



# ODIN Director's Report

Spring 2025 OAC Meeting – Jason Bedsaul

# Overview

- General Updates
- Alma Updates
- Polaris Updates
- SMS RFP Update
- Accessibility Updates
- Emerging Technologies (AI) Taskforce



# New Library Branch



- West Fargo Satellite Location
- Grand Opening Today!
- Floating collection between branches

# Legislative Bill Updates

- Weekly Updates will continue till the end of the session
- Primary Focus:
  - 1013 – DPI, NDSL, School for Deaf, Vision Center Funding Bill
  - 2003 – NDUS Funding Bill
  - 2307 – Review, report, and restrict library materials



# ODIN Workdays



- Thank you to all that presented and attended!
- Webinars held March 24-28
- Will be sending out survey soon for thoughts on keeping them online only or interest in returning to in-person
- <https://www.odin.nodak.edu/about/odin-workdays>

# Alma Updates





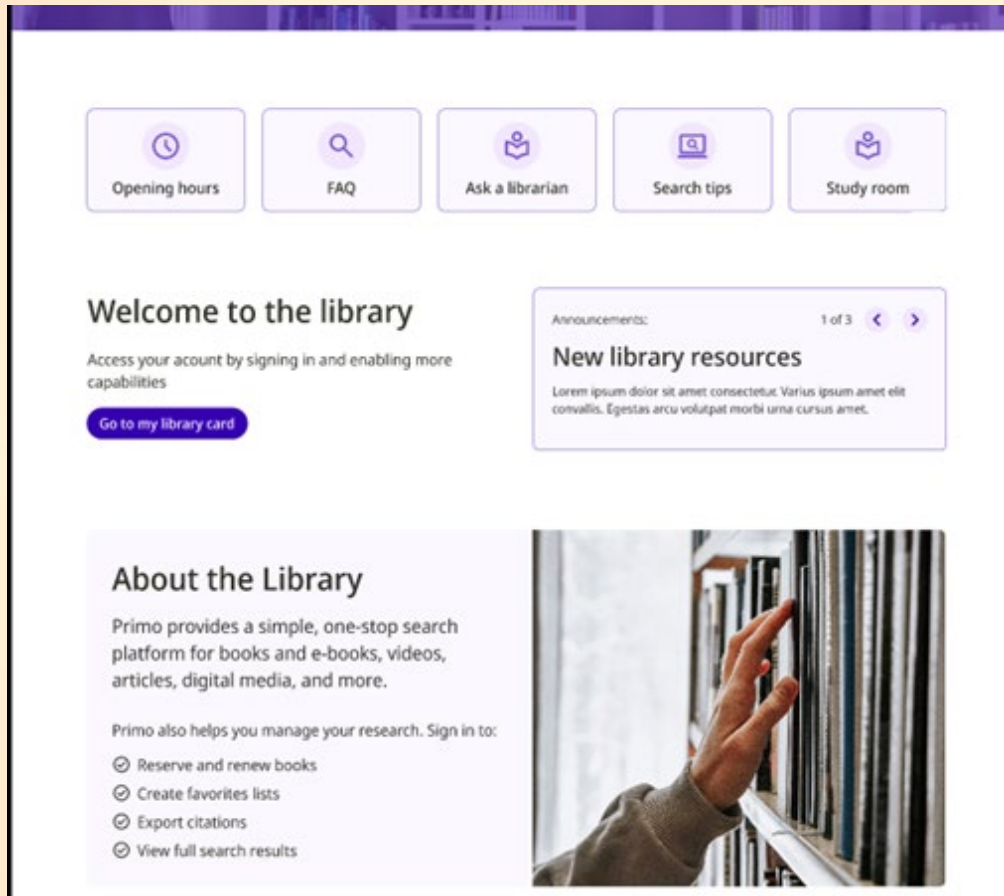
# CERV (Formerly NERS)

