

## RAILS EXPOSING CONSORTIAL HOLDINGS WORKING GROUP MEETING

Thursday, May 23, 2019

RAILS Burr Ridge

125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome

At 2:30 p.m., Carolyn Coulter, Working Group Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

#### 2. Designation of Minute Taker

Jody Rubel, RAILS Administrative Assistant was designated minute taker.

#### 3. Roll Call of Members

*Bolingbrook:* John Slanicky

*Burr Ridge:* Rebecca Malinowski, Dawne Tortorella

*Coal Valley:* Carolyn Coulter

*East Peoria:* Kendal Orrison

#### 4. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

*Burr Ridge:* Scott Brandwein, Nincy George, Jody Rubel, Anne Slaughter

*Phone:* Suzanne Schriar

#### 5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 6. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Orrison moved, and Ms. Malinowski seconded, that

THE RAILS BOARD EXPOSING CONSORTIAL HOLDINGS WORKING GROUP ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

#### 7. New Business

##### a. Evaluate charge, determine additional questions

The charge was reviewed and elements discussed. It was suggested to add evaluation metrics to the work plan.

##### b. Review baseline information

###### i. TMQ/OSMOSIS history

Ms. Slaughter shared that RAILS, CCS, and IHLS receive annual grants for consortial bibliographical records batchloading to OCLC using TMQ/OSMOSIS. The service is ending on June 30, 2020, thus a need for the working group to explore solutions.

Mr. Slanicky provided a detailed historical TMQ/OSMOSIS overview. It highlighted milestones, past membership requirements, relationship with the OCLC database, goals, obstacles, and system efforts to expand resource sharing in Illinois.

ii. Project X report

Ms. Tortorella summarized consortial cataloging managers’ discussion about specifications for a new cataloging batchloading tool. First, the group identified finding an OSMOSIS replacement is critical for consortial holdings. And secondly, are in the opinion by looking at previous generations of MARC records a solution can be replicated.

iii. OCLC history/usage in IL

Ms. Slaughter shared FY2018 OCLC usage:

- Cataloging
  - Original Records added 56,768
  - Records Enriched 167,491
  - Holdings Set 4,974,896
  - WorldCat Updates sent 83,029,916

- Interlibrary Loan

From RAILS:	Filled Requests	Loans
In State	267,479	256,272
Outside Illinois	148,930	157,465
<b>Total</b>	<b>416,409</b>	<b>413,737</b>

Discussion identified additional baseline information about OCLC usage by members is needed. The working group discussed OCLC pricing models and how the fees are passed onto consortial members. Some consortia balance costs among the members and others pass along direct costs to the library. Both models has its own advantages and disadvantages. ISL staff could follow up with OCLC for assumption pricing for comparison purposes with current pricing model if desired.

Working group would like to explore the downsides of libraries not being OCLC members and consider alternatives. Having a better understanding of OCLC usage would identify which OCLC products are being used by libraries. At a future meeting, the potential of advocating for consortia and libraries in the Group Services contract negotiation process would be discussed.

**c. Identify data needed to answer questions & plan work**

The working group discussed working plan elements. As noted on agenda item 7a, an evaluation metrics would be added to the plan. The group noted additional data sources, shared solution insights, and clarified consortial processes to facilitate resource sharing.

It was recommended that the group review the 2015 OCLC Alternatives study commissioned by RAILS. See final report at [https://www.railslibraries.info/system/files/Anyone/attachment/pdf/environmental\\_scan\\_of\\_oclc\\_alternatives\\_final\\_report.pdf](https://www.railslibraries.info/system/files/Anyone/attachment/pdf/environmental_scan_of_oclc_alternatives_final_report.pdf). Further input suggested that it would be beneficial to contact a few consortia or libraries that currently are not using OCLC to inquire what tools/resources are being utilized to expose holdings.

The working group considered the Illinois State Library's commitment to OCLC and WorldCat. One of the outcomes of the working group would like is to determine how important it is for consortia to require OCLC membership. Defining the usage of OCLC Resource Sharing and suite of other group services offered would provide insight into value as a first step. The group discussed developing a survey but decided to work with existing data first. In the future, consortia would like to have a voice or advocate in the OCLC contract process.

Mr. Orrison left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The group considered the priorities of the charge and determined defining usage as the priority, along with ascertaining existing options for exposing holdings on the web, options available to facilitate resource sharing, and assessing pathways to expose holdings that may not include OCLC. The working group members were tasked with researching the items below and report at the next meeting.

- Carolyn Coulter – contact consortia outside Illinois about exposing holdings
- Rebecca Malinowski – contact local libraries not using OCLC about exposing holdings
- Dawne Tortorella – contact CARLI about methods used for exposing holdings in OCLC

**d. Upcoming meetings - frequency and schedule & next meeting agenda**

The working group will meet monthly, June – September. If an additional meeting before the October deadline is needed, an additional meeting would be scheduled on demand. The next meeting is slated for June 17, 2019, 2:30 p.m. Agenda item for the next meeting is define use.

**8. Adjournment**

By acclamation at 4:06 p.m. the meeting adjourned.