

URSUS Directors Meeting Notes
March 15, 2013, Bangor Public Library

Present: Tom Abbott, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelly, Linda Lord,
Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Frank Robertson, Joyce
Rumery,
JoAnne Wallingford

Absent: John Barden, Chris Hepler, Angelynn King, Steve Podjagny

Reference Committee proposal

The page for the libraries link from Blackboard looks good. Tom will get another logo for Augusta/Bangor.

We also have a request to make OCLS a hot link to make it easier for the user.

Cataloging Committee

The directors support the day and a half retreat with the half-day for training for RDA.

The directors will support the retreat with a speaker for an RDA workshop. If the time for the retreat is after the start of the fiscal year it will be better for the budgets.

The response will go to Katy Donahue and Lynn Wilcox that the directors agree with this plan. The group will be asked to cost out the expense for this fiscal year or next.

Bryce Cundick will be the next chair.

Resource Description and Access

In order to adopt RDA we need to make changes in the system for the fields that hold RDA content. The general material designation - the 245 subfield which has the bracketed information, for example, sound recordings will go away with RDA. Instead we will use material types, which have not been fully utilized. The old GMD will not go away, but new records will not have it. We will need to investigate this as a consortium.

The RDA Toolkit has to be available and is only online, there is no print equivalent like AACR2. We need to check into consortial pricing for all URSUS libraries.

The Maine InfoNet staff has mapped material types and there has to be a clean up project for material types.

Maine InfoNet staff will make sure support for RDA records is available.

Copyright web page

The question was raised regarding the copyright page, should it be a LibGuide or be posted on a neutral website. LibGuide seemed to be the best solution and Leslie will take this back to her committee.

Roadmap for the Chancellor

We discussed the draft and decided to create a document that is a two-page summary of what we need to say about the libraries. We have to keep in mind the two questions he asked us – where will we be in three years and what keeps us up at night. We want to give him two to three things to reinforce his view of us. We also need to have the information behind the document so that there is that supporting information and we all have it at hand.

Frank will take this on next week.

Budget issues for the URSUS libraries

There are budget cuts for FY14 and FY15 and likely cuts in FY16 for the UMS libraries. We also have the Governor's budget and the potential impact on municipalities. The federal sequestration is another problem because of the LSTA funding which helps support the ARRCs. Also the e-rate is hitting the ceiling and this needs to be changed.

We need to look at what this means for us, we know we will be different libraries particularly if we cannot purchase materials or access to collections.

What are our strategies with this impact, most of us have experienced years of budget cuts and it has come to the stage where there is really no more to cut. Are there any opportunities? One strategy is to be sharp on services, not collections. Our role in information literacy, this is in our control and is a value added proposition.

Fogler can be the anchor for collections, but there is the issue of e-books and difficulties in lending.

The Maine Shared Collection Strategy will help. We can focus on acquiring materials in the most economic way and it will help us with our funding for collections going forward.

Fort Kent e-book survey

Leslie put a poll up for the students on the portal asking if they used ebooks. The answer from the students was that they wanted print. For those of us who want to put out polls we should check the portal.

Summon

Jess Isler and Sofia Birden are working on the Summon instance for the five campuses. Some of the changes have been positive. At USM there is a small group working on this and identified fifteen features to improve the return, but had not been turned on. We all need to assess this, it was a product we purchased, but spent no time promoting and we did not follow any of the updates.

There are problems with the state instance for MARVEL. James and Linda met with the Ebsco representative about their EDS product. Since most of MARVEL are Ebsco databases this product would work well in that environment.

Whatever product we have we need to get users to have the feedback loop.

If we are going to rebrand and relaunch we need to get it done before Fall 2013.

Next meetings

We will do a doodle poll for the April meeting date.

We will cancel the May meeting.

The retreat date will be the end of July or the first of August. We will ask John Barden to host us.