

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FORUM

SCLS, June 6, 2014

Bob Johnson, TIF President, called the meeting to order at 10:10am. He introduced Ruth Westfall, Administrator for Technology Services at SCSL, who spoke about the Sierra implementation process, projected to be in place by December. A question and answer period followed her discussion.

The CATS division of SCLA and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System hosted our guest speaker for this month. Bob introduced Kevin Watson, the Director of E-Content Services and Strategy plus VP of Digital Services & Content at Queens Library. Mr. Watson developed a lending program for the 5000 Google Nexus tablets they received through the Hurricane Sandy grant initiative. He discussed in length their deployment, provisioning and loan policies, their security and management software, the custom interface for their mobile library, data collection, and staff training. He also demonstrated the library's cutting edge mobile device platform and many of its features.

Louis DeRobertis, Network Operations Manager of SCLS, then demonstrated a new, inexpensive alternative for an OPAC.

The next TIF meeting will be held at Brentwood Public Library on Thursday, September 4 at 10am, 9:30am refreshments. The meeting schedule through the end of the year is:

10/2/14 – Connetquot Public Library
11/6/14 – Emma S. Clark Memorial Library
12/4/14 – Sachem Public Library (Annual Holiday Meeting)

Respectfully submitted,
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