

URSUS DIRECTORS
Friday, February 10, 2017
Bangor Public Library – Board Room – 1st Floor
AGENDA

1. New III licensing possibilities (Joyce and James)

Maine InfoNet consortium is now in mid-contract with III. III understands that the Maine InfoNet consortium of libraries pays for a Cadillac system and are actually driving an Edsel. III has agreed to re-work the contract. The new contract will be a 5 yr. contract with no yearly price increase from the current spend with added tools.

This represents a significant cost savings. There will be one time migration and service fees for:

Oncore for discovery – a nicer looking OPAC. See MOBIUS.org for an example.

MyLibrary

Mobile Work Lists –iPads, iPhones to make lists while in the stacks

Linked Data

Access to Skyriver – for help in cataloging at non-OCLC libraries

Use III's hosted environment – migration planned for summer.

Duet

UPSHOT - URSUS spend will be \$15,000-\$20,000 in onetime costs.

Maine InfoNet would like to move ahead with this, as this gives Maine InfoNet a fair amount of time to look at new IL systems.

Timeframe for the signing of the new contract with III with the above mentioned features is mid-March. Colby, Bates, and Bowdoin are also working on the same offer.

Can now mention to library staff.

MIN URSUS MOU (David)

This is a binding agreement. It codifies the existing practice.

See: **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between Maine InfoNet Collaborative

and the URSUS Consortium (in Dropbox)

Please read this document and comment. It will be up for discussion in more detail at the next meeting.

Please send comments and edits to David before that time, in order for the document to be voted on at the March URSUS Directors meeting.

1. Interlibrary Loan – Greg Curtis

How to reconceive ILL to save money and staff time for many UMS libraries. Greg provided statistics on the UMS libraries and OCLS use of ILLiad. Greg has determined, and Dean Rumery concurs, that the ILL staff at UM can handle the extra requests that would be generated by the addition of the following Libraries: OCLS, UMA and UMA-Bangor, UMPI, UMM (already a partner) and possibly UMF and UMFK. Talks with

OCLC regarding the migration of patron ILLiad accounts from UMA & UMA-Bangor will be underway soon.

2. Cataloging Standards Committee – (Bryce)

This item was deferred.

3. URSUS Circulation Manual (Leslie)

This item was deferred.

4. James' MIN Director Report

Currently, the biggest issue is the transition from Overdrive to the CloudLibrary. There is an FAQ for both patrons and Librarians on the Maine InfoNet site. More trainings are scheduled. There are recorded trainings on the MIN site, content administration training is one of them. Holds will not be transferred. ON 2/28 Overdrive will cease and on March 1 CloudLibrary link will be live. Most devices will be supported, however Kindle white will not be supported in CloudLibrary

MIN will have an application to the Maine Community Foundation for funds to purchase additional content for CloudLibrary.

Also asking for money (from whom?) to add staff to MIN to continue the process of adding Libraries to MILLS.

UM/UMM Partnership

Basic Structure & Governance

UMM to become a regional campus of UMaine effective July 1, 2017

UMM to continue offering 4-year degree programs that may be started and completed in Machias, but with expanded collaboration on programs, internships, and research opportunities with UM for opportunities for both institutions' students

UMM will report separately to DOE for IPEDS purposes and maintain existing PPA for Title IV eligibility with DOE (UMaine to assume responsibility for UMM PPA obligations)

UMM President will be succeeded, effective July 1, 2017, by an Executive Dean, who will report to the UMaine President and serve on:

- UMaine President's Cabinet
- UMaine Provost's Council
- UMaine Dean's Council

Finance & Administration

UM will have effective control of UMM's FY18 budget as of July 1, 2017, through the UM CBO, the UMM budget will remain separate for FY18 and FY19, with UMM accounted for internally as an operating unit of UM

UMaine CSAO will lead Student Affairs with UMM local administration

Accounting for reserves, auxiliaries, advancement, and related will be maintained separately through this period as well.

Things that won't change:

The name: University of Maine at Machias

UMaine and UMM missions

UMM diplomas and transcripts (UMS BOT may authorize campus to continue to grant degrees in its own name for programs completed in Machias)

UMM sports and campus-based activities

Fogler and Merrill Libraries

There has been no formal discussion of library resources or services. Joyce & Marianne plan to meet to discuss what may be possible.

5. The new VCAA, Bob Neely – New VCAA committee (Joyce)

Bob Neely wants to understand why our resources are totally siloed. A meeting will be set up with Deb, Joyce, & David who will meet with the VCAA to discuss this.

Still need to finish the Eleven Libraries document. Need to assess the resources at Fogler and Merrill Libraries to see if we can answer the difficult questions that the UM-UMM partnership will raise.

6. Retreat

MIN, BPL, & UM will host the retreat. Date of June 15 & 16 has been chosen.

Lodging – Possibly the Black Bear Inn and Bangor Hilton Garden

Activities – Beer Growler Bus

Joyce, Barbara, and James will make the arrangements, stand by for details.

7. Assessment – Maintain a matrix of data, which is tied into the assessment, Focus Groups, etc.

Leslie, Joyce, and Marianne will try to have a face to face meeting before the June URSUS retreat.

8. Collaborative Digital Projects

In terms of collaborative projects, how could we pull them together? For example how to pull what the various campuses have on a topic, i.e. tourism and compile them in one place for researchers.

