

Moving Mountains: Migrating a Consortium to a New Integrated Library System Presented by Molly Blalock, Bronwyn Dorhofer, Turner Masland, and Anya Arnold

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:

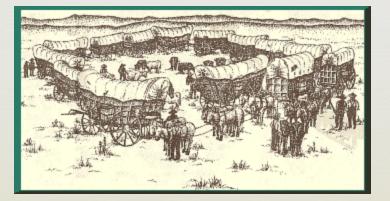
- Better services for all patrons
- Improved Resource Sharing
- Improved Staff Tools
- Collaborative Technical Services
- Vision of being ONE collection

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!





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