URSUS Library Directors Council Notes

At Bangor Public Library

Friday, May 21, 2010

Present:           Tom Abbott, Greg Curtis, Leslie Kelly, Angelynn King, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade,

David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery, James Jackson Sanborn

Absent:            Donna Bancroft (but with some email presence), John Barden, Chris Knott,

Steve Podgajny

**Update on the delivery service**

Linda Lord reported that the Maine State Libraries will assist the public libraries with the increased cost to $13.00 until the next contract.  Joyce reported that the UMS Office had been kept up-to-date on the changes and the URSUS group will still be funded for the current delivery schedule.  Before the next contract negotiations we should reevaluate the A1 and A2 sites for the URSUS portion of the contract to see if 5day/week delivery is still needed or if there are other changes.

**Maine Info Net**

            Upcoming events

The Collection Development Meeting will be held on June 21 at Colby College. The agenda is still being created, but it will have the break-out sessions that were requested.

Circulation Summit, this will be held late in the summer.  The location will be at the University of Maine, Wells Commons.

Digital Collaboration, this will include special collections groups, Maine Historical Society, and others that are working on digitization projects.

Summon

Summon is now out as Beta for the MARVEL databases and other resources.  See maine.summon.serialssolutions.com.  The plan is to roll it out with marketing in September.  It was suggested that for K-12 it should go out in mid-August.

If the SIF is successful we should expect a 6 week implementation period.

The question was raised about where the Summon search box should sit.

Other information

They have full staff until the next fiscal year.  James will hold the Lutz position vacant for a short term so that he will be able to assess the needs of his organization.

James also reported that he may have an intern this summer.  The intern would work on refreshing the Minerva and URSUS catalogs.  This project came from input from the Cataloging and Circulations committees.

On June 11 there will be a Millennium upgrade for Minerva.  URSUS will also be upgraded before September.

The MaineCat server needs to be updated.  It would cost about $27,000 to migrate to a Linux or we could contract with III for hosted services.  They no longer work with virtual servers.  This needs to be done since it would increase the functionality of MaineCat.  The cost for hosting would be approximately the same – but it would be yearly.  We would not however have to purchase equipment every few years.  The hosting is almost the same cost as we currently pay to ITS.

**UMS Databases**

We discussed the databases purchased from the UMS budget and our response to Jim Breece.  Jim asked us to provide the history of the money and to show what we have dropped.  He also asked what we should have for a budget for these shared resources.

The acquisitions environment is changing with more materials available digitally. Google has signed 40,000 publishers and we expect here will soon be closure to the Google Books case.  There is a prediction that in 5 years all nonfiction will be digital.

Joyce was asked to draft a note to Jim and send it out to directors for edits and comments.  This will be a response to his request and will include the cost per database, number of hits on the databases, and the databases that have been cancelled from the UMS list.

**Announcement**

Greg Curtis announced that he will resign from UMPI effective August 15.  He will then take on the position of Head of Government Publications, Maps, GIS, and Microforms at UM.

**Committee reports**

Databases and Ebooks

We need a long term vision for our databases, how it fits into our full acquisitions.  Survey data shows that our users are most interested in full text.

One issue that was brought up through our purchase of CREDO is how the resource can be represented in URSUS.  UM has the ebook module of Serials Solutions which allows the item to be displayed as owned by UM.  Initially other URSUS libraries would have to go to CREDO to search.  James has a way to “fix” this and send all authorized users to the resource.

The Serials Solution ebook module is infrastructure and should be provided centrally by the UMS.   Joyce was asked to find out the cost of this module for all of the libraries.

We also need to do a lesson plan for Jim that can then go to others to educate for our needs for infrastructure.

Cataloging

The cataloging report was accepted and we will write to thank the committee and ask them to work on their recommendations.

The Special Collections report is due on September 15.  The Reference, Access Committees, and E-books committees are due on June 1.

The cataloging and circulation committees are in interested in a cross committee group, with the charge of looking at the catalog for needed changes.  We came up with two charges for the committees, the charges will be sent to cataloging, circulation, and reference.  The charges will be sent to the chairs of the committees.

Create a committee to look at the URSUS catalog to review and suggest transformative changes.

Create a committee to look at Mariner and recommend the future of the public interface.

**Tutorials**

Leslie reported that there was no answer to the tutorial message that Sofia sent.  We asked that it be sent again and to copy the directors.

**Purchasing Changes**

The changes to the procurement system will not affect acquisitions, except for a change in entering in Peoplesoft.  All accounts payable will be handled out of Orono.

**Film Streaming**

Report from Donna Bancroft via Tom Abbott: I wanted to let everyone know about two products I have purchased for the system.

SWANK motion pictures now offers a new product called Digital Campus, major motion pictures can be steamed into course management sites.

Based on great feedback from David Pierson of USM who taught CMS 380 Combat War Films, I have purchased an additional 50 film seats. We can now stream any SWANK film; I will be putting out advertisement to all the campuses soon.

 I have also purchased a digital license with PBS for streaming for the university system.  PBS will not give streaming rights to any of their products without paying for a license.  I will also be sending out details and an announcement to campuses as well.

 I will be working with Films for the Humanities next for digital rights. I will keep all posted.

**Retreat**

The dates are August 5 and 6.  David is working on the agenda and logistics.  We will have rooms at the Eastland for $139/night.

**HECCP**

We had a discussion regarding the system classification for the library positions.  We do have some initial changes and questions.  In the first paragraph that details the responsibilities, information services should be added to the list of areas.  For the responsibilities for career Level 3 we would like to have department and unit added to the supervisory list.  For the education level we would like to have one year of college education preferred added to career level three.

We also would like to know what the levels signify, is career level 1 equal to library clerk, with the next two levels equal to LA1 and LA2.  Or is the library clerk dropped and we are seeing the equal to an LAI, LAII, and LAIII.

Most of us had not had an opportunity to read the document fully and we expect there will be other changes and clarifications needed.