

URSUS Directors Notes
Friday, Sept 21, 2018, Bangor Public Library
9:30am coffee; 10:00am – 3:00pm meeting
ZOOM connection: <https://zoom.us/j/868540451>

Attendees: David Nutty, Roger Getz, Bryce Cundick, Leslie Kelly, Christine Iaconeta, Joyce Rumery, Marianne Thibodeau, Ben Treat, James Jackson Sanborn, James Ritter

Set agenda and approve April and May minutes (Ben)

April and May minutes approved unanimously

MSCC project (Guest: Matthew Revitt)

Mathew Revitt is the key point person for this project. Sara Amato is the contracted librarian to facilitate the movement of data in and out of Minerva and GreenGlass. There are 15 Minerva Libraries that includes both public and academic library types. Monographs published between 2003 through 2012 will be the target of the analysis. This round will also include juvenile titles. Participating libraries will complete a questionnaire. We were asked to cease weeding activities for titles in this date range beginning in January 2019 through October 2019. Matthew would like assistance in compiling a list of publishers whose materials are quickly outdated. Retention rules will be developed. Commitments are expected to be higher than in the previous round in 2013. The next step involves reviewing the list of titles. GreenGlass will be loaded with final commitments. Maine InfoNet will help load retention commitments.

Retreat wrap-up – review/revise/adopt action items (Ben)

See Sept Notes on Action Items from July 2018 URSUS Directors Retreat. Find the file in Box > URSUS Share > 2018- 07-09- Retreat

URSUS committees – charges and direction (Ben)

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Maine InfoNet Report (James)

- Meeting with OCLC was a disappointment as it did not include higher level planning.
- MIN and State Library report that the OCLC statewide contract is not up to date
- Recent Sierra 4.0 upgrade includes some bugs, such as MAT Type switch.
- Encore up and running. There are bugs still to be worked out
 - Content type – many not coded
 - Limit by location presents problems –could go to facets to force it to work
 - WebPAC & Encore not working properly
 - Pre-scope – location scope tweaking
- Strategic Projection project with MIN Board is ongoing

ACRL Framework & Reference Retreat (Leslie)

- Will take place at USM on March 18-19. David Nutty has reserved the room(s) (up to 80 person capacity).
- David Nutty will compile a list of lodging venues that attendees could reference.
- USM & MLA will work with ACRL on registration and meal logistics.

- Registration for the retreat will be open first to UMS Libraries, then other Maine Academic Libraries, then finally open to ACRL|NEC members.
- Bryce will be the first contact for MLA

Tech Cabal Technologies Report (Bryce & James)

At their last meeting six topics for exploration surfaced. The six were ranked by the URSUS Directors in order of feasibility and ability to implement. They are:

1. Linked data applications – this may be part of Cason’s regular duties
2. Investigate Online Educational Resources (OER) and make recommendation. There are ongoing OER projects both at UM and USM
3. Investigate tool for making 360° tours of the Library
4. ADA Compliance – ensure VPAT documentation for accessibility
5. VR – how to deliver services in the library with Virtual Reality
6. Space usage mapping tool – open source, but expensive

Harvard Business Review & EBSCO BSP (David)

There are no standalone online subscriptions for HBR. This title available only through EBSCO’s Business Source Premier. ILL would satisfy the need for this title. Mostly HBR is used for case studies. There are other sources for case studies.

Development Day feedback (Bryce)

Overall feedback was positive. Agenda item for the January URSUS Directors meeting will be to decide when to hold the next DD and who will deliver the keynote.

Maine Academic Libraries Day future (Bryce)

What is its future of MALD and where does it belong? Colby with a new Library Director will be a good collaborator and will host one more year, thereafter the MALD should float around the state. Possible venues with seating for 150 are: UNE, USM, UM. It was suggested that all library types be invited. The cost should hover between the \$25-\$35 price point.

What have you said to your administrators lately? (Recurrent item)

UM – Meeting with President and ongoing with the Provost. The President seems engaged with the library, but has not had the official tour to date. Shared the Annual Library Report and the Yearly Budget Report with the Provost. Others will be brought into the conversation

BPL – Many stakeholders. Getting stories from patrons to help tell BPL’s stories. Patrons don’t always know how important they are to us. Friendraising could lead to fundraising.

UMFK – Enrollments are a bit down. Kathy Yardley is the Interim Provost. Budget for acquisitions has been flat for several years. Moved all monographs from 2nd floor to re-carpeted, newly painted and furnished 1st floor.

Academic Video Online (Joyce/Ben/Deb)

Films On Demand will not be renewed at subscription end – October 31, 2018. Academic Video Online by Alexander Street Press will be picked up as the streaming video resource. AVON has more than twice the titles at about half the price. Joyce emailed Deb Rollins that the following libraries are going with the AVON subscription – UMF, UMM UMPI, USM, UM. UMFK need the weekend to decide.

Library support for dual enrolled faculty and students (Leslie Kelly)

At a recent UMFK Cabinet meeting that was attended also by VC Neely, and Barbara Brittingham of New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) formerly known as NEAS&C. Dr. Brittingham inquired how UMFK supports dual enrolled faculty and students. Leslie Kelly brought this question to the URSUS Directors to begin a conversation on the topic and to develop a framework/best practices for supporting dual enrolled faculty and students. At UMFK this segment of the enrollment known as Rural U is comprised of students and faculty at 100+ Maine High Schools. High School faculty deliver the UMFK curriculum to high school early college dual enrolled students in their respective high schools. Does Digital Maine provide enough support? Dual enrollment is a UMS initiative. How do UMS Libraries support/intersect/interact with this population?

Comments on Local Library Reports

UM

- Sewell Company is being sold. They are donating resources, photographs to UM, and maps to the Osher Map Library at USM.
- Jane Anderson will do knowledge tagging on some UM special collections items dealing with the Penobscot Nation.
- Library staff teaching in regular courses as faculty. They receive overload pay.
- Head Count for October census looks like it will be over 11,000 FTE. If FTE is above 10,000 the price for most digital resources will increase.

UMFK

- The MACOM meeting held in July has resulted in a Preservation Workshop to be held at UM.

BPL

- Increasing complaints being made about people of a lower socioeconomic status. Tolerance for those less fortunate is frayed.
- Homelessness is a problem
- BPL will institute training for staff to acquire skills around the housing insecurity issue and housing insecure persons.

Respectfully submitted by
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