issue those in April. While we might be able to fast track the work, since so many are new, we will most likely take our time over the next year for review of usage statistics, do the surveys, possible have

additional surveys and focus groups, conduct trials of products [by the workgroup only, we won't do consortium-wide trials] and so on. In the end, the group will write a report with a summary of findings, and recommendations. I will take the recommendations, mix them with the financial information, and create a gigantic matrix of potential packages. Then, I begin the negotiations. Ultimately, what we buy is in my hands. And I work really hard to get the best deals possible.

We will target spring 2014 as our goal for having contracts final and acquisitions complete. And if we need training, we'll have late spring and summer to do that. We will never make changes of products in the middle of an academic year. That is verboten.

The group, as do all of our workgroups, officially reports to the KYVL Leadership Team. Ron Critchfield of Jessamine County Public Library is Chair. <http://www.kyvl.org/leadership.shtm>

Respectfully submitted,  
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