ODIN Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 7, 2025

Meeting started by Jolie Graybill at 10:04 am.

ATTENDEES: ODIN/NDUS-CTS:

Amy Carson – North Dakota State College of Science Jason Bedsaul

Jolie Johnston – Lake Region State College Tom Danford

Paul Amberg – Dickinson State University Nicole Murphy

Janet Anderson – UND- Trinity Community Resource Center Tina Stockdill

Amanda Walch – University of Jamestown Liz Mason

Phyllis Kuno – Trinity Bible College and Graduate School Cheryl Hoffmann

Catie Palsfraff – North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library

Jonathan Voigt – UND – Law Library

Jessica Gilbert Redman – UND – SMHS Library Resources

Michele Seil – Carrington City Library

Jenna Kahly – West Fargo Public Library

Jolene Nechiporenko - Minot State University

Jolie Graybill – North Dakota State University

Rebecca Bichel – University of North Dakota

Traci Lund – Divide County Public & School Library

Mary Soucie – North Dakota State Library

* **ODIN Director’s Report** – Link to slide show report for full details –

<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2025-04/OAC%20Director%20Report%204-7-25.pdf>

* + New Library Branch - West Fargo Satellite Location – Grand Opening Today
  + Legislative Updates - Weekly updates have been sent out.
  + ODIN Workdays – March 24-28/2025 and it was great to have attendance at the webinars. Survey will be sent out to see if libraries would like to go back to an in-person basis/hybrid instead of online
  + Product Updates -
* ALMA UPDATES-
  + - * CERV (formerly NERS) – first round submitted this morning.
      * PRIMO NDE UI (Next Discovery Experience – changes to UI – session last week on this – early adoption available – must decide by 4/20/2025 – Consortia ready November 2025.
      * February Feature Release –
        + AI Improvements:
* Metadata Assistant (ALMA) fully available
* Research Assistant (PRIMO)
* Linked Open Data Enhancements in PRIMO
* New Patron Service UI – is the default (only option after May release)
* POLARIS UPDATES -
* Polaris 7.7 installed in January – a lot of improvements and enhancements
  + - Polaris 7.8 (Q2 2025)

Management Import Profiles in LEAP

Management Multiple Printer profiles in LEAP

Student Record Import in LEAP

Authority enhancements in LEAP

Third RTF

More Sys Admin settings in Web

* + - Polaris 8.0 (Q4 2025) Patron Code Aging Process
* Bibliographic Records Templates
* General Strong push for parity with remote client by this release
* Most of System Administration moving into Web Client
* **IUG 2025 Recap**
* Several ODIN staff attended. Vega Suites Expansion – New Kids Discovery – Rapido Consortia Borrowing.
* **Clarivate** changes to eBooks Marketplace –
  + Proquest eBook Central changes – Discontinuing selling perpetual licensed individual titles as of June 2026. Long-term support for existing purchases. Subscription-based models are still available with expanded options
  + Rialto Changes - Management shifted to product teams (Alma, Primo, Leganto, etc.). Promises for More enhancements – benchmarking and insight tools. More vendor/publisher support is coming.
* **LX Starter (Polaris) Update**d (Enhances email notices) - started our roll out to libraries. Worked out email configuration issues on our end. Divide County first to go fully live. We are currently working with Grand Forks, McKenzie Co, and West Fargo.
* **LX Starter Templates/LX Starter – Statistics and Visibility -**  if interested in getting setup on this – please reach out to the ODIN office. Traci Lund improved that group that it is quite easy to use, and patrons really like it. Setup was not as time-consuming as she thought it would be, and it was great and easy to work with.
* **SMS for Polaris** – RFP is completed and working on contract language and terms. Vendor has expressed that they would also be willing to work on ALMA also.
* **Overdrive/Libby Authentication (Polaris)**- Working on profile cleanup with Overdrive. Main profile will enforce barcode and pin after the change. Patrons should not see any difference but will need to log back into Libby after. If your library currently does not require pins/passwords and is one of these libraries (please reach out) Bowman Regional Public Library, Carrington City Library, Dickinson Public Library, Divide County Public Library, Hatton School and Public Library, Kidder County Public Library, Lakota City Library, Leach Public Library, Maddock Community Library, McKenzie County Public Library, McVille Community Library, North Dakota State Library, Northwood City Center Library, Northwood City Center Library, Pembina School & City Library, Stanley Public Library, Velva Public Library, West Fargo Public Library, Wishek Public Library & School