- First Round for Alma and Primo is finishing
- 238 ideas for Alma; 89 for Primo
- ODIN has 100 points for each
  - Cast our initial votes for Resource Sharing and Circulation enhancements this morning
- Member libraries can also join ELUNA for additional points

## 2025 CERV Timeline Upcoming Dates:

- **April 9-April 10:** Top voted results will be reviewed by the Enhancement Teams, then sent to Ex Libris to scope solutions and assign development points.
- **April 11-June 6:** Ex Libris will assign development points based on the complexity of each enhancement. More complex = more development points assigned.
- **June 16-June 29:** For Alma, an additional round of voting will take place. For Primo, the Enhancement team will determine if another round of voting is required. Once all voting rounds are completed, the winning enhancements will be announced and submitted to Ex Libris.
- **After July 1:** Ex Libris will deliver the accepted enhancements within one year, customarily by the next September (2026).

# Primo NDE UI

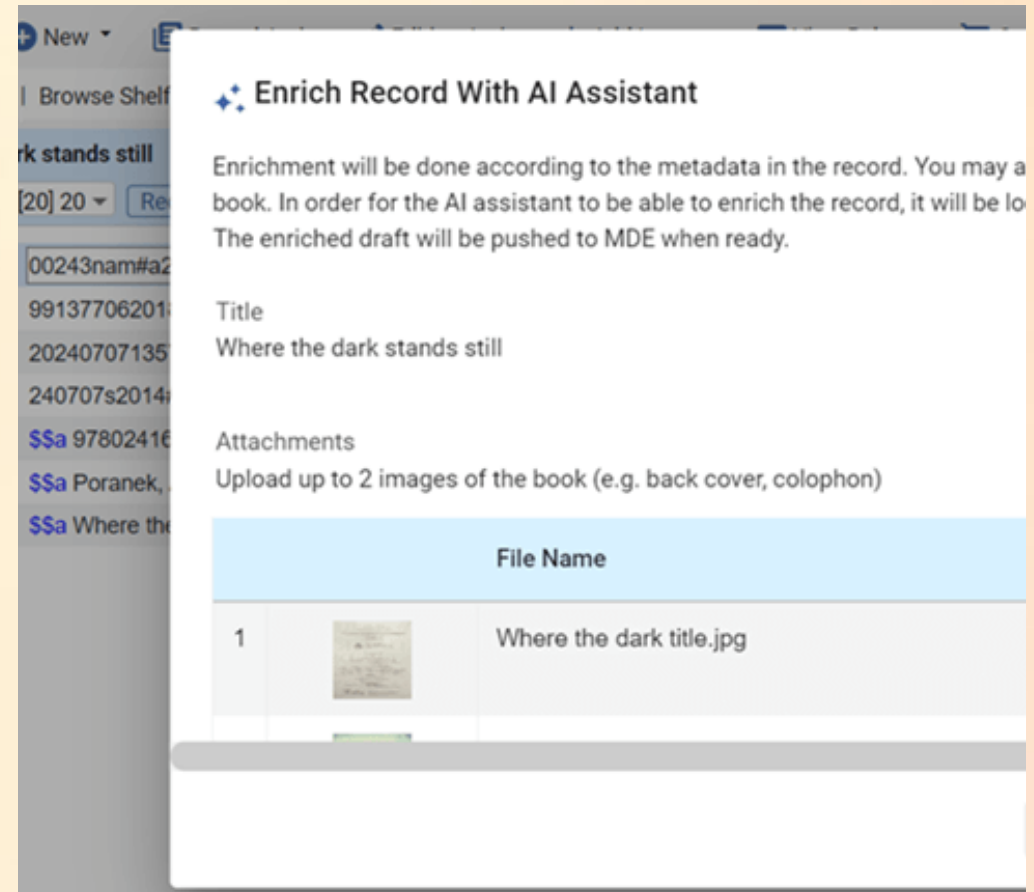


- “Next Discovery Experience”
- Changes to UI and ‘under the hood’ of Primo
- Early Adoption available - must decide by 4/20/25
- Consortia ready November 2025



