

Consortial Reports

CARLI/I-Share

- No report

Cooperative Computer Services (CCS)

- No report

Library Integrated Network Consortium (LINC)

- LINC continues its work on migrating to SWAN in May 2018.
- Carol Dawe has accepted a position with the Lakeland Library Cooperative (LLC) in Grand Rapids, Michigan as its director, effective February 1, 2018. LLC is one of nine library cooperatives in Michigan and supports 42 libraries in eight counties. Carol's last day with LINC is January 23, 2018. Carol writes:

To my consortia colleagues,

It is incredibly bittersweet to write this final report for the Consortia Committee. Dawn Bussey is the actual representative now, but I wanted to thank all of you for your support and guidance and to let you know what a pleasure it was to serve with you on this committee and so many others. Thank you.

LINC will be dissolving sometime in the summer or early fall of 2018. I am sure that Dawn and the Board will fill you in with the details. I wish the SWAN staff the best of luck as the New 19 make their new home there.

Thank you and my best wishes to all of you for the future. If you are ever in Grand Rapids, just let me know at cjdawe413@gmail.com.

LINKin

- No report

Multitype Automation Group in Cooperation (MAGIC)

- MAGIC libraries continue to prepare for migration to SWAN.
- Cataloging staff from MAGIC libraries completed a 10-week class "Cataloging in Consortium" developed by Dr. Karen Snow from Dominican University, based on agenda building with SWAN/MAGIC staff.
- MAGIC libraries have concluded their initial data load review and will be actively working on the SWAN test system to validate information and review any changes in processing.
- The last official MAGIC Users Group meeting was held in December 2017 as a celebration of the consortium. MAGIC libraries will be joining SWAN users groups and councils in 2018.

Northern Illinois Cooperative (NIC)

- No report

Pinnacle Library Cooperative (PLC)

- Pinnacle has received the results of its OCLC Data Sync. As a result of the Data Sync, our six libraries together set holdings on over 139,000 records that weren't previously set. We also removed our holdings from another 322,000 records that we did not actually own. The total processing time took approximately four months.
- Our tech services departments are currently implementing a system for patron-driven acquisitions in our consortium to help our selectors be more responsive to patron requests. Once complete, our libraries will be able to add bibliographic records to the system for certain titles that have not yet been purchased. If a patron places a hold on one of these titles, the library will be notified so that it can acquire it for the patron. We hope to have this system in place within the next few months.

PrairieCat

- PrairieCat continues to grow. Two libraries, Johnsbury Public Library District and Warren Township Public Library, have both upgraded from Union List membership and become circulating members in the last two months. We continue to work with Marseilles Public Library on its new membership. It will join as a circulating member sometime in early 2018.
- We continue to work towards our staff independence project, with our target date of go-live on July 1, 2018.

Resource Sharing Alliance NFP (RSA-NFP)

- RSA has finally resolved its long-running deduplication cleanup and reduplication project. We ended up only keeping merged duplicates that have matching OCNs (OCLC control numbers); all other “matched” duplicates were undone. We have started working on scripts to fix various outstanding Quincy data migration issues and other past RSA library cataloging practice issues.
- RSA finalized and signed a new seven-year agreement with SirsiDynix to move to SaaS hosting for the majority of our servers. We were supposed to go live in December 2017, but couldn't make our firewall pass all the traffic. Our new go-live date is January 25, 2018, assuming we can fix the connection issues in time. All external traffic works, but we can't pass traffic from behind our firewall down the VPN (virtual private network) tunnel, which breaks a couple of our legacy reporting tools.
- With the database cleanup and the big migration to SaaS, we really don't have time to work on much else. We do have two new, very small libraries to add into RSA. We had their policies set up in November, but we haven't started training them on item entry yet.

Rock River Library Consortium (RRLC)

- No report

System Wide Automated Network (SWAN)

- SWAN is less than five months from its go-live date for the “New 19” migration, bringing its membership to 97 libraries. In preparation, SWAN has been hosting migration Q&A sessions where new and current members can submit their questions and concerns about the process and timeline. SWAN answers these questions live at our meeting in the RAILS Burr Ridge building, and we also host the meetings online so that members can attend remotely and submit questions via the text chat box. The FAQ document is then updated to include the most recent questions and answers, which we keep on our support site at <https://support.swanlibraries.net> for future reference. SWAN staff are also making site visits and hosting training sessions to keep the migration going smoothly.

- In addition, SWAN will host a membership meeting on February 6, 2018 to discuss the revised membership fees and changes made since the last review. Notably, this formula now removes bond payment amounts that are used in a debt service. More information and an explanation of the SWAN fee formula can be found here:
<https://support.swanlibraries.net/news/2018-01-03/information-request-fy19-membership-fees-due-130>
- Also in the works are a number of big changes to Enterprise, which should be in place for the May 1 go-live. Most notably, we are attempting to fit a major Enterprise version upgrade into the migration timeline, from the current v4.5.2 to v5.0.0. The newest version includes a “mobile preview” feature that will allow us to evaluate SWAN Enterprise profiles for mobile use. While v5.0.0 does not give us the responsive design we want, it does give us the ability to prepare for it, which is part of the next release, Enterprise v5.0.1. Ideally, SWAN will go live with Enterprise v5.0.1 and responsive OPACs on May 1, though this relies mainly on the SirsiDynix Enterprise development team. SWAN staff will also be working with the newly formed Enterprise Search Task Force to make improvements to Enterprise regardless of which version we offer on May 1. This includes display changes, MARC map improvements, updated rooms content, and potentially some improvements shown at the SLUI (SirsiDynix Library Users of Illinois) meeting.