

MORE Resource Sharing and Collection Development Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30pm

PRESENT: Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (Woodville), Jodi Bird (Menomonie), Stacey Brown (Bloomer), Cecelia Cole (IFLS), Rochel Karlson (Glenwood City), Monica LaVold (New Richmond), Krister Paakkonen (Chippewa Falls), Paula Stanton (Eau Claire), Rachel Thomas (Rice Lake), Brianna Zemke (Somerset), Lori Roholt (IFLS Administrator), Jackee Johnson, (IFLS), Elizabeth Miniatt (Stanley) (joined the meeting late)

Not Present: Leslie LaRose, Olivia Moris

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Lori Roholt.
2. **Establish a Quorum** – Compliance was verified with 10 of 13 members present
3. **Certification of compliance with open meeting law** – Compliance was verified.
4. **Modify/approve agenda** – Rachel Thomas (Rice Lake) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Rochel Karlson (Glenwood City) seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Approve minutes from January 17, 2025** – Jodi Bird (Menomonie) moved to approve the January 17 minutes with the corrected spelling of Krister Paakkonen's name. Rochel Karlson (Glenwood City) seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

6. **Reports from the public facing MORE Catalog** – Request for information on Vega vs. Bibliocommons.
 - a. Lori received a quote from Innovative for the cost of moving to Vega Discover.
 - i. This is communicated in a bundled cost. To add Discover to our bundle, they would add \$10,000 to our Innovative cost, and a locked in increase of 3% for the next 3 years. This would cover an app product as well as the public facing catalog.
 - ii. One time implementation piece of \$13,000 for Discover, and \$10,000 for the app.
 - iii. BiblioCommons currently costs us a total \$66,380.00. This is \$53,107 for BiblioCore and \$13,277 for BiblioApps (2025 prices).
 - iv. Innovative indicated that there is a willingness to give us a discount for moving to Vega if we are willing to assist with promoting their savings.
 - b. Links to libraries using the Vega Discovery platform:
 - i. <https://search.monarchcatalog.org/>
 - ii. <https://windingrivers.na4.iiivega.com/>
 - iii. <https://northernwaters.na5.iiivega.com/>
 - c. Rachel requested to see a demo. We would like to schedule something before the June Budget Hearing. Lori will look at setting up a demo before or by early May. This demo will be open to any library staff and not just members of this committee.

- d. Jackie shared that in her experience with Vega Discover, she found that the app and the platform don't always work together as well as librarians feel they should, although Innovative has been working hard to update Discover, so that may need to be taken with a grain of salt.
- e. Bridges Library System will be going live with Discover after their summer library program.
- f. Lori discussed getting information from other libraries that have made this exact switch: BiblioCore to Vega Discover
 - i. What do some of the users like?
 - ii. What happens to patron data like their shelves, reading history, etc.?
 - iii. We still want to ask our users to give feedback on what we like and dislike about our current catalog.
- g. We do not have a multi-year commitment with BiblioCore at this time, so there is no penalty for making a switch at this time.
- h. Rachel asked about the impact on the behind-the-scenes work. Lori indicated that it is nice to already have a strong connection with the reps and contacts as we use Innovative for other products. It is possible that this close relationship could be a benefit. There did not seem to be any concern for how this would work behind the scenes.
- i. Karen asked about getting some feedback from current library staff as to what features in BiblioCore are necessary and what they can live without.
 - i. Was there any action being taken on this?
 - ii. How will we go about getting this feedback?
 - iii. Can committee members send their thoughts to Monica to compile and share with Lori?
- j. While some initial concern was expressed about switching to a new platform, many committee members are open to exploring this option.

New Business

7. 2025 Budget Recommendations

- i. Monica asked if the Federal Executive Order will affect any of the statewide funding that is allocated for WPLC.
- ii. Karen asked about how we want to approach this. Paula shared that she is purchasing more physical items than expected this year for High Demand Holds. That being said, there is considerably less being purchased than in previous years. We are still seeing an uptick from the levels of purchasing from last year.
- b. OverDrive Recommendations
 - i. Cecelia – doesn't have a specific recommendation. Increases are always welcome. That said, even with increases, there is no way we can meet the demand at the level that we want.
 - ii. An increase in the allocation would allow IFLS to purchase more of the simultaneous licenses that fulfill more holds at a time.
 - iii. Purchasing based on the ratio of copies to holds. It is incredibly hard to pinpoint wait times or even to see trends easily.
 - iv. In 2024 there were individual contributions by libraries of approximately \$40,000 to the OverDrive Advantage line. Karen is wondering if can encourage other libraries to set aside budget dollars for digital collections.

- v. Rachel moved to recommend a \$10,000 increase to the OverDrive Advantage line, bringing it up to \$80,000 for the 2026 budget. Monica seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
- c. High Demand Holds
 - i. 2025 budget allocated \$10,000. Any fine free libraries that have fines collected via ecommerce also get collected in this account. Do we want to sunset or start to sunset this program?
 - ii. Paula indicated that, while she would have been in favor of sunsetting this program in previous years, she feels that it has been very valuable this past year. She has seen more need than expected.
 - iii. Unspent funds get passed on to Cecelia to be used for OverDrive Advantage. eCommerce payments are split out by owning library, rather than by the library assessing fines.
 - iv. Park Falls is the only remaining library assessing libraries. Most of the fine money we are taking in now actually was charged by the owning library for the few libraries who charge on specific items. Lori suggested that Directors might want to rethink how those funds are allocated going forward.
 - v. The group felt comfortable recommending that the High-Demand Holds line stay unchanged from our 2025 Budget of \$10,000.
- d. Other projects
 - i. Krister expressed concern for the status of Wiscat. This service will almost certainly be affected by the Executive Order, and he is wondering if our recommendation for OverDrive might impact our ability to set aside funds to support Wiscat.
 - ii. Chippewa Falls is adding a label on ILL items that let people know that service is supported by IMLS. Krister will share the file that he used to create the labels they are using. He has a sheet that asks “what do InterLibrary Loans mean to you?”
 - iii. Eau Claire has decided to include a handout in their InterLibrary Loan folders asking for users to share their stories and feedback.

8. Scheduling 2025 meeting dates

- a. Karen asked if we need to schedule a meeting before the May Director’s Council.
- b. Lori shared that she typically sends out the MORE Budget without changes/updates for the new year for the May Director’s Council. This isn’t updated with new costs but does have an updated cost share for each library and includes committed increases.
- c. We would like to meet between the Vega Discover Demo and the June Exec Committee and Budget Hearing, which will be held on June 20th.
- d. The next RSCD meeting will be at 1:00 on Friday, May 30th.

9. Adjourn

- a. Jodi Bird (Menomonie) moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:14. Rochel Karlson (Glennwood City) seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.