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- It was with great pleasure (and no small amount of relief) that our new website was launched on March 14th. Much of the Systems Staff's time leading up to and subsequent to that time has been devoted to making this happen, and many thanks go to Ryan Jackson and David Cambillo for supporting this effort while maintaining a high level of routine technical support. The next phase of web development has begun in which new websites are being created for The Trove, The Foundation, The Edge and the Español versions. Currently, The Trove and Español sites are still hosted on our old web server until they can be made live on our new site. Also still running on our old web server is our staff intranet which will be migrated to a server separate from our new, publicly accessible web server. This being the case, our old web server is still accessible at http://www2.whiteplainslibrary.org/.

- Our GroupWise email server experienced three separate outages of remote web access to email within five days. After the first two outages, access was restored by simply restarting the server; however, the third outage required a reconfiguration of the web access module. It should be noted that internal email access was unaffected; however, it is cause for concern and underscores the need to upgrade and migrate GroupWise to a new server as soon as possible. Doing so is contingent on completely retiring our old web server so it can in turn be used to free up one of our newest systems to serve as our new email system.

- The new projector in Galaxy Hall is now fully functional; however, it must be controlled with the remote control rather than through the network application that was previously used to control the old projector. To restore that ability to control the projector over the network requires reprogramming the Crestron control unit, something we are unable to do in-house due to lack of the proprietary development software.

- I will be meeting with Wilson Arana and Korn Chantravakin of WLS on Wednesday, April 4th to provide details on how to integrate EnvisionWare eCommerce with the SirsiDynix catalog server. WLS will be moving ahead to provide online payment of library fees, and because I have experience in its implementation, they requested that I provide whatever assistance I can.

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