

Exposing Consortial Holdings Working Group

Membership

Includes representatives from all consortia currently working with The MARC of Quality (TMQ) for OSMOSIS.

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Charge

Five Illinois consortia (CCS, PrairieCat, RSA, SHARE, and SWAN) currently batchload holdings information to OCLC via a service called OSMOSIS. This is being funded by grants from the Illinois State Library. As of July 1, 2020, OSMOSIS will no longer be available. To help determine strategic priorities for exposing consortial holdings on the web and facilitating resource sharing in the absence of the OSMOSIS service, the working group will seek to answer the following questions:

- What options exist to help meet the objectives of exposing library holdings on the web and facilitating resource sharing?
- Is it necessary to have a single solution? What are the potential pathways that may or may not include OCLC?
- Discrepancies in fees and prohibitively high cost to some libraries erode statewide investment in OCLC. What is the Illinois State Library's long-term commitment to OCLC, and WorldCat specifically?
- How important is it to consortia to require OCLC membership?
- What is the long-term or medium-term need to keep holdings updated in OCLC? If this is needed, what are the core issues facing each consortium in updating holdings? Is there an existing provider that can develop and/or deliver the service?

Time Period

The working group will begin its work in May 2019 and present its final recommendations to the Consortia Committee at its October 2019 meeting.