# February Feature Release

- AI Improvements:
  - Metadata Assistant (Alma) fully available – still a ‘work in progress’
  - Research Assistant (Primo) material type and date options for patrons
- Linked Open Data Enhancements in Primo
- New Patron Services UI is the default (only option after May release)



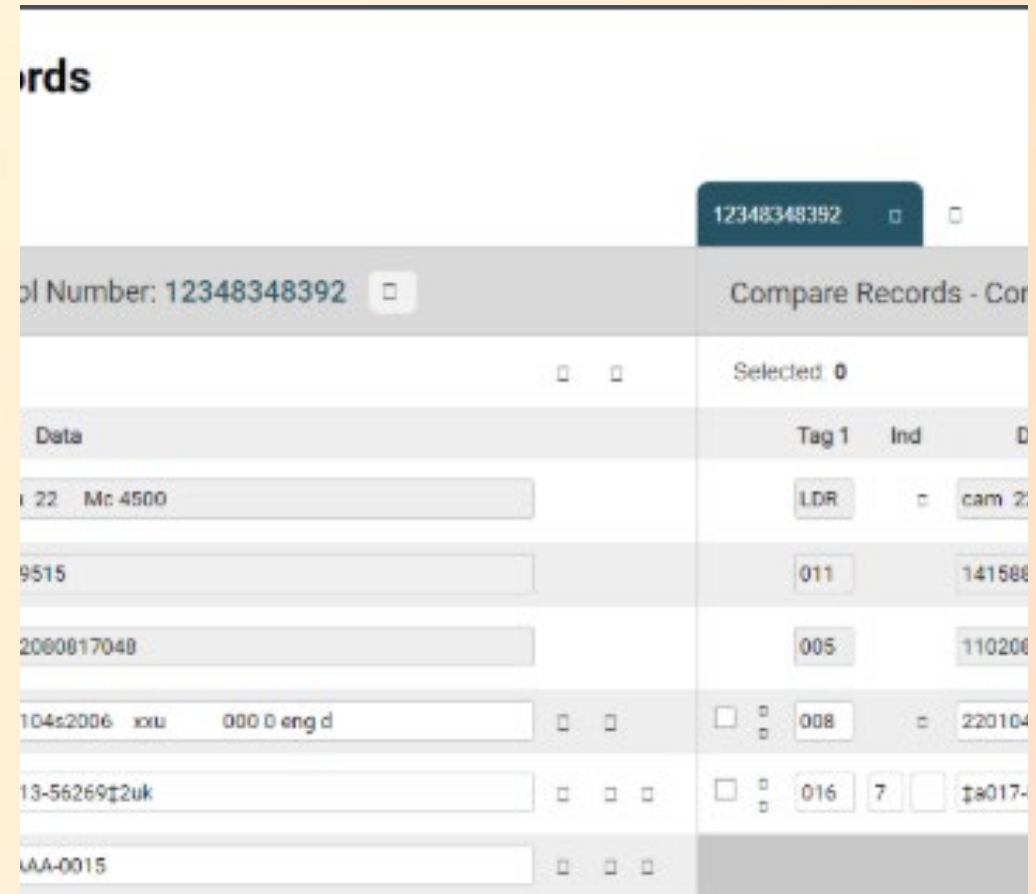
# Polaris Updates



Part of **Clarivate**

# Polaris 7.7 Installed in January

- New Find Tool Features – Sticky filters, recent search history, multiselect
- Non-blocking notices are now optional (no popups)
- Create a record set from Simply Reports
- Advances in Cataloging in LEAP – keyboard shortcuts, duplicate checks, and comparing bib records



The screenshot displays the Polaris 7.7 interface. At the top, there's a header with the word 'Records'. Below it, a search bar contains the number '12348348392'. A button labeled 'Compare Records - Cor' is visible. Below the search bar, there's a table with columns: 'Data', 'Tag 1', 'Ind', and 'D'. The table contains several rows of data, including '22 Mc 4500', '9515', '2000017040', '104s2006 xxu 000 0 eng d', '13-56269g2uk', and 'UAA-0015'. Each row has corresponding values in the 'Tag 1', 'Ind', and 'D' columns, such as 'LDR', '011', '141588', '005', '110206', '008', '220104', '016', '7', and '13017-'. There are also checkboxes and other small icons in the table cells.

