



## Moving Mountains: Migrating a Consortium to a New Integrated Library System

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# Who Is the Orbis-Cascade Alliance?



- Founded in 1993
- Made up of 37 academic libraries in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.
- Serves 275, 000 students and faculty
- Resource Sharing: 253,000 books a year, 17,000 Ebooks, and 3,910 Ejournals, shipping 305,000 packages

# Why a Shared ILS?



We had...

Limited Bandwidth

Lack of Industry Standards

Hard to:

- Innovate
- Integrate
- Extract Data



# Why a Shared ILS?



We wanted:

- Better services for all patrons
- Improved Resource Sharing
- Improved Staff Tools
- Collaborative Technical Services
- Vision of being ONE collection



# Why ExLibris?



- RFI
- RFP
- Demos
- Partnership for the Future
- Recommendations
- Vote
- Current state of affairs

# Preparing for the Migration



- Start early!
- Form an ILS team
- Train your staff
- Play in the “sandbox”
- Communicate with colleagues



# Course Reserves in Alma



- UO – physical items on Alma, electronic on CMS
- PSU – both physical and electronic materials on Alma
  - Migrated to Alma slowly over the course of the summer
  - 24 hours lag time between Alma and Primo

# Benefits of a Shared ILS



- Customization
- Automates and expands services
  - Requesting
- Makes Resource Sharing easier
  - Discovery
  - Pick Up Anywhere (coming soon!)





# Benefits of a Shared ILS



- Increased collaboration between libraries
  - Circulation and Resource Sharing Working Group
  - Discovery Working Group
  - Normalization Rules
  - Training Working Group
  - Acquisitions and Serials Working Group
  - Cataloging Working Group

# Benefits of a Shared ILS



- Learning to manage change
  - Rapid change is our new environment
  - Migration as exercise
  - Access Services and Resource Sharing staff as ambassadors



# Recommendations



- Emphasis on collaboration - both with departments in your library and libraries in the consortium.
- Work with staff and student employees on how to manage change.
- Ongoing training sessions and webinars for ILS.

# Lessons Learned



- Anticipation is worse than reality!
- Important to evaluate current policies and procedures
  - Document new workflows
- Share expertise and documentation
  - Staff intranet
  - Connect with other libraries in consortium



# Thank you!



- Questions?



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