

MORE Administrator's Report

November 2025 – MORE Directors Council

ILS Evaluation Project

The ILS Evaluation Task Force, comprised of 10 library staff members and directors from across MORE plus advisors from IFLS, has convened to learn more about the ILS landscape and plan their approach to the evaluation. Everyone is invited to attend meetings and follow along with the process by way of agendas and notes posted on the MORE Committees page on the IFLS website > ILS Evaluation Task Force: https://iflsweb.org/knowledge-base/more-committees-2#articleTOC_8

MORE Catalog Homepage Update

In the coming weeks, the MORE Catalog homepage at <https://www.more.lib.wi.us> will have a facelift! The familiar search box and account access options at the top of the page will remain, but the rest of the page will provide better options for patrons to browse and search the shared collections of all MORE-member libraries.

The updated homepage will prominently feature staff-created lists. I'll solicit ideas and lists periodically in TWAM, and directors and staff should feel free to suggest lists to feature.

MORE Database Updates

IFLS Catalogers, in cooperation with MORE's Cataloging Partner libraries, continue to create, edit, and maintain title records for all MORE-member libraries. So far in 2025, 25,994 title records have been added for newly-acquired materials in all formats.

The database maintenance team is adjusting to and assisting with new ordering patterns with member libraries following this fall's announcement that popular book vendor Baker & Taylor is ceasing operations by the end of the year.

As the end of the year approaches, MORE staff will complete several annual database maintenance tasks to ensure that library holdings and patron records are up-to-date before statistics for the 2025 Public Library Annual Report are compiled. Several batches of item records will be deleted on December 15; see Jackee Johnson's Nov. 13 email for details, and check in with Jackee before December 12 if you have questions about item records to be deleted.

Other Year-End Considerations

In addition to item record clean-up, the end of the year is also the time we at IFLS collect closed dates, call for MORE advisory committee volunteers, and do patron record clean-up. Watch for emails as well as reminders and deadlines in TWAM.