Data	Tag 1	Ind	D
22 Mc 4500	LDR		cam 2
9515	011		141588
2000017040	005		110206
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13-56269g2uk	016	7	13017-
UAA-0015			

# Polaris 7.8 (Q2 2025)

- Managing Import Profiles in LEAP
- Manage Multiple Printer Profiles in LEAP (receipt printer AND label printer)
- Student Record Import in LEAP
- Authority enhancements in LEAP
- Third RTF
- More Sys Admin Settings to Web

Find Tool - Authority Record (Remote Databases)

Authority Record (Remote D... ▶ Basic Search ▶ All keyword fields ▶ Keyword (All) ▶

Search: pugsl

#	Database Name	Heading	Control Number	Name	Subject	Series
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	Von der Leyen, Katharina. Mops. English	7230144	Y	Y	N
	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	Pugs (Musical group)	8450767	Y	Y	N
	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	Barnes, Nico. Pugs. Spanish	13877120	Y	Y	N
	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	Gordon, Scott (Scott E.). Pugs! Spanish	16235495	Y	Y	N
	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	May, Kyla. Pug's got talent. French	17783770	Y	Y	N
	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	May, Kyla. Pug's snow day. French	17784651	Y	Y	N
	PolarisZMARC (ZM...	May, Kyla. Pug's snow day. French	18477260	Y	Y	N

# Polaris 8.0 (Q4 2025)

- Patron Code 'Aging' Process
- Bibliographic Record Templates in LEAP
- General strong push for 'parity' with remote client by this release
- MOST (All?) of System Administration moving into Web Client



# IUG 2025 Recap



- Several Staff attended IUG in Denver in March
- Topics
  - Vega Suite Expansion
  - New Kids Discovery
- Rapido Consortial Borrowing



# Clarivate changes to eBook Marketplace

- ProQuest eBook Central Changes

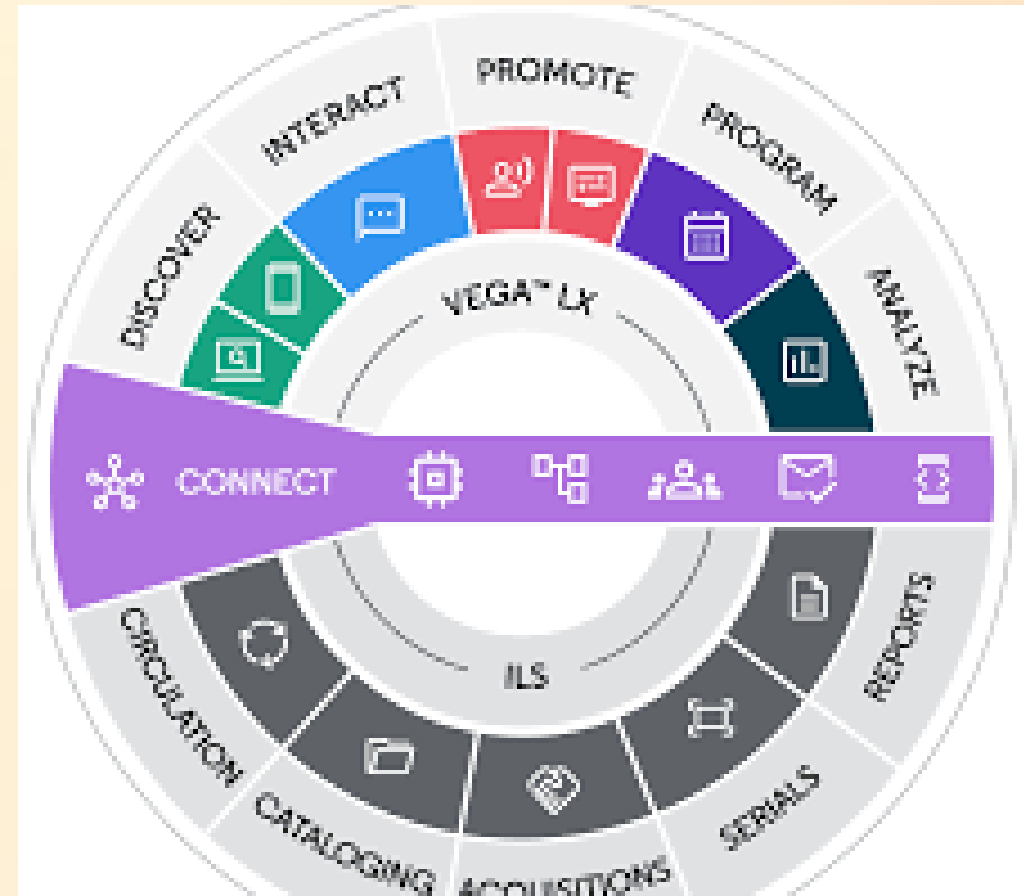
- Discontinuing selling perpetual licensed individual titles as of June 2026.
- Long-term support for existing purchases
- Subscription-based models are still available with expanded options

