

URSUS Meeting Notes
June 15, 2012

Present: Tom Abbott, Chris Hepler, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelley,
Angelynn King, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, David Nutty,
Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery, JoAnne Wallingford

Guests:

Dr. James Page
Chancellor
University of Maine System

Lynn Wilcox
Chair, Cataloging Standards Committee
Garbrecht Law Library

Dr. Page

We had an hour discussion with Dr. Page. He asked us where we thought we would be in three years regarding our change to a new ILS and the other changes we raised. He also asked what keeps us up at night and what does the library look like operationally two years from now.

He asked that we call him back to meet with us and to run scenarios by us.

We will ask each of the subcommittees to respond to us regarding the Chancellor's question about where we will be in three years.

Lynn Wilcox for Cataloging Best Practices

The Committee felt that the conversation was good and that the group has a good dynamic. The best practices are now evolving and the wiki is up, but not used heavily. They are now evaluating the discovery interface.

They have a representative going to the Minerva meetings. Staff from Portland Public Library have joined them at their meetings to do demos.

They are considering a workshop or full day meeting with some topics, for example Z3950. The biggest issue is discovery and metadata.

It was suggested that they consider a retreat to give them the time away to focus on the issues.

Mane InfoNet report

The user interface committee has cleaned up the URSUS search page. It looks better and will be easier for the user to navigate.

Reading history can be turned on for select ptypes. Bangor Public Library will be the first to implement this, in about a week. Staff do not have access to the reading histories. It is opt-in only for the user and there will be a statement about privacy. INNReach loans will be part of this, but OverDrive is not.

The single sign-on for the portal will be rolled out at the latest by mid-August. If a user is authenticated to the portal they will not be asked for another sign-on to access library resources as long as the session remains valid through the portal. The persons of interest files will not automatically be put forward in the portal.

Best Practices

Our next group is Special Collections for our November 16th meeting. This is a change from the October meeting date because of a scheduling conflict.

World Cat Trial

Some libraries do not want to switch from Summon. The concern for some is the number of articles returned in the search. WorldCat is book centric, not article centric, but also the trial included just six databases so the returns reflected that. We still have year of Summon and there is the Ebsco product that we have not tested. Some of the return from reference staffs was positive.

There have been problems with communications and customer service with OCLC. Joyce will call Suzanne Butte about the trial and other issues.

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David will check on the cost and get back to us. Machias and Presque Isle are not interested.

Copyright Committee

Leslie is the chair and will call this meeting.

Retreat information

The dorm room cost is \$30, there are other options if the dorm is not what we want. We will start at 3pm on Thursday and the Botanical Gardens may be an option for that afternoon.

One agenda item will be the common pool of funds for the current and future things we will purchase together. We will need to work this out so that it is satisfactory for all of us, some libraries will need invoices.

The retreat date is August 16 and 17.