

URSUS Library Directors
Bangor Public Library Board Room
Friday, September 19, 2012
Meeting Notes

Present: Tom Abbott, Ginny Fletcher (for JoAnne Wallingford), Christine Hepler, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelly, Angelynn King, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Jaime Ritter (for Linda Lord), Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery

Absent: John Barden, Steve Podjagny

Assignment from the Chancellor

We need to continue our work on the three year picture (and what keeps us up at night) the Chancellor requested. We will continue working through the Neal slides, Leslie will select the slides for us and get back to us with the assignment. We need a deadline for this project and October may be too soon. The November 16 meeting date needs to be changed because that is the date of the Maine InfoNet Directors Summit. A poll will be sent out about the November meeting. Along with the discussion about the Neal slides we may ask Clem Guthro to speak to us about his reorganization of the Colby libraries.

Copyright committee

The committee will meet the second week of October. Their homework is to collect their local library policies for the committee to review. The committee charge asks for a policy, the directors decided that it is not policy we are looking for, that part of the charge is changed to guidelines. We do not want to be too specific, but also have something that we can use if needed. We may not all interpret it the same way. The ALA website will be used for guidance and the committee may create a web page that we all can use.

Special Collections Committee Best Practices

We need to meet with this committee, the last that we asked to do a best practices review. We think that the spring will be the best time to schedule this since the November meeting needs to be rescheduled and October will not work for the chair. The chair, Susie Bock, asked what we were expecting. We will revisit the report, ask the committee about progress and expect the committee to ask us for something, like the retreat the reference staff held.

Films on Demand

Leslie described the process of the FOD proposal. They kept Tim in the loop and had the trial set-up. This product is not yet in the MarketPlace. It was still confusing to be able to determine a library's interest in the product. The pricing for the product was not for the system as though

we were one library, the company would not approach it that way. Angelynn asked that Machias be included in the estimate for FOD. The pricing for Orono would have that library pay more than if it were a single purchase. We can decide how to divide the total price, Leslie will send out another option.

Some libraries will need to have this work and the proposals ready by March, April, or May to be able to pay on July 1. The fall is too late.

Tom said he is willing and happy to do a purchase of the libraries.

Database priorities

We discussed the reports from the collections committee on their priority one and other suggestions that were made to the directors a few months ago. It was decided that the directors will go through the list and indicate our priority and indicate if interested or not, also if one of us would be willing to take the lead on the purchase. We all will send this to our mailing list. It will then be sent on the Deb Rollins as the chair of the collections committee. There may need to be some work done to facilitate the switch to another campus taking the lead since the prices on the list were from Deb's negotiation with the vendors.

Contract review process

We discussed the preapproval of contracts as noted by the Administrative Practice Letter 7-A.2 dated September 7, 2012. This and other aspects of managing our work can make acquiring the resources needed by our campuses difficult and may lead to drops in service. We discovered that each campus may have a different approach to the APL. But it was noted that as a group the resources and services we purchase are different from other units on the campuses. Also our subscriptions are a collections item, not a contract. There is a waiver for \$50,000 and below, but it will still affect our major and group purchases. This does give the sense that we are not trusted to manage our own budgets.

Maine InfoNet Report

Please send any URSUS redesign issues to James. There is a known issue with Internet Explorer 8 and the URSUS redesign. The ARES and RefTracker/RefChatter implementations are moving forward. Proxies are needed for the Maine State Library and Bangor Public Library; James will get the information to both of the libraries. The Maine InfoNet website redesign is progressing with the company presenting a fourth design concept to James.

James reported on the committee working on the exploratory needs document for a new ILS. The committee members are James, Jaime, Clem Guthro, Sarah Campbell, Shelly Davis, and Alisia Revitt. The committee has reviewed current options, OCLC, Evergreen, and III. There is the issue of waiting for Evergreen or OCLC to have all of the functionality we need ready in our time frame. WorldCat Local and World Share still have promise but are not shaping up to be an option any time soon. Portland Public Library is close to ruling out WorldCat Local and Colby has

broken the contract with WorldCat Local. It is the deal breaking inability of World Cat Local to work with the databases. There is a growing openness to moving forward with Innovative, a three to five year time frame. Maybe the state will move to one large Sierra MT or multiple Sierra MTs. There is nothing transformative, as we had hoped, but we cannot stay where we are. We do believe that consortia with multiple library types make sense and that grouping by type would be a backwards move. Grouping by size may be a better option.

This does mean that we will have to look at the Summon renewal for the system when it comes due.

The next committee meeting will be set in early October.

Maine Policy Review library issue

The Maine Policy Review meeting will be September 26. The issue will be on all Maine libraries. This meeting will be on the possible content of this issue and the timeline for the journal.

Update on Maine InfoNet Summits

The Directors Summit will be at Colby on November 16th, the announcement about this summit has been posted. The Collections Summit will be May 24th at Orono, the topic will be e-resources. The Access Summit originally planned for this fall will be scheduled for spring or summer 2013. We are still looking for speakers and topics for this summit and appreciate suggestions.

Two possible topics for the Access summit are interlibrary loan issues and the length of circulation loans. Loans in the state may run up to one year in length. Is there a study on this topic?

Future Meetings

October 19
November – to be determined
December 21
January 18
February 15
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21