- Rialto Changes


- Management shifted to “product” team (Alma, Primo, Leganto, etc.)
- Promises for MORE enhancements
  - Benchmarking and Insight tools
- More vendor/publisher support coming

# LX Starter Update (enhanced email notices)

- Started our roll out to libraries – Voluntary basis
- Worked out email configuration issues on our end
- Divide County first to go fully live
- Working with Grand Forks, McKenzie Co., and West Fargo currently



# LX Starter Templates




Content

## Return to

**Divide County Public Library**  
104 1st St NE  
Crosby, ND 58730

Hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Email: <a href="mailto:dcl@nccray.net">dcl@nccray.net</a> Phone: 701-965-6305	Exterior drop box available 24 hours.
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OVERDUE ITEM(S):



Item Type

Book

Title

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Author

by Rowling, J. K.

Item Due Date

12-22-2023


Primary Button

All >

CatalogFacebookWebpage

Logo

All >



Info1

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Content

Blocks

Body

Images

Uploads

# LX Starter – Statistics and Visibility

< Almost Due / Auto-renew Published

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Overview

Performance

Languages (1)

Settings

Scheduled to Send

0

[0 scheduled](#)

Delivery Rate

96%

[53 delivered](#)

Open Rate

55%

29 opens

Link Click Rate

9%

5 link clicks

Bounce Rate

4%

[2 bounces](#)

Fail Rate

4%

[2 failed to send](#)


Spam Rate

0%

[0 marked as spam](#)

Links	People	Clicks
<a href="https://dividecountyndlibrary.com/">https://dividecountyndlibrary.com/</a>	3	5
<a href="https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris/default.aspx?ctx=27.1033.0.0.1">https://polaris.odinlibrary.org/polaris/default.aspx?ctx=27.1033.0.0.1</a>	3	3
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<a href="https://www.facebook.com/dividecountylibrary">https://www.facebook.com/dividecountylibrary</a>	3	5

Notice/ Almost Due



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Crosby, ND 58730

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Monday-Friday


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Catalog

Facebook

Webpage

# SMS Update

- RFP completed and working on contract language and terms
- Hoping to sign this week
- Expected to have solution in production 17 weeks after contract execution (late July/ early August, 2025)
- Chosen solution has expressed interest in providing solution for Alma as well
- Background
  - Major carriers are starting to restrict/no longer support Application to Patron (A2P) email to text.
  - Sprint/T-mobile began late last summer
  - AT&T has announced plans for this June
  - NOTE: We can bulk change notices to be email AND text, instead of text preferred alone.

