

MORE Administrator's Report

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MORE ILS Evaluation

MORE is in the midst of evaluating the staff-facing software in use by all libraries in the consortium. Since 2012, MORE has used Sierra, an ILS (integrated library system) from vendor Innovative. Other ILS products are available for library consortia. An ILS Task Force made up of library staff, library directors, and IFLS staff has been meeting regularly. The group has:

- Explored the current ILS landscape
- Conducted a survey on Sierra among library staff and director
- Requested, received, and analyzed written information from 3 companies about 4 ILS products: ByWater Solutions (Koha), SirsiDynix (Symphony), and Innovative, a Clarivate company (Sierra and Polaris)
- Hosted product demos

Next, the task force will evaluate post-demo survey results, make site visits with libraries using other ILS products, and ultimately make a recommendation about MORE's ILS use in the future to MORE Directors Council by this fall.

Vega Mobile Worklists

Mobile Worklists is an app product newly-available to MORE that connects directly with Sierra to allow staff to do some collection- and circulation-related tasks in a digital, portable way. This might come in handy for paging lists, inventory, or creating lists. We at IFLS are working on testing Mobile Worklists before rolling out the option to all libraries.

An important consideration with Mobile Worklists is that it must be used on a device that is for library use only, never on a personal device. Because Mobile Worklists connects directly to all of our Sierra data, security is a major concern. As part of testing, we'll try Mobile Worklists on different types and sizes of mobile devices so we can provide advice about what libraries might use for this purpose.

Database Management Update

So far this year, MORE's Cataloging Partner library staff and CABS staff at IFLS have created 13,659 bibliographic (title) records on behalf of all member libraries. These catalogers, along with other Bibliographic Records and Standards Committee staff, work together to ensure consistency and reliability across MORE's shared collections.

This Week at MORE (TWAM) Reminder and Help from IFLS

Keeping up with the TWAM email newsletter is the best way to learn about upcoming MORE meetings, new developments, the ILS evaluation process, and tips for using Sierra. Everyone who works with Sierra, the MORE Catalog, and the MORE Libraries app can benefit from reading TWAM.

Please also remember that IFLS staff are available for more individualized, timely help! Use the IFLS help desk to reach any IFLS staff members, including those working with MORE, and always feel free to request trainings and refreshers for new or experienced staff.