

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Ken Adams

Date: November 5, 2012

Re: Montana Shared Catalog Report

Training: Since last May, MSC Staff has conducted MSC specific training for new and current libraries in Absarokee, Baker, Havre, Darby, Glendive, Missoula, Red Lodge and during the Fall Workshop, MSC Members Meeting and MEA. A SirsiDynix trainer will be in Helena Nov 14-16 to provide Symphony Acquisitions training to MSC support staff and 10 technical staff from member libraries that use or are planning to use, the acquisitions/EDI module.

MSC Staff: Ken attended ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, a "Promoting your libraries" seminar in Salt Lake City and the SirsiDynix User Group's "Special Interest Group – Consortia" conference in Detroit. Melody is working on her graduate studies to obtain an MLS.

New Libraries: Darby School District #9 went live on Aug 27 and Absarokee Schools went live on Sept 12. This closes out all Phase XII libraries. All Phase XIII libraries are live in the system. One remaining library from Phase X, Red Lodge Carnegie Library, began using the MSC system in live mode on Sept 18. Baker School District is the first of the Phase XIV libraries to go live (Sept 12) and then the Missoula County Public Schools went live in stages Oct 23-25. Wibaux and Valier Public libraries and Target Range School Library begin their test phase this week and are scheduled to go live in early December. The George McCone County Memorial Library in Circle will soon begin entering their records manually and can go-live when they have 80% of their collection in the catalog. Jefferson High School Library has formally requested to withdraw their application and not join the MSC. The vendor had completed initial work for their setup in the MSC system and Jefferson High School is aware that they must pay the cost of that preliminary work. The LSTA money that was originally allocated to cover JHS's vendor startup costs has been released back to MSL for redistribution. Big Timber K-8 School library has given official notification to the MSC Executive Committee and MSC Staff that they will withdraw from the MSC at the end of this fiscal year (June 2013).

MSC Systems: The Symphony software was upgraded to release version 3.4.1 (service pack 1) on July 29 and then to service pack 2 on Oct 18. As part of our "Platinum Services Support" package with SirsiDynix, quarterly authority updates began in late September and seems to have went very well. The SirsiDynix Enterprise/Portfolio user interface is in the initial setup phase and after Mike and Ken attend several training sessions and consultations, could be ready to roll out to the membership in February. One of the two Directors Station server's hard drives failed in early August. After consultation with the MSC Executive Committee, it was decided to continue running the server on one good hard drive in the hopes it would last long enough to use until the new "Analytics Station" product would be available for

us to replace Directors Station with. The second hard drive failed on Sept 26. We are currently making arrangements with SirsiDynix and the State Library to get Directors Station temporarily installed on a "Virtual Server". The latest info we have from SirsiDynix is that "Analytics Station" will be ready for release by the end of the 2nd quarter, 2013.

MSC Partners: Plains District Library joined the MSC Partners Resource Sharing Group in September. Darby Community Library and Fallon County Library will be joining this month.