

ODIN Workday Circulation Discussion

- Group discussed several ALEPH quirks related to patron fields, including the mail attachment setting in the Global tab and Global blocks resetting overnight
- The Leader for the Circ-users group was discussed. Benjamin Harvey was nominated and accepted the leadership role.
- Staff from Grand Forks mentioned long load times on patron activity screen, typically with waits from 10-40 seconds, but frequently longer. No one else has had similar difficulty in the recent past.
- Someone asked about checking out EBSCO ebooks to an iPad. Discussion/explanation followed regarding the fact that EBSCO ebooks don't "check out" in the traditional sense—they are simply viewable in browser when accessed. It was said that they will not work properly on iPads.
- The new Overdrive website was discussed. There was general agreement that it was a positive change.
- A question regarding Primo came up. Someone wondered if it would be embeddable in library websites. No one was certain, but the answer as presumed to be yes.
- Discussion ensued regarding checkout of technology. Valley City State University checks out iPads to its patrons for one week at a time, with no renewals. West Fargo Public Library checks iPads out for in-library use, however has seen very little circulation. Grand Forks checks out Nook simple-touch devices for the same period as books and sees solid circulation.
- The group discussed feasibility and security concerns regarding the use of smartphones as library cards. There is an app that generates scanner-readable barcodes on the screen of the phone. During this discussion, other security issues arose such as patrons not being able to choose or reset their library PIN numbers.
- Finally, we discussed circulation of other formats such as video games and video game consoles, blu-ray movies, and the possibility of circulating roku, a simple device for streaming video accounts such as Netflix.