

**URSUS Directors
Bangor Public Library
September 29, 2015**

10:00 Campus Updates

University of Maine Farmington

UMF is administering SAILS to all seniors. The data may be used to communicate IL needs and strategies to faculty.

University of Maine Machias

The UMM campus is under construction. Enrollment is down. The Library is working on getting rid of overlaps in journal titles. Due to closure of the student union, the Library is being used as a meeting space. Books are being moved out of the space to make room for student space, and the Library will be getting a 3D printer. There might be a young adult section added so that juvenile books are not interspersed with the rest of the collection. Switching to LC classification is being considered.

Off-Campus Library Services

The search for the UC Academic Librarian is drawing to a close. OCLS would like to see a candidate start in November.

Maine School of Law

There is a new dean who just started, and she sees the Library as vital. A new reference librarian started in August. A search has started for an access services position to manage the day-to-day of the circulation department and interlibrary loan.

Maine State Library

MSL would like patrons to see the best demonstrated library practices in place (i.e. using the Library as a lab to show new and exciting things). Next week the maker room will be open. It is a cross between hosting technologies that will allow patrons to take their personal collections from analog to digital, as well as tools that will foster creative arts (e.g. knitting, printing large scale patterns, etc.). There will be announcement of the van delivery RFP next week. On November 5th the Friends of the Library are hosting an event at the Governor's mansion.

University of Maine

There are two continued searches underway: a marine sciences librarian and a PR position. The Center for Innovation and Teaching and Learning will be moving into the Library as a partner. Many ranges were taken down to make room for seating with wheels, which can be moved around. The JSTOR discard project was completed; 50 tons of material was recycled. Discards of JSTOR journals will continue on a weekly basis. Events will be held in the Library and around campus for the anniversary.

Bangor Public Library

BPL is in the midst of renovation with hopes of completion in April. BPL will be closing November 16th. The Library will be closed for seven weeks. RFID tags will be put on the items in the collection, a stair case will be put in, delivery days will be cut down to one

day, and no requests will be accepted for interlibrary loan. BPL will be removed from the dropdown, where patrons can request books. If BPL patrons requesting books from other libraries becomes a burden, let BPL know. BPL patrons will be directed to UM Fogler Library, UMA Katz Library, and MSL. A teen room for presentations and a business center will be added.

Maine InfoNet

Looking with MSL at the possibility of moving from Overdrive to 3M cloud system for the Maine InfoNet Download Library. Of current download library eBook users, 46% of checkouts are in Kindle format. A legacy Kindle device wouldn't be supported by 3M. Kindle Fires, new Kindle tablet six packs, and newer models would work with the 3M system. Two libraries are getting ready to go live with MILS next month. The snippet of code and identifier from EBSCO has been obtained for the NoveList feature in URSUS. The feature will be turned on soon. This feature can be removed for any libraries that would like to not participate. Maine State Library Outreach is now fully operational in URSUS.

University of Maine Fort Kent

A 3D printer has arrived and needs to be set-up. The funds came through a onetime grant. Grant funds were also awarded for display case in the Library. Students will be requesting additional hours during the weekend, which may require additional staffing by students. Maintaining enough study areas for student use is challenging due to lack of space. Public Relations is now also part of Information Services. A search is ongoing for a president. The NEASC visit will take place in mid-October.

University of Southern Maine

A five year NEASC visit is coming up in spring of 2016, and there are nine areas of focus that have been added besides the standards. USM has a new president as well as a new provost, who was a former faculty member and strong user of the Library. There is a big shift of space that is ongoing as a result of downsizing. Student Services is being centralized. Part of the computer lab and student help desk will occupy the third floor, formally the serials floor. The entire computer lab (over 100 computers) and the help desk will move to the third floor temporarily. Some of these computers will move back to their original location in December, and then a consolidated number and several staff offices will move back into the third floor after the new year. The Learning Commons will be on the second floor. The Technology Commons and Faculty Commons will be on the third floor. The reorganization of the Library staff has been completed. There is a new Director of Admissions and overall morale on campus has improved.

