

URSUS Library Directors
February 15, 2013
Meeting Notes

Present: Tom Abbott, John Barden, Leslie Kelly, Angelynn King,
Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery,
JoAnne Wallingford

Absent: James Jackson Sanborn, Linda Lord, Steve Podjagny

Review of the III meeting at Midwinter and discussion at the MIN Board meeting

A group from Maine met with the CEO and three Innovative staff at Midwinter. Kim Massana is the new CEO. The staff members were Chris Holly, Eastern Region Sales; Tom Jacobson, Director of Resource Sharing; and Hilary Newman, Vice President for Product Development. This was a conversation to explore where the company is going and to see if the current Sierra product and possible development partnership are a fit for us. We had three hours of discussion about the company and the product. The CEO explained the new direction of the company and we had a good overview of the product. They have sold about 300 Sierra platforms and 85% of those sold were to Millennium customers. More than 125 Sierra implementations have taken place.

It is expected that the Sierra MT is about 18 months away from general release. The five points for the new system are 1) they will use the cloud and assign resources on demand 2) they will scale so that limits will no longer be a problem 3) libraries can have separate units, technical services may be shared, but maybe not the patron database 4) the multitenant world will make it easier to add libraries and 5) the ability to share data outside of the local system.

Other products were reviewed at Midwinter and Innovative remains the one that will work with libraries of all types.

The Maine InfoNet Board has reconvened the group of five to explore this further with Innovative. The Board has made the decision and will move to the implementation piece.

Summon Boot Camp

We have not kept up with releases for Summon and therefore have not been good users of this product. Some of us attended Summon Boot Camp at Midwinter and learned that we have not been keeping up with the new releases and have not promoted the fact that the knowledge base is now at 1.5 billion items. Other libraries at the meeting have staff who are at least partially managers of Summon and recognize the collection development aspect of the product. One of the Summon staff at the meeting described the work that his department does to make sure the searches deliver the needed information.

We can add local content to Summon, our course guides, etc. We can have the search for library hours return our own hours. So there is customization that can be done to make the product fit our needs.

We can ask for another visit from Summon staff or we can review the webinars available to create our own workshops about Summon.

Kate Howe, Serials Solutions Account Manager, said that we may want to look at the pricing for the five campuses again since the company has changed some pricing that may make it easier for individual libraries to purchase.

The directors discussed where we want to go with this information. Tom will work with Jess Isler at his campus to see if she will want to take the lead on this for us. A committee including UM, USM, and MSL may be formed to move forward on these changes. Tom will get back to us. Joyce and David will come to UMA to meet about the rebranding and relaunch.

Summon issues were part of the report from the Reference Committee.

We also briefly discussed the idea of pooling funds that could go to creating a MIN position that would handle products. We did not get into details. It does appear that each library should have a librarian assigned to the collection aspect of Summon to make certain that all of the collections we need are available.

Document for the Chancellor

The draft document was discussed and we also spoke about the direction we want to take with this document. We do not want this to be a history although that context is good to put briefly into the document. We should talk about our successes and what we have done since we last met with the Chancellor. We need to make certain that we include all of the URSUS

libraries in the report and discussion since we are stronger together. We should look at themes and at Steve Bell's information (<http://stevenbell.info/>). We need to include our teaching role, the directions for the OPAC, the system-wide database committee, the IMLS grant, among other group work.

We should also look at the BoT Goals and Actions document, <http://www.maine.edu/pdf/BoardofTrusteesGoalsandActions1-23-12.pdf> to align with that document.

We will work on a bulleted list, two pages in length that we will use for the Chancellor. We will need a substantial background document for ourselves that relates to the bulleted list. David will begin the list in dropbox pulling from Frank's draft.

Reference Committee February 1 meeting notes

The meeting notes from their latest meeting were reviewed.

The decision was made to purchase or upgrade Cantasia for the libraries. John Barden asked that his library be included (it is on the list). Purchasing will be done out of Orono.

The library links as currently on BlackBoard are confusing to the user. The suggestion is to have the courses link directly to the appropriate library. This would have to be automated and reference staff should connect with MIN staff to see if they can assist along with BlackBoard staff.

Films on Demand is an aggregate database and the content may change so libraries need to be able to acquire the rights to films that are not available in FOD.

The use of the phrase "USM (or other library) Restricted Access" is confusing to the user. The committee recommends USM Access as a better phrase for the user. The Circulation Committee has okayed this. The Cataloging Committee has not discussed it. Frank will check on the Farmington location name.

OCLS funding

Tom reported on his letter to Rose Redonnett regarding the licensing of content for the campuses libraries. The options he presented include payment for VAST from Alexander Street Press or increase the FOD collection. The current year money to be expended will be put towards PsychINFO.

Copyright committee update

The committee presented the statement below, it will be changed to include the Law and Legislative Research Library.

Copyright Statement: The University of Maine System Libraries, the Bangor and Portland Public Libraries and the Maine State Libraries and Archives abide by the copyright laws of the United States while exercising fair use rights to their fullest extent. We are dedicated to ensuring that the content and tools of scholarship are available to our user community and that fair use is protected.

The committee is working on a library guide page that will have a link to each library contact, resources for faculty, and they are developing an FAQ.

Ebrary issues

The problem with access to ebrary articles was discussed. There is an issue with users directed to a log-in that did not work and another box that was changed enough to be less noticeable. Ebrary has been contacted about some issues and it also appears they have tightened up their DRM. Historically few ebrary titles have been available for full download. This are problems with other ebook providers and few are as open as Springer.

It was suggested that one of the tutorials be on access to ebrary and other vendors that do not have an intuitive access point.

T4 Committee Update

David is representing the libraries on this committee and making certain that information literacy and digital literacy remain on the table. There should be a report by the end of May

Summit announcement

The next Maine InfoNet Summit will be on collection development. It will be May 24 at the University of Maine, Wells Commons. Please hold the date and wait for further information.

RDA

Barbara raised the question of who is moving to RDA, the implementation date is March 31. LC and other libraries have been cataloging in RDA for a while but the change does not have to be a problem, more information at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/blog/511>.

Student learning progress model

Tom reported on this change from IPEDS and issued an invitation to come to the conversation that will be held at UMA on March 4. Please see his email of February 16.

Next meetings:

The dates below are set aside for the meetings, but we may decide to cancel one or two in the summer. The location for the retreat has not been decided, although Machias and John's Library were mentioned.

March 15, 2013
April 19, 2013
May 17, 2013
June 21, 2013
July 19, 2013
August 16, 2013
September 20, 2013