

MEMO

TO: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

FROM: Ken Adams, Montana Shared Catalog Director

DATE: Feb 28, 2013

RE: Montana Shared Catalog Update

New Libraries Phase 14: All Phase 14 libraries that migrated from other systems are now live in the MSC (22 total). The one library not migrating data; George McCone Memorial County Library (Circle) is manually adding records and looking at go-live a date later this spring or early summer. Note that Jefferson High School library withdrew their application before migration began.

New Libraries Phase 15: The MSC New Library application period began on Jan 5 with a deadline date of Feb 28, 2013. As of this writing, 2 applications have been received. Cost estimates were prepared for 16 others (mostly schools). OPI and schools are aware that we won't be accepting applications from school libraries this year.

Other MSC Library Info:

- ✓ Missoula Public Library will be adding a public branch in Potomac.
- ✓ Darby Community Library, Fallon County Library and Plains Public Library joined the MSC Partners Resource Sharing Group.
- ✓ Partners began participating in the recently organized courier service started by Missoula, Butte, Helena and Great Falls. There have been a few glitches but seems to be working well and is reducing their delivery costs. Bozeman Public Library (BridgerNet group) and Whitehall Community Library (4-Rivers group) are also participating and acting as hubs for their respective groups.
- ✓ Big Timber K-8 School will be withdrawing from the MSC as of June 30.

MSC Operations:

- ✓ The Symphony ILS was upgraded to version 3.4.1 (sp2) last fall.

- ✓ Initial profiling and testing the new “Enterprise” search engine began in January.
- ✓ Web Services was upgraded to version 3.4 and so far there are more than 30 libraries using the BookMyne mobile device app and 15 libraries using the Facebook app.
- ✓ The MT Statewide Library Resources “Discover It!” (EBSCO Discovery Service) search box has been placed in every MSC library’s OPAC. It will soon include a link in the search results that will make for almost seamless ILL between non-partner MSC libraries and libraries not in the MSC.
- ✓ The MSC Staff has processed more than 1,100 tickets via the online help desk that was implemented in late 2011.
- ✓ The MSC’s Directors Station server failed last August and was finally brought back online in late November and the software was upgraded to the latest version and to also allow for connection to the new SAN.
- ✓ Catalog clean-up (de-duping) began last August with 4 temp hires from within the MSC cataloging community. They are still at work and have cleaned up more than 32,000 records to date. We are also working on cleaning up and modernizing the EBSCO e-book collection (ex-NetLibrary).
- ✓ Planning is underway to include selected MSC libraries in pilot project with OCLC’s WorldShare Management Services

RFP and New Contract: The RFP process concluded in June, 2012 and a new contract was negotiated and signed in August with SirsiDynix corp for the MSC to continue using the Symphony Integrated Library System. The contract includes several products provided at no additional cost, including: Enterprise/Portfolio search engine (hosted), Premier Platinum support services, universal SIP license and an additional API license. The contract also includes an annual renewal clause.

MSC Spring 2013 Membership Meeting: The next MSC membership meeting will be held at the Sleep Inn & Suites, Miles City, May 3, 2013. All are welcome to attend.