

# FALL 2025 OAC MEETING



**ODIN Director's Report**

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# ODIN OFFICE UPDATES



## **CIO - Corey Quirk**

- **Former Deputy CIO**
- **25 years with NDUS/UND**
- **ODIN will continue to report to Corey**

# NDLA CONFERENCE

- **Alerus Center (Grand Forks, ND) Oct 1 - 3**
- **ODIN is a Vendor/Sponsor**
- **Schedule one-on-one training or help with any of the staff**
- **Two sessions:**
  - **“Building the ILL Bridge” (Mary and Jason)**
  - **“What the WCAG is a VPAT?!?” (Jeremy and Jason)**

# ALMA / PRIMO UPDATES



Part of **Clarivate**

# AUGUST RELEASE - ALMA

- Installed on Production 8/3
- Default new Title Search UX
- Several UX improvements to all the functional areas
- <https://www.odin.nodak.edu/events/announcement/almaprimo-ve-august-feature-release-highlights>

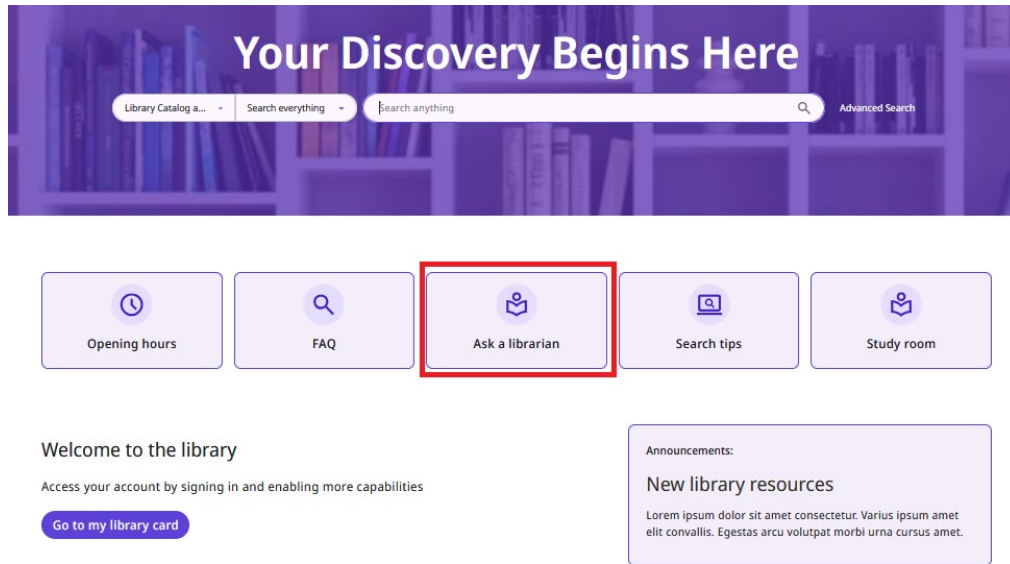
The Alma logo is displayed in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is significantly larger than the other letters, and the 'l' is also tall, creating a distinctive visual identity.

# AUGUST RELEASE - PRIMO

- More improvements to the Collection Discovery Pages
- New Exact Title Search (requires setup and reindexing)
- More features added to NDE UI
  - Featured Newspapers
  - A-Z Journal Search/Browse
  - Database Search

The logo for Primo, featuring the word "Primo" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font.

# NEW DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE



- General release for consortia coming in November
- ODIN Office will help create a 'preview' view package
- Customization can be done 'in the background'
- Rolling implementation in Spring/Summer

# POLARIS UPDATES



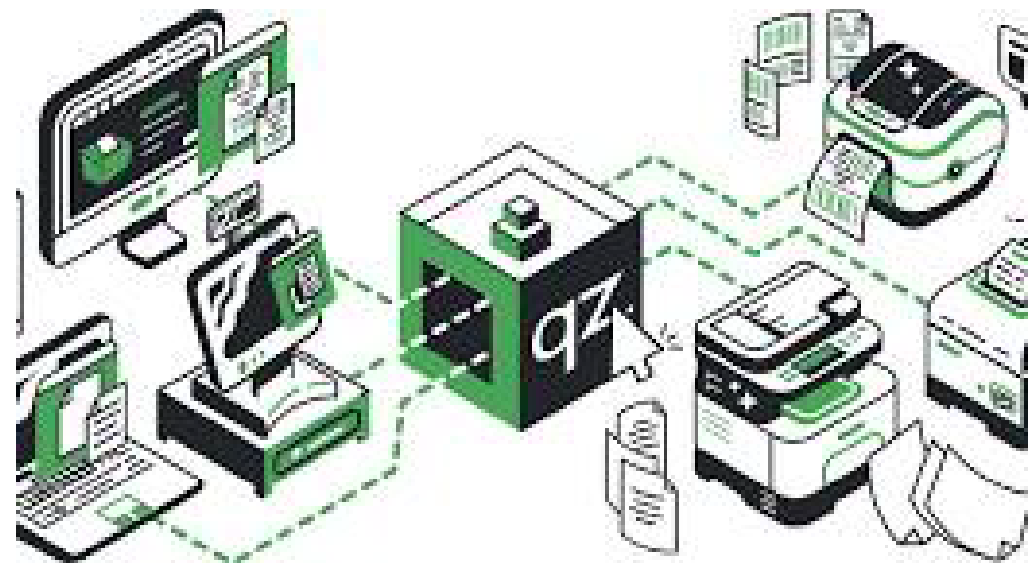
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# POLARIS 7.8 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Live August 16th**
- **Highlights:**
  - **Polaris Web System Administration**
    - Significant push from client to cloud
    - Additional permissions granularity and control
  - **Student Import in LEAP (CSV)**
  - **Import Profiles now editable from LEAP**
  - **Statistics – Renewals are now separate**

