**April 8, 2024 – Academic Cataloging Group Notes**

**What’s happening at your library?**

* Valley City – is having many programming activities for National Library Week. For example, Dog Days, people from the community and professors have brought their dogs in. Also doing some activities guessing bookshelves with faculty members, and black out poetry.
* UND – is having some panel discussions. They had Randy Rassmussen lecture, and a new paleontological professor spoke about how he is looking for collagen in dinosaur bones. They have has some events lately trying to engage people.
* NDSU – For National Library week they have a table set up front with some like free giveaways and some drawings for prizes as well. They are also having an undergraduate research event that happens every year. The student describes how they have utilized library resources in their research and there is a $1000 scholarship. NDSU is still recruiting for two unit director positions.
* NDSCS – Starting to think about the accreditation process that is coming up for their dental program.

**New Topics:**

* North Dakota State documents – from Jenny   
  A couple of months ago, I learned that there was online access to a state document we have in print – the *Oil and Gas Production Report* (OCLC # 22779421). My understanding is the ND State Library is responsible for cataloging the state documents, and also digitizing them. When they are digitized, though, it appears they only add an 856 to the print record – they are not creating records in OCLC for the online/digitized version, which requires the other state document depository libraries to seek the online records out in their catalog (at least this is what Shelby at UND told me they do – I don’t know about other ND institutions). To me, this seems like duplicative work for the other state depository libraries, and I am wondering if anyone has suggestions for working with the State Library to make the cataloging process more efficient for everyone.   
  <https://www.library.nd.gov/statedocdeposit>
  + Concerns about State Documents being issued in paper when there is online availability.
  + Concerns that the State Library is just adding a URL to the print version of the record only in Polaris (not on the record in OCLC).
  + Shelby met with Suzanne Caro from the State Library at NDLA along with the State Historical Society. The State Library is continuing to follow the rules that are outlined for them, which says that they will be distributing the print copies that they receive. They did not see any need at the time I asked to go into OCLC and catalog separate online bib record which is the correct policy for cataloging.
  + Drew said that NDSL will catalog purely electronic state documents as electronic in OCLC, but there are not very many of those.
  + With the ones they put an 856 URL on the print record, he creates an online record from that, adds the 776 to link the two records together, which NDSL doesn’t do. Others could also do that if they find them.
  + At UND state documents previous to 2018 have the URL on the print record, and after 2018 they have created online records.
* May 2024 Feature Sneak preview: <https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Release_Notes/2024/March_2024/May_2024_Feature_Sneak_Preview>

**Open Discussion**

* Vendor Supplied Records – bring your questions and answers about vendor records. Ben will have an example or two to get the discussion started.
  + Ben gave an example of vendor records, Bloom Literature Collection from Infobase. They lack OCLC numbers, some URLs are incomplete, and they generally lack substantial data. He’s developed a process for these utilizing Connexion and MarcEdit to update the records and verify content. He then imports them into Alma with an import profile that also creates portfolios. He's wondering if there is a more efficient way to do this.
  + Shelby also had a Bloom literature collection with about 900 records. She used WMS to search for the titles because you can limit in more ways than in Connexion. She found Harold Bloom’s name was incorrect in about 100 of them. She did most of her editing in OCLC and exported directly into Alma. She’s glad they have not purchased another collection from that company as it was a lot of work. She did find that using WMS she was able to make more refined searches to find records and export them.