

ILL Meeting for ODIN Workday, April 10, 2013

The new Worldshare platform was discussed. It was unsure how Aleph direct would connect with Worldshare. NDSU and NDW love direct request!

You can find out more about OCLC's change at <http://www.oclc.org/worldshare-ill.en.html> and consider joining OCLC-SHARING-L@OCLC.ORG (an easy way to join any of OCLC's listservs can be found at <https://www3.oclc.org/app/listserv/>)

It is unknown if anyone has actually gone to the new platform

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Also in platform news, NDSU ILL is in transition. The library is an early adopter of the ALMA platform; however, no decision has been made on ILL because Alma doesn't have ILL capabilities until December. They might stay on Aleph or go to Illiad. NDSU will put out info on the ILL listserv when a decision has been reached.

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A question was asked on the multiple barcodes equals multiple requests (such as when a set of four cassettes has four separate barcodes). At this time one request equals one barcode. If we want it to change then cataloging needs to change on the item. However, there were comments brought forth that in Version 21 that this might not be the case. I checked Linda's notes on the "what's new" presentation and I see that you can receive multiple barcodes, however, I don't see any mention of shipping multiple barcodes. This will need to be investigated when V21 is closer to release.

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NDW asked about renewals and entering in a date as it would be easier for them to fill if they knew how long of a new due date was needed. Unfortunately, that is something that librarians can't help out on as we already have to fill in a requested due date to ask for renewals. Our patron's aren't required to fill out a date and that is probably where the blank renewal date is coming from.

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The use of the "Change Status" button was also discussed. Remember – if you use the change status button, IT ONLY CHANGES YOUR SIDE. You still need to do an action on your side that will change both the lending and the borrowing side. If you use the change status button to get it

to shipped, you need to use the receive button to get the request to the same status on for you and the lender.

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NDJ the asked about lost items on the Aleph system. The lending library is to declare it lost first. Yes, NDS has been doing it wrong all this time, but I've been told it is being studied to see why it works the way it does. So this needs to be looked at again.

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Another quick note was brought up. Don't use the \$ (dollar sign) when typing out the price in the message file. The Aleph system reads that as computer code and wipes out the first part of the price. For example, if you say \$23.74 it looks like <>.74 to the borrowing library

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One more quick note was that Loretta has retired from NDSU. We wish her well and I'm going to try not to be horribly jealous when she's in the sun and I'm in all this snow.

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Statistics were brought up. Again, any library that is able to do statistics is encouraged to input them. The more you do the less that NDSL has to do on your behalf. Also, ODIN is only able to show stats for libraries they are connected to. For example, they cannot show any stats between Jamestown College and Alfred Dickey Public Library (in Jamestown) because Alfred Dickey is not in the ODIN system. ODIN also cannot show a library's out of state activity.

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NDW asked about how to see the whole message. The message only shows what the other library is saying. You can see the whole message by checking out the [L] Request Log from the tree on the left side of the Aleph ILL platform. Here you will see each action (including messages) and the date/time stamps.

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NFG wanted to make everyone aware of a shortcut. In the top section you can change "Request Number" to the easier to use "Words anywhere." Because this will actually find words anywhere in the request.

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Possible enhancements to the new Aleph v21 were brought up. Discussed was that the lender could be made live again in an unfilled request. Also, Receive will have a push to patron button that will bring up their circulation record. Linda's notes can be found at (you'll need to log in) [http://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/Whats%20new%20pussycat%20-%20Whoa%20whoa%20whoa%20its%20version%2021\\_LindaAllbee.pdf](http://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/Whats%20new%20pussycat%20-%20Whoa%20whoa%20whoa%20its%20version%2021_LindaAllbee.pdf)

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Diane from NGF asked how different libraries communicated with patrons. Many of us use the automatic emails provided by Aleph. NDS uses a set of emails and letters that have been developed over the years.

In relation to this, Dan from NDW asked about the automatic forms. UND and NFG both brought up their customized forms. It was suggested that Dan talk to Lynn to get the forms customized for his library and then talk to Ellen to get them turned on.

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Nothing else was brought to the table. As I was signing off I was cut off. So, thanks everyone for coming! We'll see you next year!