MORE Administrator's Report

July 2025 – MORE Directors Council

ILS Review Plan

MORE has used Innovative Interfaces' ILS (integrated library system) software since MORE's inception in 1999-2000, first Millennium and now Sierra. The ILS industry continues to develop, so it is in the best interest of MORE to investigate how other ILS options compare to our current platform. We at IFLS would like to lead this process with the input and expertise of member library staff and directors, as well as the experience of other library consortia, in order to develop an ILS recommendation prior to the end of our current Sierra maintenance contract in December 2027.

Please stay tuned for more information on this process, and consider how you and/or your staff would like to be involved: as a part of a main investigation committee, as part of a focus group with expertise in a particular set of ILS functions (ex. acquisitions, cataloging, or circulation), or by following along with the process and responding to requests for feedback!

Database Maintenance Updates

MORE's Database Maintenance team, in cooperation with Cataloging Partner Libraries L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library (Eau Claire), Chippewa Falls Public Library, and River Falls Public Library have added 17,776 new title (aka "bibliographic") records so far in 2025. These records help patrons and staff discover and access the shared collections of all MORE member libraries.

In other database maintenance news:

- MORE has switched to a new vendor for authority control, an automated service that ensures consistent data across title records
- Feedback is welcome on MORE's new service that automatically supplies ebook, digital audiobook, and digital magazine records for the MORE Catalog. The goals are to ensure patrons can find titles as soon as they're added to the collection and create efficiencies for our cataloging staff, but the record quality is not up to MORE's standards for physical materials

New Options for Deleting Item Records

Watch forthcoming TWAM newsletters for new options for deleting item records that should streamline the process for staff while limiting the potential for errors.