

ODIN Advisory Council
Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
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Present:

Doris Ott, State Library
[Cindy Clairmont-Schmidt, State Library, guest]
Stephen Banister, Minot State
Rita Ennen, Dickinson State
Sarah Batesel, Mayville State
Donna James, Valley City State
Kelly Hell, Williston State
Karon Chabot, NDSCS
Deb Syverston, Ed.D., Dakota College at Bottineau
Celeste Ertelt, Lake Region College

Phyllis Bratton, Jamestown College
Michele Reid, NDSU
Wilbur Stolt, UND Chester Fritz
David Haberman (for Rhonda Schwartz), UND Law
Lila Pedersen, UND Health Sciences
Ted Smith, ND Supreme Court Law
Tim Dirks, Fargo Public
Sandra Hannahs, West Fargo Public
Tony Stukel, ODIN

ODIN DIRECTOR REPORT - Stukel

The upgrade to ALEPH version 20 was completed on schedule this past June fourth. This is our third major upgrade. It went very smoothly.

A update of the ODIN web site was completed and went live in August of 2010.

A new version of UFind was put in place this past September 2010. Functionality includes:

- ILL functionality in ALEPH without 'leaving' the UFind interface.
- Will be removing 'comments' tab since there has been no use in over a year.
- Course Reserves is new functionality that needs to be configured to use.

Directors shared experiences regarding the UFind interface in their libraries.

ODIN staff has worked on a Federated Search proof of concept using Pazpar2 open source software. It shows significant promise. It has not been carried beyond the initial stage at this time. Showed the basic search capabilities that had been developed to date. The work done to date shows that federated searching can perform well in terms of response time. ODIN participated in a meeting MNPALS set up with Index Data about management tools for Pazpar2.

ODIN training materials have been re-worked and material has been added. We have begun producing brief training videos. Planning to add at a one a week pace. ODIN is looking for ideas from the user community.

Many custom reports are now available. Custom reports creation will continue as needs are identified.

ODIN is loading records for libraries. Vendors include; Credo, NetLibrary and OverDrive at this time.

Loading of invoice records is in test. The testing process is being done with UND at this time. The process should be similar for other libraries who wish to load invoices.

Database Authentication Pilot/investigation. ODIN has been testing with EZProxy to enhance or replace the Authgate database screening process that is now in use.

Active Directory is coming to all NDUS campuses. Note that it is either 'on' or 'off' in ALEPH so the login screen will change at some point in the future. However, for non-NDUS libraries the process of logging into the library system for their users should not change. The login process will use the original barcode if that is what is put in for a login.

ODIN Hardware Environment. ODIN updated Virtual Machine software within the last month. All ODIN servers except ALEPH servers run in a virtual environment. We can add servers as we need them. We can also change the resources available to any given server to increase capacity if needed. Current servers include:

- ODIN Web (Drupal)
- Drupal Test
- MySQL
- SMTP Email Gateway
- UFind Production
- UFind Test
- Pazpar2

The following servers provide ALEPH services.

- Libserv4 – ALEPH Production
- Libserv3 – Oracle Production
- Libserv1 – ALEPH Test
- Libserv5 - Oracle Test

No changes in staffing to report. Expect to fill one open position to improve our ability to move quicker and to provide some depth/backup in the technical area.

Going to propose changes to the patron configuration to considerably improve patron 'sharing'. This will provide a substantive project for the circulation work group. The project is to bring back the general ALEPH USER.

ALEPH Upper Midwest User Group will be held in FARGO in October of 2011. This conference was planned to be in North Dakota to make such a meeting more accessible to ND libraries. Has been in St. Paul last three times. Hope you can support this effort.

NDUS Update - Stukel

The move from multiple email systems to a single system called BPOS is underway for the NDUS. Expect to complete the move of all campuses by summer of 2011.

Annual Survey next spring should be briefer and more focused.

ODIN will be working to enable the library system to use the Active Directory process currently in progress for NDUS. We have just begun testing the process.

1901.3 Information Technology Approval Process is in force for the North Dakota University System. The introduction says:

NDUS Policy Section 1901.3 states:

Consistent with North Dakota Century Code section 15-10-44, the state board of higher education shall manage and regulate information technology planning and services for institutions under its control. The Chancellor is delegated authority and directed to develop information technology planning, policies, standards and guidelines, and project management oversight and reporting in conjunction with the state information technology department. NDUS Information Technology (IT) projects shall comply with established standards, guidelines, procedures and processes.

Full document at: <http://www.ndus.edu/makers/procedures/ndus/default.asp?PID=328&SID=62>

Help Desk – single point of contact is proposed given the responses to the Help Desk survey. Changes are under discussion at this point.

NDUS UPDATE – Stukel for Kloberdanz

“Annual” survey of ODIN users is scheduled for spring 2011; it will be briefer and more focused.

NDUS is planning to request an additional amount (\$200,000 - \$250,000?) for new databases for NDUS libraries. Specific databases are not named; if funded, decision will then be made, with consideration of the libraries’ survey results from several months ago.

FEDERATED SEARCH TASK FORCE REPORT – James

Members: Chair Donna James, Tim Dirks, Dave Haberman, Wendy Wentz, Wilbur Stolt, Jane LaPlante, Tony Stukel, perhaps 1-2 others. Committee has met. ODIN will arrange for select vendor demonstrations next. ODIN libraries are reminded to keep up with developments in federated/unified searching.

USER GROUPS – Stolt

“New” chairs: Technical services, Shelby Harken (CFL); ILL/resource sharing, Shari Mosser (State Library). Still seeking chairs for OPAC and Circulation.

STATE LIBRARIAN – Ott

It is expected that the new Minitex contract for ILL will be about the same. Although costs have generally risen, North Dakota’s requests to Minitex have been slowly decreasing in number.

ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Several libraries are using Library2Go from Overdrive, which allows users to download audiobooks, ebooks, videos, & music. The current ODIN institutions involved are: Grand Forks Public Library, Dickinson Public Library, West Fargo Public Library, Fargo Public Library.

PARTY!

Cake was served in honor of Doris Ott’s retirement. A plaque was presented to Doris from ODIN and photos were taken.