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Group5

SUNYConnect Group5 is comprised of the University at Buffalo libraries. Representatives from OLIS and UB met in March to discuss Buffalo's status as an implementer of the SUNYConnect LMS. The OLIS is very glad to say "Welcome back Buffalo"; UB is planning to re-commence implementing ALEPH500 during this summer.



Group6



The team at Albany is busy with the SUNYConnect LMS implementation process. Currently, they are evaluating a second test database with their "[STP](#)" [still scheduled for this summer](#). Their work includes gaining experience with ALEPH500 version 16 which will provide dividends to the greater SUNYConnect community, and, of course, [coming up with a new name for their new catalog](#). Good work Albany!

Group7

As a reminder, SUNYConnect Group7 includes

- Group7a -- Downstate Medical Center, Fashion Institute, Maritime, Optometry and Westchester;
- Group7b -- Farmingdale, Nassau, Old Westbury and Suffolk.

These campuses are heavily involved in implementing their new LMS. Training staff members, configuring ALEPH tables, evaluating test databases, customizing web OPACs: these tasks and more are ongoing. Ex Libris and OLIS would like to thank the Group7 staff members for all of their efforts.

The first Group7 "production extract" has been completed for Optometry. Optometry and Maritime have STPs scheduled for May 19th with the others following in subsequent weeks.

Group8

Maureen Zajkowski (of OLIS) has begun meeting with representatives from the Group8 campuses: Adirondack, Clinton, Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene, Dutchess, Fulton-Montgomery, Hudson Valley, New Paltz, Plattsburgh and Schenectady.

SUNYConnect Turns 60!

The SUNYConnect initiative has turned 60. Sixty participating institutions, that is. The latest additions are Empire State College and North Country Community College. They will be implementing the LMS as part of Group9. Welcome North Country and Empire!

[SUNYConnect Service and Support Portal](#)

As part of the ongoing evolution of SUNYConnect, the Office of Library and Information Services is changing the method with which campuses request service for our shared ALEPH and SFX systems. On March 22, 2004 we will be discontinuing the OLIS_service email list as the mechanism for submitting SUNYConnect requests to our office.



That mechanism will be replaced with the SUNYConnect Service/Support (web) Portal and a web-based software application that allows users to submit requests for tasks and activities. The application is driven by Footprints, the software that also powers the SUNY LMS Knowledge Base. Users will be able to easily navigate between the OLIS Service Request system and the LMS Knowledge Base portions of the Footprints system. We are hopeful that this environment will help us to provide better service to libraries participating in the SUNYConnect project.

PROQUEST UMI

At the end of March, representatives from ProQuest UMI discussed and demonstrated their Digital Commons and [Digital Archiving and Access Program \(for dissertations\)](#). Their [Digital Commons service](#) is designed to streamline the creation and maintenance of an institutional repository of that institution's scholarly materials. In attendance were members of OLIS, SUNY System Administration management, Nylink, SUNY Press, NYSHEI and the New York State Library.



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