

Prospector Cat/Ref Committee

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News:

It's time to revise the committee charter. Rose will work with Paul Moeller to get started.

Alliance servers will be moved to dedicated space at DU. DU has the infrastructure to better support Alliance servers and other equipment. It will happen sometime in May, after finals. There will be a bit of down time. There will be notice beforehand.

High Plains Regional Library District is the newest public library system to join Prospector. They've been in since around December. It's a large system with several member libraries and branches. The implementation was quite smooth as they are a Sierra library.

Colorado Health Sciences has also re-joined Prospector. It's an Alma library, not using NCIP. However they don't do a lot of Prospector transactions so checking out items in two systems shouldn't be overly burdensome.

Colorado School of Mines Alma migration is in process. They will soft launch soon. They're planning a big PR launch in the fall. They still have records in Prospector from way back that need to be deleted, but it will require special development on III's part to get them out. In the meantime, old CSM records will be indicated as such and not lendable.

There will be a Prospector Preconference to the ILL conference. The Preconference is free. Prospector Preconference on April 18th 1:00-4:30pm at the Lory Student Center on the CSU Fort Collins campus.

WebPac refresh: Plans in the works to make the WebPac interface look more like the Encore interface for a more seamless experience. The updates should be more ADA compliant, with more text, a simpler interface. The functionality won't change.

Quarterly Statistics:

Available online at <https://www.coalliance.org/software/prospector/statistics>

Some of the systems are shown as shared systems so no individual stats for each library, i.e. Marmot, Colorado Shared DCB, etc.

Bib and Item stats have been pretty stable, not much variation quarter by quarter.

Directors want more information on the impact of Prospector. Asking reference librarians for stories. Another idea: Would it be possible to add a "survey" to the sign-in page, "Tell us your Prospector story" will check with Innovative to see if that's possible.

Review of staff web site: <https://www.coalliance.org/catalog-reference-committee>

Use this site to find:

- Cat-Ref committee members & contact info
- Reports and Statistics
- A link to join the listserv – not a lot of traffic but recommended to join
- Title level reports – to see lends & borrows, could be helpful for collection development including pickup locations. It can take a while to run for a big library.
- Best Practices
- Presentations – slides for presentations available from <https://www.coalliance.org/cat-ref-presentations>

Presentations

Summary notes here, see full slide presentations at <https://www.coalliance.org/cat-ref-presentations>

Back to the Basics of Prospector:

Started with just a few libraries in 1999, now up to 46; pricing structure has changed to make it easier to join, used to be static flat fee no matter if you were single library or a system

Records are loaded from local system or shared DCB into Prospector

Circ transactions and patron data are not loaded into prospector

Real time updates for Millennium, Sierra and Prospector

24hrs for non-III

Innovative has released an API to bypass DCB to allow real-time updates for non-III libraries; it will take a lot of work to make it happen on both library-side and Innovative, but it's coming

In discussions with State Library and CLiC to add AspenCat, also looking into how Prospector could help with statewide ILL to potentially replace SWIFT. There will be challenges, including courier and library hours

Difference between Encore & WebPac

Webpac more search indexes, PubMed, ERIC, GovDocs, OCLC

Webpac search actual index as opposed to keyword

Encore is keyword search, no phrase indexes

Why does Prospector do that?

Karen Neville, director of Red Rocks Community College, formerly of Colorado Christian University that was a Marmot library

Why does Prospector merge some records and duplicate others?

Matching algorithm –

001 and the first three words of the title

OR

020 and the first 3 letters of the title (valid 020s, not subfield z)

Overlays will not happen between audio eBooks and Books on CD, and in some cases there are levels of cataloging that won't match such as ISBNs not matching on library edition v. retail edition, etc

Whose record wins? Who gets to be the master record?

- Highest encoding level
- Higher overlay priority
- Who cataloged it first

Is there any way to know whose master record Prospector is using? Available through the telnet version of Prospector, contact Rose Nelson.

Volume number must be in the Volume field of the item record in order to allow end-user to choose which volume

Sometimes that volume selection happens on records that don't have separate volumes, because 1 library used volume indicator in a non-standard way

See Best Practices document

How do I influence what happens in the union catalog

001 field, any agency other than OCLC must have alphabetic prefix

020 field, leave in ISBNs but put them in subfield z canceled/invalid isbn in order to prevent them from matching in Prospector

eResources in Prospector do's and don'ts

Jessica Hayden and Cynthia Wilson

See best practices for loading MARC records for electronic resources

Encoding level should be U or L for electronic resources, should be lower than the print book, encoding level may be changed pre-load using MARCedit or post load by editing the list in Innovative or record set in Polaris.

001 field – III standard loader strips OCLC prefix, know your loader,

Prospector best practices for 856 field display

If there is no item record, the link will display in Prospector but not in item level holdings

Recommendations:

Put 856 in bib record instead of item record. In Encore, item URLs are not active.

If item URL is required, make sure to set encoding level so you're not the master record.

Add item records if you want to add another URL such as cover art, etc.

DCB Libraries in Prospector

Erin Elzi, DU

DCB = Direct Consortia Borrowing

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Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 12:30-3 p.m.