



Public and Academic Library Partnerships: Strange Bedfellows or Peas in a Pod?

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Agenda

Background

Building the co-chair relationship

Committee work

Final report

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Growth of eBooks for both libraries

Delivery of eBooks to patrons

Building the Co-chair Relationship

Importance of our getting to know each other

- True understanding of our styles, strengths, and weaknesses
- Developed into a friendship & trust
- Work partnership was seamless
- Shared work back & forth. All tasks were “our” tasks

The Charge

Kitchen sink charge initially

Refining it became a tool that let us learn about each other

Exploring and respecting institutional differences

Communication

Shared goal of communicating by any method that worked

50% of Our Full Committee Meetings Failed

But only had 2 meetings!!!!

First Committee Meeting

Was rough

Leadership structure didn't translate well to needs of the group

Debrief was honest, effective & necessary

Set the stage for improvements for 2nd meeting

Despite rough start, could self-select subcommittee

Second Committee Meeting

Very successful

We provided the structure the group needed

Formed subcommittees and gave them time to work together

- Similar to the time we took initially

Responded to subcommittee questions & suggestions

Just in Time Education

Subcommittees working on elements but not big picture

Two well-timed webinars help us all gain understanding of the big picture

Final Report

We wrote the body of the report during a time busy for both us

Acclaimed by all, but for us anticlimactic

Results:

- Poudre River is purchasing multiple devices
- CSU Libraries purchased 10 iPad 2 devices
- Ongoing education and advocacy

<http://lib.colostate.edu/about/news/2011/ebooks>