

ODIN Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 8, 2025

Meeting started by Jason Bedsaul at 10:03 am.

ATTENDEES:

Amy Carson – North Dakota State College of Science  
Paul Amberg – Dickinson State University  
Amanda Walch – University of Jamestown  
Catie Palsgraaf – North Dakota Supreme Court Law Library  
Jonathan Voigt – UND – Law Library  
Jessica Gilbert Redman – UND – SMHS Library Resources  
Jolene Nechiporenko – Minot State University  
Jolie Graybill – North Dakota State University  
Rebecca Bichel – University of North Dakota  
Marlene Anderson – Bismarck State University  
Wendy Wendt – Grand Forks Public Library  
Traci Lund – Divide County Public & School Library  
Dani Kappel – North Dakota State Library  
Tuya Dutton – Valley City State University  
Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State University  
Jenna Kahly – West Fargo Public Library  
Amanda Walch – University of Jamestown  
Michael Jan – ND State Hospital

ODIN/NDUS CTS:

Jason Bedsaul  
Nicole Murphy  
Lynn Wolf  
Liz Mason  
Cheryl Hoffmann

- ODIN Director Report –
  - ❖ Corey Quirk – NDUS CIO – replacing Thomas Danford – who retired. Jason/ODIN will continue to report to Corey.
  - ❖ NDLA – Alerus Center Grand Forks – October 1-3, 2025
    - ODIN Vendor/Sponsor.
    - One on one training or help with any ODIN Staff available.
    - ODIN conducting two sessions – Building the ILL Bridge – Mary and Jason and What the WCAG is a VPAT? – Jeremy and Jason
  - ❖ ALMA updates –
    - August was released and installed on production 8/3.
    - Default new title search UX.
    - Several UX improvements to all the functional areas.
    - Release highlights -  
<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/events/announcement/almaprimo-ve-august-feature-release-highlights>
  - ❖ Polaris updates-
    - More improvements to 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

- New Discovery Experience – general release of consortia coming in November, ODIN office will help create a preview view package. Customization can be done in background, rolling implementation in spring/summer
- Polaris 7.8 highlights – went live 8/16,
  - 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 not 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 marketing/outreach
  - Live – Divide County, Dickinson High School, Dickinson Area Public, McKenzie Public, Grand Forks Public, Leech 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 8/13
  - 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
  - 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
    - Possible 3 options – BiblioCore, Aspen Discovery, Vega (Innovative Solutions)
- ❖ Shared E-Resources – SER Task Force –
  - Minitex led RFP for MN, SD, and ND for statewide e-resources
  - Selection for new list starting FY27
  - Current vendors – EBSCO, Gale, ProQuest, Capstone and 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
    - OAC – Chair and Vice Chair
    - Academic User Groups – Acquisitions, Discovery, Fulfillment, NDAC, Resource Management, Resource Sharing
    - PKS User Group – Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation/ILL, Discovery
  - 2-year terms 2026-2027
  - Timeline – October – Nominations open  
November – Ballots go out  
December OAC – New chairs announced

▪ Roundtable Library updates

- ❖ Amy Carson - Summer activity - clean-up/vacation – Four student library employees starting – Instruction sessions being with week - Tara Blado organizing a speaker for Professional Development Day with regards to AI – Archival Projects in the works - Accessibility for Lib Guides
- ❖ Marlene Anderson – Been waiting for flood recovery to happen – books packed and in storage – rolling shelves to be resurfaced – new carpet – new furniture to come – hoped for fall semester, but now thinking spring semester – Done a lot of reading
- ❖ Michael Jan – Downsized garden but more productive than larger garden – new state hospital construction under way – 3-year project – looking forward to standard size bookcases in the future.
- ❖ Traci Lund – Visit to state hospital library – first year did not have a project – so tidied up and refreshed the library. School started up and under way.
- ❖ Jenna Kahly – turned front yard into public cut garden for picking flowers – average 30 – 40 people per weekend making bouquets and mostly people they do not know - Library work – new carpet in the next couple of weeks
- ❖ Tuya Dutton – remodel one lounge – positively received – new student orientation – summer reading challenge/Amanda Walch – VSCU won again – traveled home and spent a month there with family
- ❖ Amanda Walch – new resource and research librarian started last week. Summer reading challenge with VSCU. Major construction at University of Jamestown and some of it are coming to an end in time for some major events planned. Cafeteria planning and construction are under way due to fire. Dining Services currently have been working out of gymnasium. October – to end of school year will be on maternity leave.
- ❖ Johnathan Voigt – New Dean is currently being hired. Dave Haberman recently retired – in the process of hiring a replacement. School year kickoff and getting that underway. Amsterdam this summer with wife who attended a conference.
- ❖ Catie Palsgraaf – Videos for common legal research topics – Legal Self-Help Center – creating forms for folks who have never been married but want to get a custody order and do not agree - Contested Parenting Responsibility – Went to Tony Hawk Vert Alert in July
- ❖ Kelly Kornkven – summer at baseball fields – last year of little league – HLC accreditation in March – working on insurance portion.
- ❖ Paul Amberg – President is requesting library to take over the bookstore. On with Financial Aid to get a process for books needing to be purchased for students
- ❖ Jessica Gilbert Redman – No director for about 1 ½ year and Position Description has been approved, and position posting will be out soon– Administrative Assistant retired and that position will be advertised soon. Northern MN to enjoy the trees and outdoors.

- ❖ Jolene – Business as usual for summer – working on 40,000 eBook collection – major cut to operating budget this year.
- ❖ Dani Kappel – NDSL – sitting in for Mary Soucie – National Book Feast attended by two NDSL staff members. Text services are plugging away.
- ❖ Jolie Graybill – couple trips to Denver to visit daughter. Work projects – blinds in library were replaced in Admin area and the blinds in the rest of the library will be replaced soon. New student workers are being hired. Was able to fill most open library staff positions. New student lounge was created and nearly completed just waiting on vending machines and furniture.

Amanda Walch – ND Book and Arts Festival – University of Jamestown hosting – September 20<sup>th</sup>

Adjourned at 11:00 am.