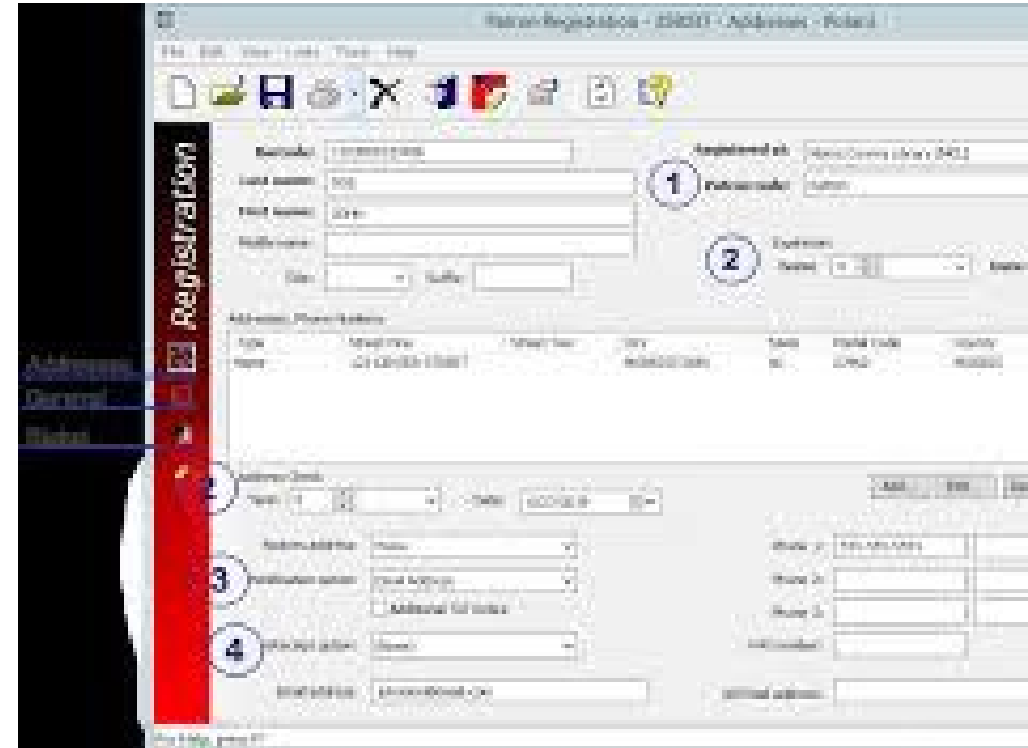
# QZ TRAY

- New direct-to-printer functionality in LEAP
- Requires a client and cert install on each Workstation
- <https://www.odin.nodak.edu/training/circulation-holds-ill/leap-direct-printer>



# POLARIS CLIENT TO WEB MIGRATION

- Functional Transition will be effectively complete with next release (8.0)
- Remaining points of concern:
  - Web access to canned reports
  - Cataloging workflows
  - System Administration tasks
- No timetable yet; tentative plans for early 2027



# VEGA LX UPDATES

- Rolling migration continues...
- Improves delivery, security, and insights
- Included with our Polaris Subscription
- Flexible templates: 'set and forget' or use for marketing / outreach
- **Live:** Divide County, Dickinson High School, Dickinson Area Public, McKenzie Public, Grand Forks Public, Leach Public, West Fargo Public
- **Setup and working on templates:** NDSL, Carrington City, Kidder County, Cavalier Schools
- **Setting up walk-thru meeting:** Bowman, Grafton Public, Grafton Schools, Velva, Harvey, McVillage, and Lakota
- **Libraries next on the schedule:** New England, Carrington Schools

# SHOUTBOMB GO LIVE

- Went Live August 13th
- Text Notices (SMS) Solution for Polaris
- Automated patron feed from Polaris to Shoutbomb
- Opt-Outs and Invalid reports will be compiled and sent out monthly now
- Still working out a few hiccups
- Library Usage Reports and “Broadcast” functionality will come later this Fall



