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Universal Borrowing

The SUNYConnect Advisory Council met on March 10, 2005. Also present were members of OLIS, other SUNY library leaders and representatives from Ex Libris.

A major focus of the meeting was a live demonstration of new consortial-wide circulation functions. The demonstration utilized SUNYConnect computers and databases. S.A.C.'s goal was to have this as "real world" a test as possible. Thanks to ITEC and members of the SUNYConnect community for their help in making the test possible.

The next steps for this important SUNYConnect component now hinge on getting a complete (and sustainable) SUNYConnect union catalog.

Campuses should be aware that the "Universal Borrowing Center" requires use of the ALEPH Holds function, e-mail correspondence with your patrons and the ability for your patrons to sign onto your web OPAC.

Union Catalog

A project is underway to bring the SUNYConnect Union Catalog up-to-date. The Union Catalog has been taken off line to expedite the loading and indexing of the data. It is anticipated to be down for part of May. Information will be provided to the SUNY community when the updated catalog will be available. The OLIS appreciates your patience as we strive to move forward.

SUNYConnect LMS Group8

All of the Group8 campuses have gone live with the SUNYConnect LMS. This brings the total number of migrated libraries to 54. Thanks to staff members at the Group8 campuses and to Laura Pierson (Ex Libris), Gail Muirhead (Ex Libris), Marie Erdman (Ex Libris) and Mary Croxen, (formerly Ex Libris) for their efforts.



Group9

The final group of campuses has begun work on implementing the SUNYConnect LMS. OLIS has visited all of the Group9 campuses (Brockport, Empire, Mohawk Valley, Niagara, North Country and Institute of Technology). Official "kickoff" meetings begin in May. This also includes initial activities in regard to data analysis. All of the Group9 implementation libraries are scheduled to switch to production using the SUNYConnect LMS by early next year.

SUNY-Ex Libris Contract Negotiations

Discussions have begun between SUNY, OLIS and Ex Libris in regard to renewing the contract. Issues related to universal borrowing and the union catalog are uppermost in importance for this negotiation.

SFX-Shared SFX

Progress with the "shared SFX service" from OLIS has been slower than expected. Canton, Herkimer, Jamestown and Onondaga are using the service. Next are Cayuga, Empire, Erie, Maritime, Old Westbury, Orange, Suffolk, Sullivan and Ulster.



SFX-Upgrade

Efforts are underway to upgrade from SFX v.2 to SFX v.3 The upgrade should be completed during an April-August timeframe.

SFX-Training

Representatives from 13 SUNYConnect campuses received SFX training in March. These sessions

were conducted by Abigail Bordeaux (Binghamton/OLIS). Thanks Abigail.

Dspace

OLIS has received a number of requests from SUNYConnect campuses to utilize the [Dspace](#) system. This includes Binghamton, Ceramics, Oneonta, Oswego, Potsdam and Stony Brook. Among the types of content being loaded into Dspace are images, journals, theses and historical documents.



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