

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

PRESENT: Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (Woodville), Jodi Bird (Menomonie), Stacey Brown (Bloomer), Cecelia Cole (IFLS), Monica LaVold (New Richmond), Paula Stanton (Eau Claire), Rachel Thomas (Rice Lake), Brianna Zemke (Somerset), Lori Roholt (IFLS Administrator), Jackee Johnson, (IFLS), Lynn Gates, Leslie LaRose (Augusta)

Not Present: Olivia Moris (Altoona), Krister Paakkonen (Chippewa Falls), Rochel Karlson (Glenwood City), Elizabeth Miniatt (Stanley)

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:01PM by Karen.
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** – Paula, Rachel
5. **Approve minutes from March 28, 2025** – Karen, Rachel

New Business

6. **Input for the MORE budget hearing: Recommendations for the MORE public-facing catalog, either Vega or BiblioCommons**
 - a. We don't need to make a recommendation, but we certainly can
 - b. Rachel shared that she had watched both presentations and asked staff to watch the Vega presentation and they loved it.
 - c. Rachel also felt that the BibiloApp is not the greatest interface for finding things.
 - d. Paula shared some comments from Eau Claire: They looked at the functionality of both apps and compared them to what patrons are used to in commercial apps
 - i. She feels that BiblioCommons has a more modern and slicker look
 - ii. From a search perspective, she found that she was able to get better results with BiblioCommons – that it was just a little more accurate.
 - iii. They liked some of the features of Vega, particularly the customization
 - iv. Overall, Eau Claire preferred BiblioCommons, particularly for the better search features.
 - e. Monica shared feedback from some Polk County libraries and their disappointment in using Vega.
 - f. Paula asked about our most common searches and if we could find that out and do some trial searches.
 - g. Rachel mentioned that for some browsing features and the requirement that she turn her phone sideways to see popular titles (she was using the MORE catalog in the browser)
 - h. Lori shared top searches for MORE, many of which were broad, general terms like “books”

- i. Lori also shared the difference between more.lib.wi.us and more.bibliocommons.com
- j. Paula volunteered an Eau Claire employee to be a part of a committee to redesign the homepage of a catalog or to make the patron experience of using the catalog better
- k. Jackee shared in chat that she has access to Vega via Northern Waters and has the app on her phone. She also shared that she could invite some ILS admins to chat with us if we would like more input from people who have more experience with Vega.
- l. Karen feels that moving to Vega is a trend right now, and that she expects to see more libraries or systems making this switch.
- m. Rachel asked about the work that would have to go into having their own landing page, and how that would work.
- n. Paula asked about the contract and how many years we would be signing. Lori said that Vega would be lumped into our existing contract with Innovative and be renewed on the same schedule.
- o. Lori also shared that there is an option on the table to lock in pricing for longer (maybe 7 to 10 years), but it would mean staying with Sierra or Polaris for that same time.
- p. We don't have a multi-year contract with BiblioCommons or BiblioApps
- q. Rachel shared a concern about our inability to move to a new ILS if we used Vega, assuming that we would want to evaluate our ILS options
- r. Jackee feels that there is a huge potential to significantly cut our costs by evaluating our ILS. We have not really investigated this in the past, but she feels that it would be very worthwhile to consider this.
- s. Paula asked about the ability to nullify any contract with Vega if we decided to try it and then need to switch back to BiblioCommons. Would we need to pay the up-front and set-up costs again with BiblioCommons? Would there be a penalty from Vega?
- t. Monica shared that she has some worries about putting all of our funds into one company, but also that there could be a benefit to exploring some of the add-on services like Vega Program.
- u. Paula mentioned that she thought she saw some add-ons from BiblioCommons as well, including a room reservation piece.
- v. Lynn shared that moving to a new ILS is a long and complicated process, and she felt that we should begin exploring that option sooner rather than later.
- w. In the end, the group decided not to make any recommendation regarding Vega vs. BiblioCommons to the Executive Committee for the Budget Hearing.

7. Multi-library programming collaboration with traveling bins (LaRose)

- a. Leslie attended a session at WAPL that was about sharing programming with bins that would travel from library to library
- b. Cecelia asked Leah about it, and Leah thought it might be a good idea, and she could get some more information or guidelines about creating them
- c. Leslie shared that program bins would include some eye-catching decorations or pieces that would draw patrons in, as well as some book recommendations.
- d. Each library (maybe just the smaller libraries?) would put together their own bin and then share them among each other.

- e. Monica asked about what this looked like, what types of programs can go in a box, and how this is funded.
- f. Stacey shared that Bloomer has put together themed kits for a 1920s party and a Glow party. Kits have decorations, and activities.
- g. Leslie asked interested libraries to reach out to her for more information and to see if they can try to create something on a small, trial basis.

8. Scheduling 2025 meeting dates

- a. Suggest this topic the next time Tiffany or chair calls for agenda items
- b. Karen suggested that our next meeting should be after Summer Library Programs, maybe late August or early September
- c. Cecelia asked if the group still wanted to stick with Fridays at 1:00
- d. Our next meeting will be Friday, September 5th at 1:00.

9. Adjourn

- a. New Richmond moved to adjourn, and Rice Lake seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm