

ODIN Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting started by Jolie Graybill at 10:06 am.

Attendees:

Amy Carson – North Dakota State College of Science
Jonathan Voigt – UND – Law Library
Jessica Gilbert Redman – UND – SMHS Library Resources
Jolene Nechiporenko – Minot State University
Jolie Graybill – North Dakota State University
Marlene Anderson – Bismarck State University
Wendy Wendt – Grand Forks Public Library
Tuya Dutton – Valley City State University
Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State University
Jenna Kahly – West Fargo Public Library
Mary Soucie – North Dakota State Library
Janet Anderson – UND – Trinity Community Resource Center
Jolie Johnston – Lake Region State College

ODIN/NDUS CTS:

Jason Bedsaul
Nicole Murphy
Lynn Wolf
Ginny Millette
Tina Stockdill
Cheryl Hoffmann

▪ Roundtable Member Library Updates:

- ❖ Marlene Anderson – Flood recovery continues, not sure when done – shelves are being worked on and furniture to be put together and moved in. Book Talk – Book – The Box Car Library – Book of Doors – Books for Living – one Sunday each month.
- ❖ Tuya Dutton – Destress week – craft/puzzles – Wednesday - Dogs – 10:00 – 4:00 pm
- ❖ Jenna Kahly – Winter reading program on bean sac – Communications started library super fan – stamps for doing activities – name in drawing for prizes.
- ❖ Jessica Gilbert Redman – One hiring search for Admin Assist – offer in the process – Associate Dean in the hiring process – hopefully to have the position filled early 2026.
- ❖ Janet Anderson – Hospital staff at Trinity Hospital – books to distribute to patients, faculty, and staff.
- ❖ Jonathan Voigt – Middle of finals this week – snacks around the library for students
- ❖ Jolene Nechiporenko – Dinosaur/Facil Display – Legendary Dinosaurs in ND – Therapy Dogs – Dec 15 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Undergrad research forum – Staff recently Alice Training – active shooter training
- ❖ Kelly Kornkven – Shannon has been running the library – Kelly working on Accreditation – HLC
- ❖ Amy Carson – Sunday – open extended hours for finals week – Accessibility Workshop held last week – working on next semester –
- ❖ Wendy Wendt – Books and Bricks – Lego display opened over the weekend – miniature Library – miniature GF – third year of having it. Friends of the Library specialty book sales. Family photos for free over the weekend – Puzzle Showdown coming up.
- ❖ Jolie Johnston - Busy with finals – craft stations, destressing activities

- ❖ Jolie Greybill – extended hours started Friday for finals – Prep Rally – meet with librarians and staff – prep for finals and projects – Mini Horse coming to library tomorrow – new student lounge to be rolled out start of spring semester.

- ODIN Director’s Report – Jason Bedsaul -
<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2025-12/Winter%202025%20OAC%20Meeting.pdf>
 - Please notify ODIN Office if new staff are hired at your libraries by submitting a help ticket.
 - New Branch – Sanford Marshfield Clinics – Marshfield WI – Librarians – Brian Finnegan and Jane Konop – Went live December 1st – records only for now.
 - New Member Library – Griggs County Public Library – Director – Lexi Broschat – Cooperstown – signed December 1st – anticipated Go Live – Mid May 2026
 - ODIN User Group Election Results –
 - OAC – Chair – Janne Kahly, WFP – Vice Chair – Rebecca Bichel – UND Chester Fritz
 - Academic – ALMA/Primo –
 - Acquisitions – Tuya Dutton, VCSU
 - Resource Management – Ben Ferguson, VCSU
 - Discovery – Ethan Fria, UND Chester Fritz
 - Fulfillment – Chris Gasink, UND Chester Fritz
 - Resource Sharing – Shannon Hofer, Mayville
 - PKS – Polaris/To Be Determined
 - Acquisitions – Olivia Peterson, WFP
 - Cataloging – Bobbi Wood, GFP
 - Discovery – Tonya Palmer, GFP
 - Circulation, Hold, ILL – Kayla Birkholz, WFP
 - NDAC – Hannah Beebe, VCSU
All positions except NDAC are for CY26 – CY27
 - Polaris Updates –
 - Coming in 8.0 – Dated Patron Notes (MEEP), Automated Patron Code Aging (MEEP), Offline check-in, Bibliographic Record Templates in LEAP, Additional System Administration Tools in the Web SA – Bulk update tables, SQL job monitoring, Logfile Access – Expected upgrade in February/March 2026
 - MEEP Results – Enhancements for 8.1 (expected update for late Summer 2026) – Leap find tool window and new tabs from find tool in Leap, Stacked Sorting (Multi Sort), Add ability to enter a reason when cancelling a hold, Return to where you were in your record set
Reminder that the Idea Exchange is the primary source for enhancement selections - <https://ideas.iii.com/forums/951742-ils-polaris>
 - SSRS Rollout – No longer need to access the client (Web based) to run standard ‘canned’ reports, Use staff account to login, Includes a favorites list, Schedule emailed report delivery (including published Simply

Reports), Save reports directly to PC, ODIN planning to rollout access to SSRS with next Polaris update

- Vega LX Starter – We are entering the ‘nudge’ and ‘prod’ phase of rollout, Free upgrade to standard text-based email notices, more secure and reliable (DMARC Compliant), Can be customized a lot Or ..., “claim the email,” publish the ODIN-created default templates.
- ALMA/PRIMO Updates –
 - November Release Highlights – AI Insights (opt-in): Circs and link resolver views/access (rolling 3 months), Configuration>General>AI Features>AI Usage Profile, Patron Purge Job Improvements, Metadata Editor Improvements, General release of Primo NDE for Consortia, ODIN Highlights Session:
<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/events/announcement/almaprimo-ve-november-feature-release-highlights>
 - Primo NDE Update – ODIN Office currently participating in NDE UI Transition Cohort Program, we are developing an implementation schedule and rollout for the Consortium, Lynn and the Discovery UG meetings will focus on this for Q1/Q2 of 2026, Expected to wrap up transition(s) by mid-summer
 - Few Technical Things –
 - Email notices – fixed DMARC Compliance (NDUS now enforcing), Replace SMTP Authentication (Microsoft is deprecating) with OAuth (using Azure Graph), Still working on a solution to allow multiple “From” emails w/institution domain.
 - SAML Certificate Expiring (Alma) – expires 12/31, will update closer to expiration.
 - Clarivate Customer Success – ODIN has been meeting monthly with Clarivate, review usage and develop plans to improve engagement, Reviewing data collected from survey and will create some action items, Four Key Strategic Objectives/Areas for CY26- improve analytics/data visualizations (OVI and Mix Panel), Workflow reviews and automations (On Going), Primo NDE adoption and implementation, AI integration and adoption
 - Cloud Apps Training – Monday, December 15 – 2:00 pm – How to enable and access Cloud Apps, Overview of Item Creator - <https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/appcenter/item-creator-by-excel/> and ALMA Refine - <https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/appcenter/alma-refine/>, Use cases and examples. Link to meeting - https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDM0OGY3OWItMjkxMi00NTE0LTkyZjAtZjAxMDA0NzgyZjgw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ec37a091-b9a6-47e5-98d0-903d4a419203%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224a35c87a-317f-484a-b28d-7b13848f4fa3%22%7d

- Other Project Updates –
 - PKS Discovery/Mobile RFP – Committee has completed their work, expect to finalize contract first of the year, Discovery: Meets new ADA Accessibility Rule changes, Content Rollups, Reader Advisory, Dynamic Content Carousels, Multiple Views (Children, Topics, eResources Collections, etc.), Mobile: Same as above + Digital Cards, Self-Checkout, Location-based services
- Shoutbomb Statistics – Working with Shoutbomb on delivering monthly reports to each Library via email, Will use same emails associated with Vega LX Starter (email notices), Monthly reports will include: Delivery numbers by notice type, Keyword usage, New accounts, Opted Out, Incorrect, Invalid numbers, Reminder: FTC regulations require patrons be allowed to STOP all messages; we recommend email + text as the preferred notices
- Shoutbomb Broadcasts –
 - Broadcast (ALL) – send a text message to all patrons, weather closures, emergencies, etc.
 - Broadcast (Channel) – Create a ‘channel’ patrons can subscribe to for updates/message, Book Club, Summer Programming, Events, etc.
 - Broadcast (Closures) – Scheduled reminder to patrons of planned closures – Memorial Day, 4th of July, Christmas, etc.
 - Look for rollout also in early 2026.
- A Look at our History – 1989 – Live on Pals (15 years)
 2004 – Live on Aleph (15 years)
 2019/20 – Live on Polaris/Alma (?? years)
 20?? – Latest and Greatest Wiz Bang
- Takeaways and Thoughts – Historical System Lifecycle – 15 years, Transition from Aleph to current systems arguably should have been sooner, State Procurement requires us to review contracts every 10 years, Transitions are costly (time, money, sanity), Early runway allows for potential to identify challenges and opportunities in current environment to course correct
- Proposed RFP Timelines –
 - January – September 2027 – Form Committee, review solutions for Public, School, Special Libraries
 - September 2027 – Report to Fall OAC, Consortium votes to stay or explore alternatives
 - September 2027 – June 2028 – Form committee, review solutions for Academic Solutions
 - June 2028 – Report to Summer OAC, Consortium votes to stay or explore alternatives
 - January – April 2029 – Legislative Session – Request migration funding (if necessary)
 - June 30, 2029 – Current Polaris contract end date
 - June 30, 2030 – Current Alma contract end date

- Jolie Graybill asked if contracts are for 10 years – Jason responded that contracts need to be reviewed every 10 years. Mary Soucie asked if there is a date that the client will no longer be supported – Jason responded no. Mary Soucie commented that it is a good idea to start looking at things as funding asks could be tougher going forward and could require 2 asks to receive money for the migration to new systems.
- ILL Bridge update – Mary gave a description of the ILL Bridge, and it will connect all ND libraries catalogues. SD will also be joining. For Publics and some smaller Academics move to ILL Bridge. Funding with State and Federal \$\$s received. RFP volunteers have been selected – more volunteers than were needed for the committee. NDSL gets the \$\$ and ODIN will be doing all of the work – no cost to libraries to participate. Funding some of the postage costs of ILL is being investigated. January will be the time to pull together components – RFP to be opened in the Spring. First meeting on Wednesday – preliminary list of items to look at. finished implementation targeted before June 2027. This will also combine the libraries back together again.
- State Librarian Report – Mary Soucie
<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2025-12/State%20Librarian%20Report.pdf>
 - Personnel Changes –
 - Cheryl Pollert – Administrative Assistant is retiring the end of December.
 - James Murphy – Grants Specialist resigned in August.
 - Austen Beck – Library Assistant – Talking Books resigned in August.
 - We are currently reassessing needs before filling the later two positions.
 - Library Vision Grants – Grant Management System – Web grants. Next opportunity will open in January. Small Grant – Maximum \$3,000 – Large Grant - \$10,000
 - Focus Groups – Monday, December 15 – 1:00 pm – Previous sessions had representatives from academic, public, and school libraries attend and from different staff levels. One on one feedback session is an option if you are unable to attend the focus group sessions.
 - IMLS Update – Both chambers included almost full funding for IMLS in initial budgets. Will need to go through reconciliation process. Continuing Resolution (CR) through January 31, 2026. Have not received FY26 (10-01-2025 to 09-03-2026) funding notice.
 - Library Visit – Librarian for the Day, Celebrations, Staff Development, Leadership meetings
 - State Document Update – We are now working with State Historical to utilize Preservica for state documents. Eventually all URLs will need to be updated to point to the new server. Working with ODIN to figure out a way for this to happen automatically. Better searching capabilities and easier access for patrons

- Title II ADA Accessibility compliance plans –
 - Marlene Anderson – BSC is on Digital Accessibility Committee and working for the last year - a lot of library items have been made compliant by the vendor and BSC campus is working on things. 80% complete.
 - Tuya Dutton – VCSU – IT Department Web Coordinator has been helping and working on it – library is working on it - 90% on target for April 2026. Vendor VPats in case anyone needs them - <https://library.vcsu.edu/AMLpolicies/accessibilitystatement>
 - Amy Carson - I believe that NDSCS/MJL is moving forward to meet the deadline. There is one vendor I am not sure about. (ALLDATA - a resource used by CTE).
 - NDSU is working on it and making progress.

- SUSHI and Alma Analytics – Academic Libraries –
 - Kelly Kornkven is enquiring if anyone is using SUSHI and working for Alma Analytics or doing something different. I only use it once a year or so and it does not work great for us. Tina Stockdill – ODIN – mentioned to Kelly to reach to her and she will have a look at it to make sure no updates of vendor information or other information needs to be updated. UND uses Lib Insights.

- Library IQ Demo - Polaris - Library IQ is an analytics tool for mostly the public side. Schools could use it in a different way. There is a component that overlays census data. It will show you and has a map where it shows your patrons and the census data around so you can see areas in the community where you know you do not have any usage for your library or you have lots of usage for your library. Another piece it does is Collection Development – data driven statistics. If libraries would be interested, there would be an additional cost. Total cost would be split between the libraries using it.

Mary Soucie thanked Jolie Greybill for being OAC Chair for the last 2 years.

Adjourned at 11:42 am.