Prospector Cataloging Reference Committee
Minutes
January 16, 2014
12:30 – 3:00
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Present: Pam Blome, CSM; Sommer Browning, Auraria; Jessica Hayden, UNC; Virginia Inness, COSPL; George Machovec, Alliance; Rose Nelson, Alliance; Karen Neville, CCU; Beth Oehlerts, CSU (Chair), CSU; Andy Preyer, DPL; Janet Ryan, DPL; Kevin Clair, DU; Cynthia Wilson, JCPL (recorder).

Via remote: Georgia Briscoe, CU Law; Mary Beth Chambers, UCCS; Emily Epstein, CU Health Sciences; Mary Katherine Katzer, Marmot; Tami Morse, UW; Jo Norris, Town of Vail Public Library; Penny Shiel, Mesa County Libraries; Jimmy Thomas, Marmot.

1. Rose distributed the quarterly statistics (also available online)

2. Prospector Directors’ meeting (Rose) – The Directors’ meeting was held in November. Tom Jacobson from Innovative Interfaces made a presentation on Peer to Peer software. Jimmy Thomas provided an update on Marmot. George Machovec presented a budget overview and Rose Nelson provided an overview of Prospector.

3. Denver Public Library update (Rose) – DPL is back in Prospector and is lending and borrowing. There are a few outstanding issues:

   a. DPL can’t send deletes to Prospector, so their database has to be completely reloaded on a quarterly basis. They are currently in the process of that quarterly load. New records are added on a daily basis.
   b. Pick-up location is defaulting to Central if the patron’s home library was originally Central, even when it looks like it is going to another PUL. NCIP is sending Central as the PUL regardless of what is showing on the screen. Is supposed to be fixed in the next release.
   c. DPL hasn’t yet added a Prospector button in their catalog to advertise that it’s back, but people are finding it and using it none-the-less.
   d. DPL says when the DCB setup is working, it’s working great.

4. Loveland Public Library update (Rose) – Loveland is joining Prospector. The contracts have been signed, and a project manager has been assigned. The addition should go smoothly since they are an Innovative site.
5. SkyRiver now available through CLiC (Rose) – A discount is available for SkyRiver through CLiC. AspenCat is using SkyRiver (they are not a Prospector system). Several other libraries have expressed interest.

6. Mobius Prospector update (Rose) – Mobius and Prospector are in the process of developing a Peer-to-Peer system connecting the two InnReach sites. They are working on getting a courier service set up. Cost proposals are being developed by two courier companies. Mobius is made up primarily of academic libraries from Missouri including the University of Missouri system and a number of seminary libraries, plus a few public libraries. Mobius is looking at expanding into Arkansas, so there is potential for growth. Tulsa is also interested. They are looking at making Goodland Kansas Public Library the drop-off point for Mobius materials. The contracts may be signed as early as February, at which point the technical process of mapping can begin. The circulation policies of Prospector and Mobius are very similar, with the main difference being in renewals – Mobius allows two renewals, Prospector allows one. The vision is that a patron will search their home library, and if they don’t find what they need, they’ll click the button and search Prospector. If they don’t find it in Prospector, they’ll click the button for Mobius and search there. Placing a hold will work just the same as if the patron was in Prospector. Summer is the target for implementation.

7. RDA and display issues in Prospector – The 264 (RDA) fields were not displaying in the Encore version of Prospector. The fix for this problem was in R 2011.5 of Millennium. III updated Prospector to this release, re-indexed the 264s and now the 264s properly display in both the WebPac and Encore version of Prospector. A general discussion ensued about whether the public gains anything from the display of RDA fields and which RDA fields are best to display/suppress in the catalog.

8. Marmot update (Jimmy) – DPL holds are not clearing properly in Marmot. Jimmy will send the ticket number to Rose and Jimmy and Janet will set up a time to do some testing. SkyRiver is being evaluated for some libraries in Marmot. They were concerned about the matching algorithm, but found records can match on either the Sky number or the OCLC number. Marmot is adding Englewood Public Schools, but they will not be added to Prospector. Marmot just ordered three clusters of McGraw-Hill eBooks using the Douglas County model. Marmot now has access to the native metadata for Overdrive eBook records, so they will be dropping their OCLC Overdrive eBook records.

9. Communication of database issues – The question was raised as to whether there was a better way to communicate when Alliance group-purchased database issues arise. The Shared Collection Development list was determined to be the best list to use. An announcement will be sent out via that group.

10. Other

  a. There are instances of disappearing CRL records at CU.
b. Several locations shared their strategies for handling items on reserve – some suppress at the bib level, some suppress at the item level, some change the location to Reserve which is mapped as unavailable.

11. Next meeting: April 17, 2014