



## RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes:** From Thursday September 8, 2011 -- 7:00 pm  
Rye Public Library Community Meeting Room

**Attendance:**

*Representing Rye Community:* Elisa Bolton, Cheryl Mardin, Connie Olson

*Representing Rye Schools:* Mary Coombs

*Representing the Friends of RPL:* Kendra Gemmett

*Representing RPL Trustees:* Victor Azzi

*Representing RPL Staff:* Lisa Houde (Head of Youth Services) Tricia Quinn (Assoc. Director), Andy Richmond (Library Director).

**Supporting Materials:** (please find attached)

Slide handout, Technology Summit Outline, RPL draft 2011-12 Technology Plan, Compiled Visioning results outline, Library Service Response list.

**Presentation and discussion:**

The meeting opened with logistical considerations of the Rye Public Library Technology Summit discussion scheduled for Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. Mary Coombs suggested that via Rye Middle School technological capacity, the option exists of webcasting the event. Otherwise, a video and audio record of the event will be captured via Rye Public Library technological capacity. Light refreshments will be provided by RPL, and an invitation list of interested individuals will be contacted to participate as audience members. (Note: since the meeting, RPL Technology Librarian Sharon Foster has tendered her resignation. Her last day precedes the Tech Summit, so she will not be a panelist/contributor on that evening)

In the second part of the meeting we reviewed a compilation of the significant vision session outcomes (Outline attached) and began to apply library applications to the primary goal directions identified. Part of the continuing discussion as we enter the Design stage of planning (see slide handout) is to establish a set of library service responses to define the role of the Rye Public Library over the duration of our planning scope. (Please review Library Service Response list attached) We will also reconsider the mission statement of the Library as it reflects the decided role(s). The current RPL Mission Statement follows:

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## **Current Rye Public Library Mission Statement**

*The Rye Public Library serves as the informational and cultural heart of Rye in an atmosphere that is friendly and inviting. Our mission is to facilitate a diverse inquiry for knowledge and ideas, to promote the enjoyment of reading, and to provide exceptional service. We offer free access to a broad array of materials and programs for the enrichment of all members of the Rye community at every stage of their lives*

*- Adopted by the Rye Public Library Board of Trustees January 4, 2007*

### **Actions:**

**Please plan on attending the Technology Summit on September 29<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm !**

Please review attached materials. Pay special attention to Library Service Response list. I will be forwarding an electronic survey in advance of the next meeting in order to get the committee's selection of the top three service responses to define the library role, and discuss in October. Also, please take a critical look at the current RPL Mission Statement and identify pros and cons in advance of a possible revision.

**Next Meeting:** October meeting: **Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:00 pm at RPL**

**Future Meeting Schedule:** November meeting: **Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:00 pm at RPL**, December meeting: **Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:00 pm at RPL.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Richmond, Director  
Rye Public Library

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