URSUS Library Directors

Meeting Notes

October 21, 2011

Present: Tom Abbott, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelley, Angelynn
King, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Steve Podgajny, Frank Roberts,
Joyce Rumery, JoAnne Wallingford

ARES

Our guests from Atlas Systems, Rich Stryker and Dan Specht,
demonstrated ARES, the e-reserves system. The system works with
both ILLiad and Blackboard. We can get pricing for either the
consortium or by individual libraries.

We will poll ourselves for which libraries may want the product and ask
for pricing based on that number.

Strategic priorities progress

The Database Committee charge has been given to the chair.

The subcommittee working on the 11 libraries one collection document
has made good progress and the document is available for editing in
Dropbox.

We decided not to participate with the Strategic Investment Fund this
year.

The Best Practices review will begin in December with the Reference report. We will need to review their document and determine what questions we want to ask. This group has worked towards some of their goals.

The two spreadsheets on share services and payments will be maintained. The WorldCat payment will be defined. *(WorldCat payment comes from the URSUS budget)*

We will ask that the tutorial group be a subgroup of the Reference Committee.

Cooperative cataloging, we should look at this and other cooperative ventures. The Governor's letter to the BoT should be taken seriously. We need to look at efficiencies and eliminate redundancies.

The other items on the strategic priority list will be moved forward to the next meeting.

<u>Sierra Update and the Future ILS</u>

The Sierra proposal was more expensive than we thought – if we do not select to participate now the cost will likely be 50% more than the introductory price. Innovative does plan to support Millennium indefinitely.

We have three choices: stay with III

open source, Koha or Evergreen

OCLC webscale

We want a transformative change and be able to address state-wide issues for small and medium size libraries in an integrated environment.

Evergreen is not able to scale up to URSUS and it may never be workable for URSUS. So that leaves OCLC. Webscale is Beta in some libraries. It may be good to use URSUS to test for Webscale. The reclamation project fits in with this.

Portland Public Library got a quote from OCLC for WMS and will seriously evaluate its options looking toward the end of this FY including possibly leaving III beginning in July 2012. Some major hurdles have been addressed by OCLC including providing the full status of order records (including "on order" versus only "received"). This is scheduled to be available in February 2012. They will have a link resolver included as well as First Search and WorldCat Local. This is a huge step for PPL, they could become a full partner in URSUS. They also learned that there is a mechanism planned to export records to INNReach that is scheduled to be implemented in May 2012.

The big issue is INNReach, it is not URSUS, it is the lending. That is the game changer.

If we could make a virtual MaineCat within WorldCat, try to incorporate an additional 200 libraries in the state – the cost is $320,000 more than we are paying now.

If we could have a MaineCat in WorldCat then have one or more Evergreen implementations. That would free up MIN staff. They would be able to provide more assistance to the state.

We need to know what this means in terms of cost to URSUS.

Leslie is looking at OCLC membership, but has not heard back from OCLC.

We need to talk to others in OCLC to make them understand what we are trying to do. Maybe James and others can meet with Andrew when he is here next month.

We need to find funds for this transition; this will be a dramatic change for URSUS. Maybe we use what we found for Summon.

One problem is the way to search in WorldCat Local. It first shows local, then nearby locations, and then worldwide. The initial search against WorldCat data does not know what non OCLC members own; it does not search this group.

It would force IL staff to search MaineCat first unless it is programmed for searching OCLC.

We need to have a review of this possibility. James will see if we can get it by webinar so that other library staff can attend. Clem, James, and Linda are meeting on fact finding for the smaller libraries.

ILLiad

UM will be going with a hosted system, this will be a cost savings in the first year and later since the local server and mainatenence will not be needed.

OCLS

 The UMS level they will be working on service level agreements. UMA has to demonstrate outcomes of all library services. Does anyone else want to provide this service? We all do provide services to off-campus students now.

Summon issues

Summon searches for some libraries are bringing back returns that are dead-end for the user. James asked for examples and may be able to change the back-end of Summon for a better search result.

We are at the beginning of the second year of our three year contract with Summon.

The next meeting is December 16 at Bangor Public Library.

The MIN Directors meeting will be November 18 at Colby College.