Additional SUNY*Connect* Updates

Buffalo

The University at Buffalo is working with Ex Libris on their implementation of the SUNYConnect LMS. A test database, representing a subset of their data, has been created. UB is evaluating the test database and analyzing the next steps in their implementation process.

Group8

Group8 includes the remaining SUNY Multilis sites (Adirondack, Clinton, Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene, Fulton-Montgomery, Hudson Valley, Plattsburgh and Schenectady) as well as Dutchess and New Paltz. All of preliminary planning and data analysis meetings have been completed. Karen Gardner-Athey and Maggie Horn (both of OLIS) are actively involved in providing an extensive array of ALEPH training classes. Test databases are being evaluated by Adirondack, Clinton, Columbia-Greene and Plattsburgh (as scheduled). With "STP"s early next year, there will be 55 SUNYConnect institutions using the new LMS.

Group9

The final group of sunyconnect campuses is comprised of Brockport, Empire, Mohawk Valley, Niagara, North Country and Utica-Rome. The plan is to have these libraries implementing the SUNYConnect LMS primarily during the last three quarters of 2005.

SFX

SUNYConnect campuses are eligible to participate in a new service being developed by OLIS. Utilizing the SUNYConnect "instance" of SFX could reduce the time and effort that any one campus spends in maintaining and upgrading the software.

While sharing SFX in this way means using the same SFX menu, layout and description, campuses can still point to their unique electronic resources, proxy server and access information . It will also be possible to have institution-specific lists of electronic journals.

The OLIS has heard from eight libraries so far who are interested in this service set to commence in January 2005.