

MORE Administrator's Report

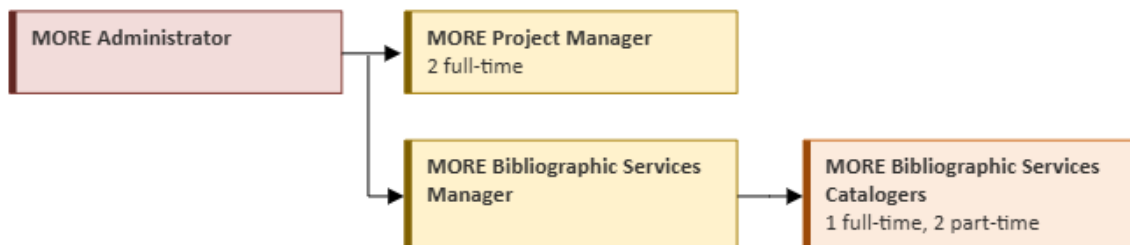
November 2024 – MORE Directors Council

Kathy Setter's retirement and MORE staffing changes

With tremendous appreciation for her years of service to MORE and IFLS, we will bid farewell and happy retirement to MORE Project Manager Kathy Setter in December. From its very beginnings in the late '90 to the present-day, Kathy has been instrumental in the formation, development, and maintenance of MORE as a resource-sharing consortium that now includes all of IFLS's member public libraries and one of our regional technical college libraries. While Kathy is irreplaceable, her commitment to sharing knowledge with library staff and colleagues and her dedication to public libraries will leave a lasting impact.

Kathy's retirement will of course entail staffing changes for MORE:

Current structure:



New structure:



The intent of the new structure is for IFLS staff to continue providing high-quality service to libraries while creating the best opportunity for IFLS to hire and retain well-qualified staff. We'll include specific staff updates and introductions in TWAM. Contacting IFLS staff will not change: the IFLS Help Desk is always a good bet, and cabs@ifls.lib.wi.us will continue to be a good way to communicate with our catalogers (aka Database Maintenance Specialists) about new titles.

Forthcoming text messaging service

A new text messaging service for circulation notices was included in the 2025 MORE budget. The option will be available in early 2025, with details to come.

Updated email circulation notices

A few volunteer libraries are testing out updated email circulation notices from Sierra using a platform called LX Starter. This is a new service available at no added cost with Sierra. Once testing is complete, we'll begin working with other libraries to get started with LX Starter, but it's slow-going! Testing is making clear that it will work best to roll out the new text messaging notice option before widely introducing LX Starter email notices.

CABS update

MORE's Cataloging and Bibliographic Services (CABS) program works with cataloging partner libraries to create and maintain high-quality title records for MORE-member libraries. The latter part of the year has seen staffing changes to this service: a new part-time cataloger, Riley Richards, was hired this summer, and full-time cataloger Alyson Jones will be joining us in December, following the resignation of Steph Regenauer in September. Steph is off to new professional adventures with McIntyre Library at UWEC!