

URSUS Library Directors
Friday, April 22, 2011

Present: Nancy Fletcher, Ginny Gibson, James Jackson Sanborn, Angelynn King, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, Lisa McDaniels (for Tom Abbott), David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery

Absent: Donna Bancroft, Leslie Kelley, Steve Podgajny

Digital Commons

Work is still ongoing to try to get a digital commons for the UMS. Two meetings were held, in Portland and in Bangor, which were led by Dave Stout and his CEO, Jean-Gabriel Bankier. These meetings were intended to broaden the number of nonlibrarians who would see the need for and support an IR for the UMS. Unfortunately attendance was not as we had hoped and at both meetings it was mainly library staff that attended.

Ralph Caruso presented the business plan at the CAO meeting. Some provosts had not heard of the product and some were supportive.

It will come up at the next ITAC meeting and both David and Joyce will attend to describe the IR and maybe promote it. We also need to make our provosts and financial officers aware of it if they have not heard of it. It does appear that more information has to get out about the service. We also need to make everyone understand the connections an IR can make. It is a faculty showcase, but it is also much more.

The public libraries and the state library are also interested and will pursue a beta opportunity with Dave Stout. Dave indicated that he wanted to hear more about the public library aspect and would welcome that conversation.

Summon

Summon is up and available for all to use. Currently UM, USM, and Fort Kent have made their instances available on their web pages. Augusta and Farmington are waiting for break to bring up their instance.

The mapping for the ebooks has been reworked. The full text misdirection is happening because Serials Solution indexes the item in a different manner than the database indexes. This is especially true for the newspaper list in the Ebsco database. There is full text misdirection in databases that allow deep linking. For example, in the Gale Business Reference Center, the searcher gets dropped in Gale's search box.

In the five campus instance, content has been loaded that may be owned by only one or two campuses. The MIN staff have promoted or demoted databases to provide better access. The Proquest access is better than Ebsco, but that is being worked on.

There is a Summon client list that acts as a listserv for concerns.

James would like any examples of misdirections that leave the user in a loop. This is reported from the MARVEL instance too.

Summon will be on the agenda for the reference heads. We want to know from that group about complaints and issues regarding Summon searches.

We have to remember that we are using this product to leverage our resources and it will do that for the undergraduate. We want our users exposed to the products we have purchased.

Hathi Trust. If we choose to turn it on we will get all public domain books, approximately 2.25 million ebooks. This could happen by this summer, so it will add significantly to our collection.

Science Direct

We are working on the next Science Direct contract; it will be a five year contract beginning in 2012. It will include the Freedom Collection that gives us access to the titles for which we have no subscription.

Each campus must maintain their current e-subscriptions or the equivalent thereof. Also we would like to have campuses switch to e-only, so we can manage it all in one place. Each campus will have to cancel with their own vendor.

System Database Task Force

The group needs to look at databases we should have, but there is the reality that we only have the same amount of money to work with each year and the buying power is shrinking.

If we keep this as our committee, it needs to be URSUS and not just UMS. There should be two charges: to continue work on the UMS piece and also the charge to the committee.

Level One. To be proactive, not reactive, and concentrate on identifying products that most would use, not what the least would use. Also cover e-books.

Level Two. Coordinate across the UMS for print collection, and create a metagroup that the database committee would be a subset of.

We need to review the seven/one document again.

Serials Solutions ebook module – James has had contact from the company and they will get back to us by next week.

Shared Business Products spreadsheet

The first draft of the shared things spreadsheet was reviewed. The group thought this would be a good document to maintain. They also wanted it broadened to cover more aspects. The items to be added are: The Summon instance for MARVEL, MaineCat, the proxy servers, and the scanning projects.

Innovative Interfaces new integrated library system

III is actively developing a product called Sierra, designed as a replacement for Millennium. It is slated for release next calendar year. The cost as we know it now will be a single migration fee, followed by

continuation of existing pricing structure. III is looking for migration decisions/commitments to be made this calendar year.

It is built on POSTQUEL, an open architecture system.

E-Reserves

Atlas Systems Ares ereserves product is a possible replacement for Docutek. The original concern with Docutek was the cost of the product. We have since learned that not every campus is using Docutek and if that remains the same into the future then cost may not be as much of an issue. There are advantages over Docutek that may make Ares a better solution for us.

Lyrasis

The question was raised regarding what we are getting for our money with Lyrasis. This is not a consortial purchase so any library may drop out whenever they wish. OCLC was part of it, but now that billing is direct to OCLC. There are discounts for products and databases, but we do not know if any are being used by the group. There is a staff development piece, but there are many other opportunities for staff development that are offered in the same way (webinars, etc.). The deposit account feature is important and that can now be done through OCLC also.

Library Thing

James is checking on the pricing for the URSUS group.

RefWorks

It may be purchased by UMA. It is unknown if Tom has begun any conversations about a system contract.

ILLiad

Bangor Public library is the OCLC site for all smaller libraries. When they are requesting some items that are from out-of-state, they are being sent to Ellsworth Public Library since that was the first library that received an item. Maybe staff at USM and UM can help this situation.

Chinese language material

There is a growing Chinese population in Bangor, the largest minority in the city. A donor wants to give 500 to 1000 books to BPL. The questions are how would these be represented in the catalog and is there a cataloger who can work on the collection when it is received.

Next meetings:

We will skip the May meeting. We may need the June meeting depending on what work needs to be done. For the retreat that we hold in August we will schedule it for late August.