Minutes
Prospector Cataloging/Reference Committee
May 17, 2012

Present:  Mary Beth Chambers, CU Colo. Springs; Emily Epstein, UC Denver Health Sciences; Vera Gao, Auraria; Jessica Hayden, UNC; Virginia Inness, COSPL; Janet Lee, Regis; Terri Lewis, BPL/FLC; Wen-ying Lu, CU Boulder; Debbie McCarthy, UW; Betty Meagher. DU; Tami Morse, UW; Karen Neville, CCU; Beth Oehlerts (Chair), CSU; Denise Pan, UCD Auraria; Andy Preyer, DPL; Janet Ryan, DPL; Heather Whitehead, CSM; Cynthia Wilson (recorder), JCPL; George Machovec, Alliance; Rose Nelson, Alliance.

Via telephone/Webex: Tova Aragon, PRPLD; Karen Selden, CU Law; Mary Katherine Katzer, Marmot; Penny Shiel, Mesa County Libraries; Jamie Walker CMU; Jimmy Thomas, Marmot; Keith Dedman, Marmot.

News/Announcements (Rose, George and Betty)

Rose started with congratulations to George, who has been named the new Executive Director of the Alliance. Congratulations George!

Rose distributed Prospector Fulfillment Statistics YTD (each location can run the stats for themselves by going to Prospector staff page under Statistics). CSM is not lending items because of technical issues with Voyager and Prospector. DU Law has merged with DU, so their statistics are now combined. Next year DU Law won’t be on the list as a separate entity. DPL’s numbers are test records.

OCLC and AIRS (George) – Database selection by the AIRS Committee is complete, but OCLC FirstSearch is a separate contract. The statewide FirstSearch contract started in 1995. Originally, it included other FirstSearch databases. Most of those other databases shifted to Ebsco. The Committee was notified the FirstSearch login we have is going away because FirstSearch is being built into WorldCat.org. George referred everyone to the AIRS/OCLC Fact Sheet for the consequences of not renewing our statewide FirstSearch subscription. OCLC will turn off holdings for all Colo. Libraries in WorldCat.org. All the apps that have been developed will not include Colo. Libraries. OCLC API will be turned off. Prospector’s link through would not work. Costs would increase. Individual libraries will pay a much higher rate. Patron initiated ILL requests through the WorldCat.org interface would go away. Individual library ILL contracts would not be affected. The price is $198,000.00 for statewide deal ($5,000 increase over last year). A survey is available online to gauge library interest in continued participation in the OCLC subscription, and in contributing financially to the contract. Illinois State Library is going through the same issues except their contract is $2 million. As an aside, the Marmot system got a quote from OCLC to add all Marmot libraries to OCLC for cataloging who are not already members. Price was high ($200,000). Marmot will be exploring other options. Individual members may decide to stay as-is.

As part of the FirstSearch review, OCLC holdings of the 4 largest Prospector libraries were compared to the Prospector holdings for the same libraries. About one third fewer holdings appeared in OCLC.
than in Prospector. Reasons for the discrepancies might include holdings not kept up-to-date, government documents holdings not included, etc.

PASCAL (Betty) – DU Penrose and DU Law have moved all volumes out of PASCAL and into Hampden Center. DU will continue to follow all circulation lending procedures as if they are still in PASCAL. They will also retain all holdings originally contributed to PASCAL.

DPL update (George) -- DPL is very close to getting back into Prospector. DCB technology will be used to bring DPL back into Prospector. NCIP (NISO Circulation Interchange Protocol) allows translation from Polaris into InnReach and eliminates the need for double entry of circulation transactions. Polaris hadn’t built the NCIP message functionality into the Polaris system in the Michigan installation. Michigan’s version only acknowledged that the message existed. The Alliance, Polaris, and III have been working together to get the functionality built into the Polaris system. Exceptions have yet to be included, such as hold cancellations, but they are working on it. Once DPL gives approval, training will be scheduled for DPL staff. Late summer is the expected time frame for getting the DPL database reactivated. The expectation is that DPL functionality in Prospector will be better than it was previously.

Longmont update (George) – Longmont is currently a Sirsi-Dynix site. George went to Longmont City Council to present information on Prospector. City Council approved the funding. The Alliance, Longmont, and III are currently in contract negotiations. Implementation target date is expected to be October. This installation will also require DCB technology, but Longmont is willing to forego the NCIP piece for now.

Update on the Salida Regional Library joining Prospector (Jimmy Thomas) – Marmot is holding-off loading holdings until a de-dupe project is complete. They have a team of 3-5 temps working on the project. The de-dupe project is due to be completed at the end of May. The holdings will be loaded into Prospector soon after that (first week of June). Salida appears as a borrower in the classic view of Prospector, has not yet appeared in encore, but III is working on it.

