

Technology Report

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Content Filtering

Our current iBoss appliance solution is nearing its end-of-life and requires extensive custom scripting. We have begun the process of finding a modern replacement product that will be easier to maintain and support. We hope to maintain the functionality of the current system. We have participated in product demos for WebTitan, iBoss cloud-hosted platform, and Cisco Umbrella. We are in the process of getting pricing for Web Titan and Cisco Umbrella.

Lumin PDF Editing Software

Library directors were given instructions for accessing and using the trial of Lumin PDF. It appears as though Lumin does not have any additional features to what is included in the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. Acrobat Reader is already installed on SCLS-supported PCs. We may add a shortcut for Reader on the Desktop of public PCs so that it is easier to access.

Backup Collaboration

Dell technicians updated and configured the backup and archive equipment at the Eau Claire head end. We also met with TEACH and AT&T engineers to discuss connecting the SCLS and Eau Claire head ends. TEACH has a design ready for linking the head ends. We are meeting with them on Friday 8/6/2021 to finalize the plan and schedule the install. We are also following up with Dell to finish the last configuration and updates on the SCLS head end.

Rock Springs New Library

Emily and Craig were at RKS on July 29th to set up the network, PCs, wireless access points, and printing in the new building. The network was up and running before 10 AM and they were able to complete all of their work in one day. Emily will be going back out a couple of weeks after they open to take pictures and tie up any loose ends, which, as of right now are zero loose ends, at least from a technical standpoint.

Grants Update

Nearly all of the funds for the 2019 E-rate cycle have been retrieved. Final checks for most libraries should have gone out last week. A decision tree for ECF grant funds was created and shared with SCLS libraries. A survey was made available for libraries to indicate interest in the ECF program and the 2022 E-rate grant cycle. All remaining funds for the CARES Act grant have been expended.