Consortial Reports

CARLI/I-Share

- No report

Cooperative Computer Services (CCS)

- Kathy Schmidt joined the CCS staff as one of our two Member Services Librarians. She will focus on delivering training, consulting, and support with a specialization in technical services.
- CCS staff are continuing work on the migration to Polaris. We have completed our test data load and have started training and workflow consultations.

Library Integrated Network Consortium (LINC)

- LINC is working on dissolving and migrating to SWAN in 2018.

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Multitype Automation Group in Cooperation (MAGIC)

- Poplar Creek Public Library District officially left MAGIC at the end of September. It is now live on Polaris. MAGIC staff are working with SirsiDynix on final data removal, which will be done October 23–24.
- All data from libraries that previously left the consortium is now purged.
- MAGIC libraries have aligned their policies with SWAN in preparation for the migration and have implemented the majority of these changes proactively to reduce staff change at go-live.
- Mapping of MAGIC policies to SWAN policies is complete. The final policy load in SWAN will occur at the end of October.
- Data clean-up efforts continue to ensure smooth migration and data integrity.

Northern Illinois Cooperative (NIC)

- We are looking into revising our original 2007 contract and bylaws and writing an intergovernmental agreement.
- Many thanks to the other consortia who have helped by giving us copies of their contracts, etc.
- We are also working with Innovative Interfaces in moving to its hosted solution.

Pinnacle Library Cooperative (PLC)

- Pinnacle recently upgraded to the latest version of Polaris. The biggest change in Polaris 5.5 is the introduction of a responsive OPAC, which automatically scales based on the device of the user.
- As part of the upgrade, Innovative Interfaces also moved Pinnacle's hosted servers to Amazon Web Services. The migration to AWS should provide increased data security, better monitoring capabilities, and improved performance.
- Pinnacle has submitted its bibliographic database to OCLC to perform a data sync. This process will synchronize each library's OCLC holdings with the materials in our catalog, which should greatly improve ILL functionality.

PrairieCat

- PrairieCat has been busy with upcoming member upgrades and additions. Warren Township Public Library is upgrading from Union List to Basic Online level, and will go live on January 2. Johnsburg Public Library District is also upgrading from Union List to Fully Participating level on December 1. Marseilles Public Library is a new member and will be going live at a Basic Online level sometime in early 2018.
- PrairieCat completed the migration of its production servers to the Innovative SaaS hosted solution on September 12. The migration went very smoothly, and we are experiencing increased speed in access and processing thanks to the move. Our training servers will be migrated from existing hardware to the old production hardware (on premise at the RAILS data center) shortly. Our training servers will be migrated to the SaaS hosted solution in 2021.
- Our Annual PUG (PrairieCat Users Group Day) was held at Waubonsee Community College on September 29. This year we had 232 in attendance, up from 215 last year.
- Our Administrative Council and Finance Committee continue to work toward staffing independence from RAILS, with a target date of July 1, 2018.

Resource Sharing Alliance NFP (RSA-NFP)

- RSA retrained staff, loaded user records, and got all our 74 school locations back up and running after the summer break.
- Work was finished on identifying all the items for the final, final, hopefully last, piece of the deduplication corrections to reduplicate some items and titles. A big part was identifying the items with reused barcodes since the deduplication in March. Many libraries reuse barcodes for magazines and newspapers. This project was needed because SirsiDynix's deduplication process after Quincy Public Library joined RSA did not go well.
- A new 7-year contract with SirsiDynix has been finalized and signed. RSA's Symphony servers will be moved to SaaS hosting later this year.
- RSA's new catalogers are working through the backlog of cataloging requests created in the 2½ months when both cataloging positions were vacant. We are slowly catching up with the workload and eating away at the older requests.

Rock River Library Consortium (RRLC)

- No report

System Wide Automated Network (SWAN)

- SWAN has been working on migrating the "New 19" libraries from LINC and MAGIC into SWAN, with a planned go-live date of May 1, 2018. The first phase of the migration (planning, discussing policies, and data profiling) is nearing completion. The next phase will include data loads and testing. Staff from SWAN have been making site visits to these 19 new member libraries and meeting with management staff to discuss the project and listen to questions, concerns, and ideas. This project includes working closely with Carol Dawe, the director of the LINC consortium, as well as SWAN's assistant director and the director of MAGIC, Dawne Tortorella. A wealth of experience from these three consortia coming together means SWAN is expanding not only in size, but also in expertise.
- Our September Quarterly membership meeting was held on September 7 at Wood Dale Public Library District. More than 50 members attended in person, and more than 36 people viewed the webinar and listened to audio of the meeting. At the meeting, the membership voted on revising the bylaws, and discussed the RAILS overlay project and funding priorities; SWAN's

revised fee formula; delivery in-transit news; reciprocal borrower patrons and Enterprise holds; an update on the Enterprise usability study; and the deployment of credit card payment swipes.

- The SWAN Fees Committee has scheduled a membership meeting on October 17, at the Oak Lawn Public Library at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the committee's recommendation and go over the written report.
- SWAN is also currently recruiting for a User Experience Manager, a new staff position that will focus on the usability and patron perspective of SWAN's Enterprise catalog, as well as other parts of the patron experience. This position will work closely with the Member Services team to provide the membership with a balanced approach to library services. All of this work means an interesting 2018 at SWAN, for sure.