University of Maine Presque Isle

The Library is down to two positions: a Library Director and an hourly employee without an MLS. The administration is investigating adding another MLS position to the Library. The Library is currently assessing and strategizing solutions for issues with shelving and cataloging.

11:00 Notes/Minutes Retreat

Goals and Priorities Assigned for 2015-2016

- Marketing – Leslie with help from Jamie and Barbara
- One Library – Roger and David
- Demand Driven Acquisitions – N/A (keep this on the agenda and continue to update)
Collaborative Digital Projects – Jamie
- Procurement – N/A (keep this on the agenda and continue to update)
- Floating Collections - N/A (keep this on the agenda and continue to update)
- Technology Taskforce – Bryce and James will create the charge and have it ready to review at the next meeting. (MINERVA is also creating a technology group.)

Prior Goals

- Review and update the URSUS page – Shiva and Leslie
- Developmental – Leslie (all should feel free to share relevant articles)
- ILL – UMM and UM have an MOU and OCLS, UMA, and UMPI have an MOU

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Procurement

There were some delays due to a procurement staff illness. Procurement also requested a point person, which is Leslie. Leslie is the point person, but the URSUS group will still be reviewing documents as a group. Leslie will send a new draft for review shortly. The core group, SMEs, and the group should keep an eye on the upcoming deadlines and be aware of the time being put in for this process so that this time commitment can be documented for future purposes.

1:45 Floating (Wandering collections)

There was a long back and forth with III about getting access to it because the project department never got word from the purchasing department about it being ordered. Work had been done by III beforehand but there is information lacking about what work remains to be done. There were some items that were visually missing.

2:00 Disaster Recovery – Jamie

Jaime shared some information on CERC with the group - <http://cercmaine.org/>. Joyce could speak on behalf of the URSUS libraries. Will post on the cooperative exchange.

2:15 NEASC – Draft Standards for Accreditation – Marianne

Marianne shared the draft document and explained the work of the committee and the next steps.

2:30 Osher Map Library Director Campus Visits – David

Ian Fowler is the Director of the Osher Map Library and Digital Initiatives. The Osher Map Library needs to stop being referred to as a hidden jewel for many reasons, one of which is for funding purposes. Ian would like to visit each UMS campus to identify faculty members on each campus who could be potential users of the digitized

collections of Osher Map Library. The second objective would be to meet the library staff on each campus and make a presentation. The third objective is to reach out to whatever group might be useful to know about Osher Map as a resource (e.g. a Dean, Provost, specific department, etc.). Ian will contact each director individually to schedule visits and benefit from the knowledge on each campus. *Portland Press Herald* designed an ad to help promote Osher Map Library. Traveling panels can also be made available for each campus.

URSUS Cooperative Exchange – Joyce

Joyce and Leslie have added documents. James resent the information for this page. James will also ask Lynn to link to the manuals currently up in other places.

Change in leadership at III – reactions and planning (MIN at midwinter) – Joyce

The CEO has resigned with no sufficient reason provided as to why. There is an interim CEO, and III has ensured Maine InfoNet that the company still wants to support libraries and INN- Reach.

Update on access to resources for UMS employees – Safari example – Joyce

IT folks found they couldn't access Safari books. Web of Science is another example. Deb is obtaining quotes for Web of Science and Safari books for all campuses so stakeholders can see system wide access/One University is not cost saving. Joyce will be sending a short report to her Provost about this issue.

Browzine, <http://thirdiron.com/> - David/Joyce

Browzine is a third party add-on product that makes journal literature more accessible at the article review. Colby has had it for some time, and their Library Director speaks highly of it. A new version has come out that has many enhancements. It provides a visual option for users to browse with an appealing visual format. The new feature cuts down the several clicks involved to get to an actual article. The article linker would still be doing its work. This product sits between the discovery and the journal. It is essentially doing the same thing that Summon does by preloading the journal list. Once you make the discovery, one click later the article is in front of you. The quote for USM was \$5200-\$6,000. There is room for negotiation. The group would have to review the details of how well this product integrates with current systems. The Reference or Collections group could also investigate this product.

Meeting Dates: November 4, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 11, April 15