# Overdrive/Libby Authentication (Polaris)

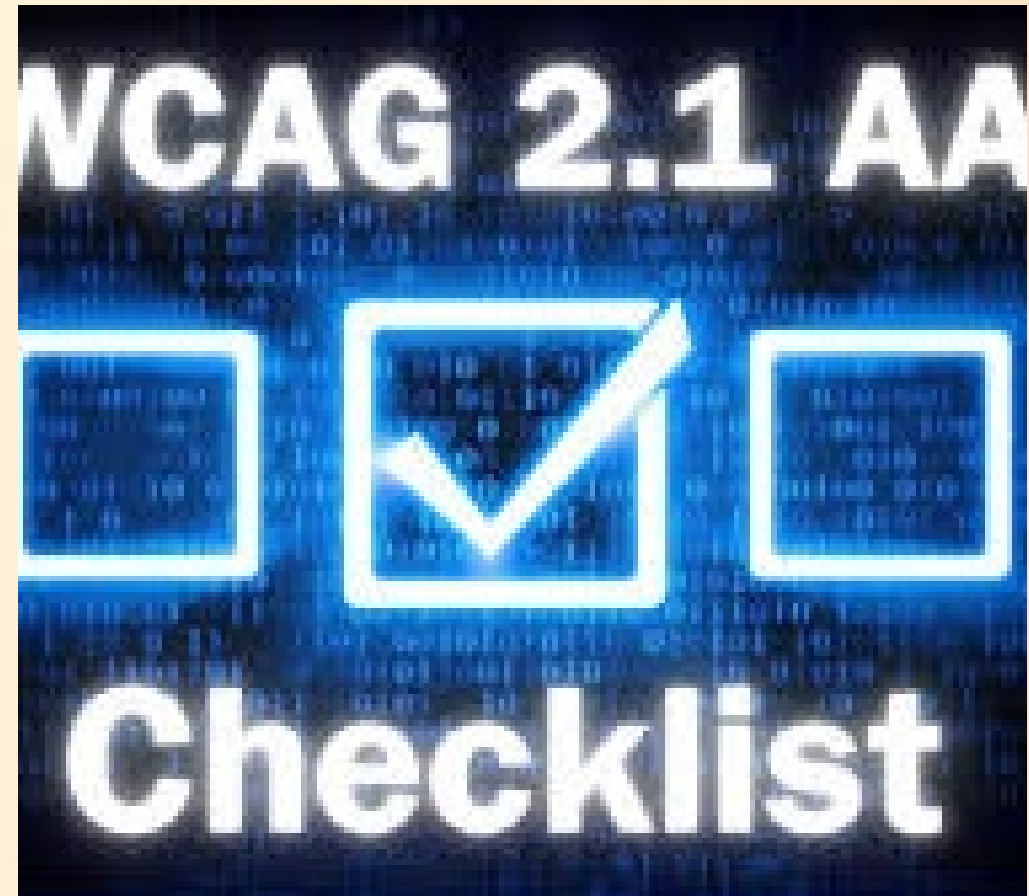
- Working on profile cleanup with Overdrive
- Main profile will enforce barcode and pin after the change
- Patrons should not see any difference, but will need to log back into Libby after
- If your library currently does not require pins/passwords and is on this list, reach out.

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,  
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: Currently assessing all Polaris web interfaces – including the PowerPAC
  - Ex Libris:  
<https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Cross-Product/Security/Statements/Accessibility>
- 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



# Emerging Technologies Taskforce

- Members: Paul Amberg (NDI), Janet Anderson (UNF), Kelsey Riggs (NBJ), Amy Carson (NDW), Rebecca Bichel (UND), Kelly Kornkven (NMY), Jonathan Voigt (UNE), Bethany Rants (NDSL), Nicole Murphy (ODIN)
- Exploring AI-related impacts to Librarianship
  - Threats and opportunities (external)
  - Strengths and weaknesses (internal)
  - What our future 'work' looks like
  - Tools and resources
- Hope to produce a Strategic Plan/White Paper

Questions?