* **Accessibility Updates** – ODIN office is focused on getting VPATs from vendors. Clarivate formed Accessibility/UX Team – Innovative and ExLibris. NDUS CTS is in the process of procuring tools to cross-verify as well. ODIN website, Authgate, EZProxy, other self-hosted will be updated as necessary
* **AI Initiative** – Emerging Technologies Taskforce was created and have meet several times to see how this will affect libraries. Exploring AI- related impacts to Librarianship – threats and opportunities, strengths and weaknesses, what our future work looks alike, tools and resources. Hopes to produce a strategic Plan.
* **Member Library Updates –**
* Paul Amberg **–** Dickinson State University - New President starting July 1, 2025. Will be teaching starting this fall – 2 sessions – wind up the semester. Remodeling of shelving and study area and conference/study room.
* Janet Anderson - UND- Trinity Community Resource Center – New group of medical students. Graphic medicine book group that is being made available shortly.
* Rebecca Bichel – University of North Dakota – Expanding of read and publish agreements. Finals programming. Strategic Planning for libraries.
* Amy Carson- North Dakota State College of Science – Teaching with AI and updating for accessibility. Working with four instructors for new classes in the fall and accreditation.
* Amanda Walch - University of Jamestown - I was at ACRL last week; we're full steam ahead on National Library Week events this week; we've got our Undergraduate Student Research Symposium next Tuesday; we've got candidates coming to campus for interviews in the next few weeks hoping to fill our open position; we've got some end of semester events coming up too - it's a busy time!
* Catie Palsgraaf – North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library - Starting to look at preservation of Century code (historical statutes are requested) and how to be able to make copies if requested.
* Jenna Kahly – West Fargo Public Library - today grand opening of new satellite site – grant being announced today. Exciting times. Strategic Planning is also in process.
* Jolie Johnston- Lake Region State College – Interim President as President is retiring. Teaching this semester and next year.
* Phyllis Kuno - Trinity Bible College and Graduate School – Graduation May 3rd – 9 doctoral students – first biblical and theological students – Retiring on May 30rd. New librarian has not been named yet. 24 years with this library working with ODIN and is very appreciative and thankful for all the ODIN staff and all of ODIN libraries and their support. Thanks to Mary Soucie and NDSL Staff for your help and support. Donation received for renovations to library – windows are being replaced.
* Jolene Nechiporenko - Minot State University – Research poster session – Easter Egg Hunt – 100-year award for Federal Deposit Library – Visit from Dental accreditation. Attended ACRL – a lot of ideas to use.
* Traci Lund- Divide County Public & School Library – Mini golfing in the library quarter 3 – nine holes setup. Summer reading preparation. Hired part time person – now 2 part time staff.
* Jonahtan Voigt - UND – Law Library – Large print contract up for renewal. New electronic database – AI stuff instead of print. Teaching currently and working on finals.
* Michele Seil - Carrington City Library - All is good in Carrington - summer reading plans and replacing outdoor window trim is about it!
* Jolie Graybill- North Dakota State University – hiring positions currently. Mural added to stairwell.
* **Academic Search Complete Renewal** - Jason will be sending out email – bridge one year and renewal talks with Minitex – Minitex extended one more year on contract.
* **Ex Libris Contract Renewal Conversation** – Contract entering 5th year. Approached by library to join on the academic side – not willing to add new libraries at the current rate. Jason took a poll – Question 1 - contract extension - terms of contract Question 2 - New Members – admit and rates.
* **Academic Cost Sharing Formula** – Committee was formed to look at possible changes. Jason went over proposed formula. Jason will send out documents to all Academic Libraries for feedback. Voting period will be announced and open for voting before this is put into use.
* **State Librarian Report** –
* Library Associate hired – Fiscal Director – resigned and transferred to DPI and is still serving as resource. New Fiscal Director starts April 23.
* Strategic Plan – Vision and Mission – Providing pathways to knowledge and opportunities. Strengthen – Connect – Ignite -
* NDLCC – June 30 – 4 vacancies. Currently searching for candidates for replacements. School, Citizen at Large, Higher Ed – Librarian at large.
* Library vision grants – received a lot more requests than funds were available. Winter 2025 - 4 – Tribal Winter – 1 - Tribal Collection Development – 3 - grants were awarded. Partnering with DIP and new fiscal year will be using a new grant management program.
* **IMLS Discussion** – NDSL uses our Grants to States Program for statewide programs.
* Grants to States are approximately 1/3 of our budget
* Although the funding was included in the continuing resolution, we have not received official notice of our ffY25 (Federal Fiscal Year – October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 with funds to be expended by September 30, 2026.
* Mary informed the group of the information that she knows about the IMLS Department, IMLS Staff and situation and discussions that are currently happening. Mary encouraged everyone to reach out to Federal Representatives if you can express your thoughts and concerns if you can do so. [ndsl-pa@nd.gov](mailto:ndsl-pa@nd.gov) for the LSTA documents.
* **NDLA In October** – Tri Conference - Grand Forks, ND

<https://ndla.info/events/>

Programming proposals are due and seem to be coming in at a nice amount.

Meeting Adjourned – 12:05 pm.