# SHOUTBOMB BY THE NUMBERS



**Total Registered Users:**  
**10,334**



**Total Registered Barcodes:**  
**12,932**



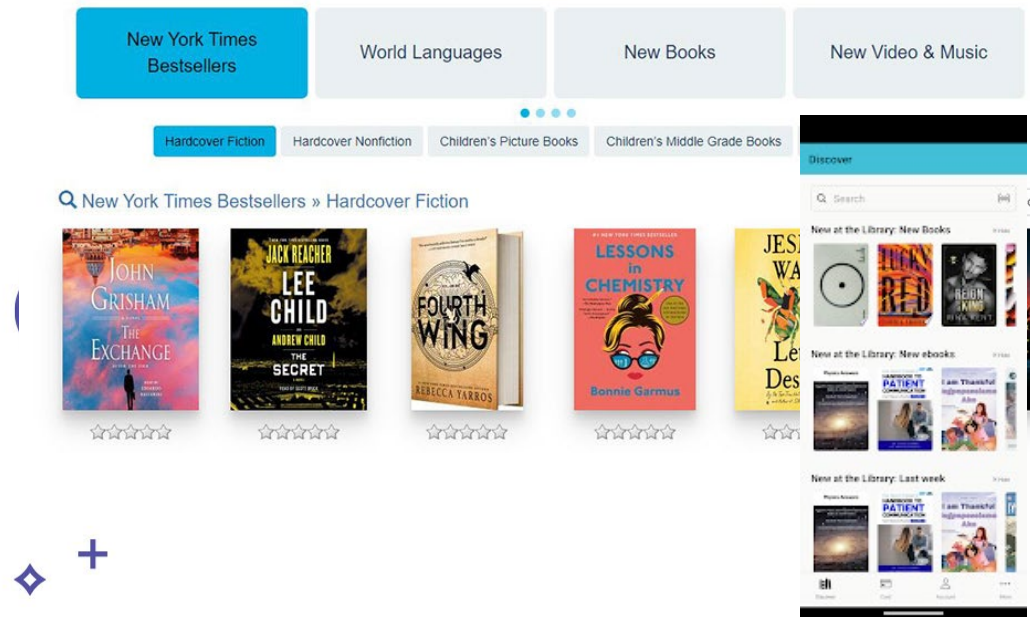
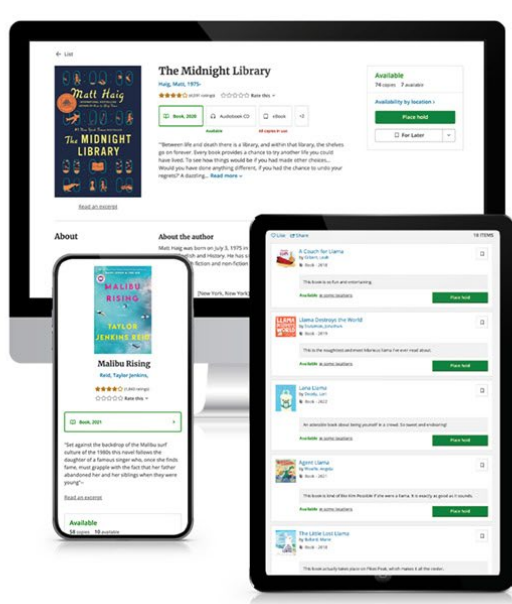
**Top Keywords (August Usage):**

MYBOOK: 414 times  
RA (Renew All): 255 times  
STOP: 124 times  
HELP: 85 times

# DISCOVERY/MOBILE RFP

- Focus on improving the Patron Experience
  - Replacement for the Power PAC
  - New Mobile App
  - RFP Members: Susan Moberg (DIZ), Renee Newton (DIP), Steve Hammel (NDL), Tonya Palmer (NGF), Lynn Wolf (ODIN), Jess Leraas (SFD)
- Tentative Timeline:
    - September: RFP requirements drafted
    - October: RFP issued
    - Mid-November: Responses due
    - Late November: Responses reviewed and finalists selected
    - December: Finalist demos and selection
    - January – June: Implementation

# ENHANCING THE USER EXPERIENCE



# SHARED E-RESOURCES (SER) TASK FORCE

- Minitex-led RFP for MN, SD, and ND for statewide e-resources
- Selection for new list starting in FY27
  - Current Vendors: EBSCO, Gale, ProQuest, Capstone, Britannica
- NDSL and ODIN are Funding Partners
- ND Representatives: Laura Egan (UND), Al Peterson (NDSL), Leif Fritzell (NGF), Misti Frink (Bismarck Public Schools)



# ODIN BILLING

- FY26 Bills went out late last week via email
  - Formula Explanations were attached for each bill
  - New Academic Cost Sharing Formula in effect
  - Reach out directly to me with any questions or concerns
- Operational Billing
    - Alma/Primo: \$551,459
    - Polaris: \$219,616
  - Statewide Resources
    - Base Package: \$179,526
    - ASC: \$44,300

# USER GROUP ELECTIONS

- Current Terms end in December
- 2-year terms 2026-2027
- Timeline:
  - October: Nominations open
  - November: Ballots go out
  - December OAC: New Chairs announced
- OAC – Chair and Vice Chair
- Academic User Groups
  - Acquisitions, Discovery, Fulfillment, NDAC, Resource Management, Resource Sharing
- PKS User Groups
  - Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation/ILL, Discovery

# QUESTIONS?



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