Unusual holdings statement in Prospector (George, Jimmy) – The solution to the unusual holdings statement is to suppress the bibs from Prospector when the only item attached to the bib is set not to contribute to Prospector. The alternate solution proposed by III would impact CMU in a negative fashion because the box code for Marmot is the same as CMU’s institution code. The same issue could occur in other institutions, such as CSU and CSU Pueblo. Is not an issue at the Flatirons Consortium because they have the full agency configuration set up for their system. Marmot will decide which approach to take.

Alliance Patron Driven Demand E-Book pilot (Betty) – The pilot consists of 9 libraries from The Alliance consortium who have developed a patron driven program with YBP, E-brary, and EBL. The pilot group wanted to work with two different vendors to see which worked better and which was more highly used. The pilot will start with 2012 imprints. The pilot includes a $250.00 cap on single title purchase price. They will load MARC records. If patron uses title for 5-10 minutes or less, it is

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considered a short term loan. If it is used longer, the book is “rented”. After 3-6 uses, a purchase is triggered. The pilot group will pay 2.5 times the purchase price for permanent access for all 9 libraries (roughly one third the retail cost if purchased by each library individually).

Loading MARC records means putting MARC records in the catalog for items that are not owned. They are using records created by YBP, which Betty called “discovery” records. Each library will pick up a set of records. Betty as created a “best-practices” set of edits. Each record has to have either an E-brary or EBL control number in the 001 because of the delete process. Betty has set up test edits in MarcEdit for those libraries who wish to use MarcEdit rather than create local load tables. Every vendor had to have an email list of every person who would receive MARC records. YBP had a 200 character limit for email list. George ended up setting up an alias email account for use instead, so they can have as many recipients as needed. EBL records will come in weekly. A monthly report for purchased titles will be sent by YBP. Each library can load records for point of purchase. CSU will catalog the titles with OCLC. CSU will send notification to alias email with OCLC accession numbers, and each library can then overlay OCLC record on their EBL record. By using CSU’s list of accession numbers, it will ensure that all Prospector libraries are using the same OCLC record. CSU will be the master record in Prospector. At some point, records for titles not purchased will need to be purged. EBL will send lists of deleted titles for which the MARC records will need to be deleted. Betty will be sending out an email on who to contact when problems are discovered. She will also send out instructions for overlaying EBL records with OCLC record via .b (she has a macro to insert a 949 for overlay – each title has to be overlaid individually. No batch overlay for the OCLC records.) This will be a one year pilot. One third of Prospector is now made up of electronic resources of one kind or another. A long term goal of Prospector is to figure out how to share these resources with all Prospector members. We have to re-think resource sharing policies and money flow issues to make e-resource sharing comparable to print resource sharing. George also wanted to highlight the project as an example of successful cooperation.

Update on the School of Mines (George) – Mines met with a Voyager representative. They are still unable to load records. Holdings haven’t been updated in Prospector since December. The current plan is to delete Mines records and re-load to bring them up to date. George is still in discussion with III as to how to do that delete and re-load. Prospector will continue to use the setup with Voyager as it is rather than move to DCB because DCB would cost significantly more.

General update from IUG including INN-Reach enhancements (Rose) – Rose attended IUG and is on the InnReach enhancements committee. There were around 80 enhancement requests. Nine went on the ballot. Top three enhancements: Too long reports -- wanted report on items borrowed; Reports need to have preconfigured notices (no more cut and paste); Reading history – wanted to add as a feature in Inn-Reach. Because of virtual items, reading history may not be possible. Ill has agreed to go through the complete enhancement request list to mark for possible, not possible, technically difficult, etc. so the committee will know if it isn’t worth submitting some of the items.

INN-Reach forum (Rose) – Some upcoming developments were described, including peer to peer requesting. It will be possible to set up a request button from one Inn-Reach system to another. Two new INN-Reach sites have been added – Long Island and a system in Spain. Some of the SkyRiver improvements and features were highlighted. CSDirect will be expanded with more tutorials, etc.
URL link displays in Prospector – Subfield 3 is displaying. There is a difference between the way WebPac works and the way encore works. There were some circumstances where some libraries needed the subfield three, but George will have to go back into email archives to refresh his memory on what problem was that they were trying to fix. We may have inadvertently created a new problem by fixing a different problem. There also seems to be a problem with missing 856 links between local record and Prospector display. George will investigate and get back to the group.

Other (Betty)

Betty is retiring from DU at the end of May. She promises to pass along the YBP project to Beth. She does not know who her replacement on the Prospector Committee will be yet.

JCPL is scheduled to go live on Sierra June 13.

The question was asked about what will be done in terms of George’s replacement now that he is Executive Director. George will appoint some backup personnel to cover Alliance duties for the short term. He wants to do some strategic planning, so may keep his old position open until that planning is complete. He would really like to hire a programmer – right now they have to farm out all programming work. So, for the short term George will not fill the position and will be relying more heavily on Rose to take his place on the Committee when necessary.

Tami Morse will be replacing Deb McCarthy on the Prospector Committee.

Virginia announced that Colorado Publications records through February are posted on the website.

July 19th is the next scheduled meeting.