



Aspen Discovery

Aspen Community Organizing Meeting

October 28th at 4:00 pm Eastern, 1:00 pm Pacific

Join Here: [Zoom Link](#)

Attendees

Please add your name and partner organization

Name	Partner Organization
Chanel Wheeler	Yavapai Library Network
Tara Wood	SWAN
Aaron Skog	SWAN
James Staub	Nashville Public Library
Bryan Jones	Nashville Public
Jenny Lane	Nashville Public
Aude Charillon	PTFS Europe
Massoud AlShareef	KnowledgeWare Technologies
Dawne Tortorella	SWAN
Sam Passey	Uintah Library
Felicity Brown	Montgomery County Public Libraries
James Donaldson	Montgomery County Public Libraries
Rebecca Coert	Arlington Public Libraries
Jonathan Newton	Arlington Public Libraries

Scott Brandwein	SWAN
Jordan Fields	ByWater Solutions
Mark Noble	ByWater Solutions

Agenda Topics

Any attendee should feel free to add additional agenda topics. Please add your name following any agenda items you add and be willing to kick off that topic with the group.

1. What is the goal of the Aspen Community? (Jordan Fields)

I'm a geek so I'm not the one to be setting community goals, but I think the community would be a great place where prospective customers could come get the perspective of people who don't work for ByWater. (Chanel Wheeler)

(James Staub - NPL) I believe that the core function of the Aspen Community should be ensuring the awesomeness of Aspen - by sharing the ways it works for our patrons (e.g., demos of things we tried that worked), and putting the ways it isn't working in front of each other and the ByWater support squad. Secondly, the AC could be mobilized to proselytize: plan and execute presentations and pitches to adjacent library systems and conferences etc.

To share and prioritize features and understand different processes/procedures/user bases and how that impacts shared vision and development. As the community grows we want to make sure we aren't doing and undoing each others' most needed enhancements. A shared vision and targeted development will help us as a community use development resources most effectively. Some solutions or changes in process may be on the ILS side of the house and having colleagues in same/different ILS platforms to examine those areas and share solutions would be great. (Dawne Tortorella - SWAN)

2. How does the Aspen Community want to organize themselves and communicate? (Jordan Fields)

I like Slack! (J. Lane)

(James Staub - NPL) FWIW, for the ByWater-product-update-broadcast information and for Community decision-making discussions, I am super-fond of the youtube postings of AC gatherings and Aspen Updates in an Instant (I like the ability to control playback speed and use subtitles -- while I'm on the treadmill or exercise bike)

Meeting frequency? Officers/roles? (Tara)

3. How does the Aspen Community want to work on and contribute to research and development for Aspen? (testing, usability testing/user research, bubbling up shared development ideas, etc.) (Tara Wood - SWAN)

I would love to see a shared “library” of add-ons like placards templates, grouping/ungrouping lists, blocked malicious IPs, cool browse categories, any interesting shareable 3rd party enhancements or sideloads (for instance Nashville has Project Gutenberg and Unglue It sideloaded). (J.Lane)

(James Staub - NPL) I believe that we need to invest in routinizing testing between releases. I imagine something like: each library with a test server composes a checklist of functions (NPL will have hundreds of boxes to check!) and assigns staff to ensure the new release behaves as expected.

Since we don't see each other's tickets, we don't know what features other libraries have requested. For example, today I put in a feature request for synonym mapping for searches. It would be great to share these amongst the community to see if there's broad appeal. (Chanel Wheeler)

4. What is the role of the Aspen Community in growing the community/libraries using Aspen? (Tara Wood - SWAN)
5. Fundraising? Online meetings only or regional socials? (Sam -Uintah)

NEXT MEETING DATE: ???

Tara will send Doodle Poll: Vote on how often, general time that is good for folks (PST to GMT)

Topics:

- Recruiting Aspen Community Members
- Claim your community role
- Reviewing Aspen update test plans. Maybe borrow language, Ideas from groups like Koha?