Legacy collections – Palmer Collection, Town Reports, and Windows on Maine are examples of databases/digital collections that are in very old legacy code. These items could be moved to Digital Commons. Maine InfoNet is unable to maintain these collections and they pose security risks.

It would be nice to have someone like Adam Fisher take the lead on this project. This is on his radar and that of the Maine State Library. Perhaps Adam Fisher could lead a committee, and see what is outside of URSUS. The state's bicentennial would provide enough of a focus to a planning committee.

Action Steps: David Nutty will talk with Skip Kellogg regarding the preservation of

“Bill Green’s Maine” TV series, and talk to Adam Fisher at the MSL. All the digital interviews that Bill Green of Bill Green’s Maine has done would be a good project.

9. Telling our stories "Illustrating the Value of Libraries to the Communities We Serve – Library Assessment and Marketing"

Jamie will contact Jamie LaRue to inquire about another workshop and costs

Each director will talk to library staff about what they want to learn from constituents/the community, user experiences, user needs, and perhaps even types of data that should be collected.

This item should be added to the retreat agenda

10. URSUS Professional Development Day (Bryce)

Wells commons is a suggested venue as payment for the catering provides the venue for free. Theme for the day, “What will URSUS be in the Future?” Questions posed: Are we bringing in a speaker, or are we talking to each other? Ben suggested that there would be a keynote for the morning session and the afternoon would be breakout sessions.

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden is set to visit Maine for the Larger Libraries groups. Other libraries would have to provide some funding. Are there too many conferences/retreats? ALA, MIN summit, URSUS Prof. Day....

Trends – What’s the next big thing? Automated delivery of products and people. What are ways to be attentive to patron needs that will inform customer service? Will drone delivery of library materials to patrons be the next big thing?

Does Google have a speaker bureau? Tesla, and or a Google, Amazon speaker?

Think about who would be a provocative and imaginative speaker, and bring a name back to the March meeting. How to anticipate patron needs, how do they want to interact with us, how do we deliver?

11. LD 256 (J. Ritter)

An Act To Ensure Continued Availability of High-speed Broadband Internet at Maine's Schools and Libraries.

Currently funded through telecommunication services, since the decline in landlines this MT Fund has been declining to the point where libraries and schools must make up the gap funding. LD 256 is to remedy this situation. .7% generates \$3.2M. Do away with the percentage cap to bring the fund up to \$4.2 M. The second part of the legislation asks the PUC to conduct a study to make the assessment more equitable among all providers, broadband, Internet, cell, etc. Hearings next week on this bill. The State Librarian Asking librarians to testify. Cell phone and other telecoms are lobbying against this bill. This funding also supports the MARVEL Databases. \$682,000 of the \$3.2 M goes to the MARVEL Databases. \$250,000 the anticipated gap in funding as of July 1. What this means is that what schools and libraries now pay will double. Written testimony is

encouraged. Jeff LeTourneau, and Dick Thompson will testify, but must take a neutral stance since they are UMS employees.

12. Library Updates

UMPI

Things are going well, except for the staffing situation. Next FY18 must be balanced. Still working on catalog. Modified over 18,000 records in 18 months. Government Docs with the assistance of Greg Curtis are becoming more accessible.

UMM

MHC grant for Let's Talk About It. The theme is "Entering Nature." See UM-UMM Partnership above.

OCLS

Have been working under the interim leadership model since July. This will remain until this coming July. Brenda McAleer is in the interim position. Working on a new website, exciting moving away from Word Press. Ongoing trainings include: May 18, Faculty Institute beneficial for staff as well as faculty. This is a UC free professional development event. Making e-reserves accessible for people with disabilities. Bill Sargent at USM is the contact for disability services.

USM

James Jackson Sanborn will move all URSUS documents in Dropbox to Box. Summer Academy is another faculty development event. There will be a library component in this academy. Stacey Brownlie serves on this committee. Osher Map Library acquiring two significant additions to the collection. Stand by for an announcement.

MSL

The most important item to report is the piece of legislation mentioned earlier. MSL is looking at services that the ARCs offer, digitization efforts, data, how to tell our story, and looking at MARVEL. Exploring the question, "How do patrons interact with content?"

UM

Fogler now fully staffed as an engineering librarian was hired. Amanda in Joyce's office is leaving due to air quality issues. 2 searches are ongoing - VP for Research, and another position in Forestry and Culture. Fogler has a new website, still a work in progress, and will do user testing soon. Fogler involved in Foundation work. David & Joyce attended a meeting at the Dept. of Ed. regarding colleges coming to the state to offer courses. This is due to a change in the Library/Media DOE Certificate. Granite State in NH has been vying to provide the courses. Colt and UMPSA are beginning negotiations. Hoping that UMPSA has a two year probationary period for librarians in the new contract. There are a number of books in the pipeline for University of Maine Press.

MIN

See above.

UMA

Annual Student Conference in April. Library is the host on both campuses. Theme this year is climate change. Keeping as low a carbon footprint as possible. Campuses are joined in one session. Sprucing up the first floor space in Katz Library. Ben still interim, he is looking at his opportunities on campus.

BPL

April 4 -28th - 37 programs have been developed around the “Exploring Human Origins” exhibit from the Smithsonian. BPL is working with Acadia and other groups on Parenting to prevent Teen suicide. Looking for a NASA grant. Hope to open the Business Center next month. Café will be opening once the roof stops leaking. Barbara announced that she will be retiring in March 2018. Her Board has started the process of finding a successor. The URSUS Directors volunteered a member to serve on the search committee.