



# Depth of Collaboration: Orbis Cascade Alliance

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**37 Members** Private & Public Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho

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# Review

- Vision not a tool
- If we envision it, they will build it
- Consensus, decisions, drafting plans
- Laying the foundation
- Building the house



### Migrate 37 members to:

### Ex Libris Alma and Primo Direct.



# Six **BIG** projects at **ONCE!**

# Legacy → Next generation 37 → 1

### Acting as 1

### **Unified Discovery Platform**

### **Re-Implementing Resource Sharing Creating A New Resource Sharing**



# What does that mean???

### We are replacing

- Integrated Library System
- Discovery Systems
- Link resolvers/knowledgebases
- Standalone proxy servers
- Electronic Resource Management systems
- Local servers



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Created by: Wade Guidy, University of Puget Sound



# **Building the House**

#### Sept 2012

Project manager begins Appointments to Working Groups made Contract with Ex Libris signed

#### **Oct-Dec 2012**

Shared ILS Team begins work

Cohorts finalized

Pre-Implementation planning with Ex Libris begins

#### Jan-June 2013

**Kick Off Meeting** 

Data migration

System configuration

Training



# **Building the House**



#### June 2013

Cohort 1 went live!

#### Dec 2014

Cohort 2 went live!

#### June 2014

Cohort 3 went live!

#### Jan 2015

Cohort 4 WILL GO live!

#### Jan 2015

Resource Sharing Migration WILL GO live!





# Laying the Foundation

- ✓ Extracted sample data for Ex Libris analysis
- ✓ Turned in Cohort 1-4 Alma Customer Information Forms
- Developed a basic understanding of system architecture and functionality
- ✓ Decided on how to build the Network Zone
- $\checkmark$  Decided to migrate acquisitions and ERM data
- ✓ Turned in all Alma migration forms



# Laying the Foundation

- ✓ Cohort 1-4 data extraction
- ✓ Alma Sandbox environments for Cohort 1-3
- ✓ Basic WebEx based training
- $\checkmark$  Summit (NRE) Integration testing and collaboration
- ✓ Functional workshop training
- ✓ Decided on specific go live dates for Cohort 4



## Laying the Foundation

- ✓ Testing, Testing, Testing
- ✓ Turning in Cohort 1-4 Primo configuration forms
- ✓ NCIP between OCLC and Ex Libris
- Created Cutover documentation
- ✓ Created marketing plans



# **Drafting Plans**

#### Working together

Project management in a many-to-many environment Developing new talent and avoiding burn out Shock of the New

Concepts

Data structures

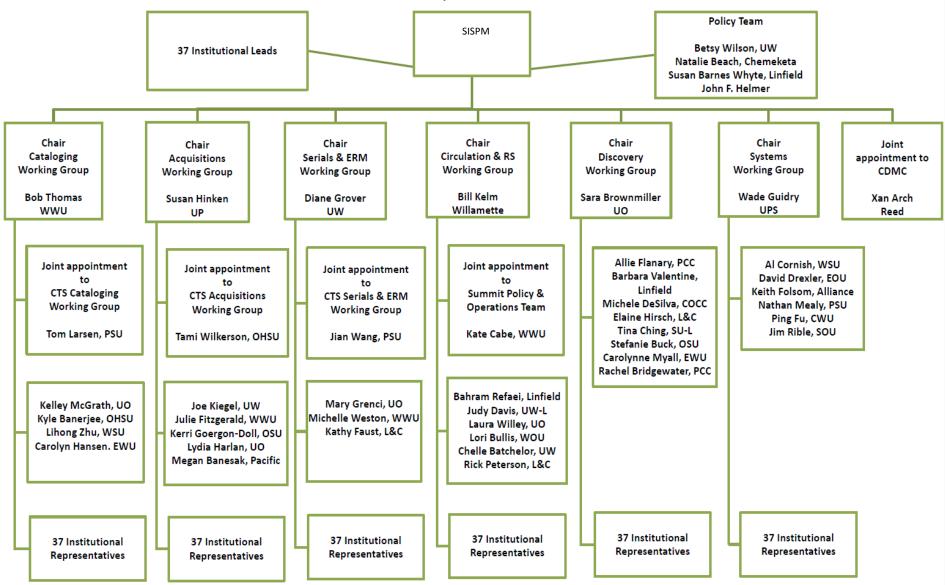
Vocabulary

Capabilities

Working relationships (libraries, vendors)



Shared ILS Implementation Team





### Communicating the WHY?

### Not an end in itself

### ... because of the past

### ... because of the future



### The past ...

- Legacy systems
- Based on limited bandwidth, storage, lack of standards
- Lagging functionality
- Hard to :
  - Innovate
  - Integrate
  - Extract data





### The future ...

Better services for students, faculty, staff Improved resource sharing ... a better Summit Improved staff tools

New opportunities, enabling

- Collaborative Technical Services
- Vision of "one collection"

New options

Alma, Intota, Sierra, WMS, etc.





### Communication

- Email Lists internal to Alliance Members
- Google Docs
- Shared ILS Docs
- GoToMeeting
  - biweekly and weekly for each area
- In person meetings



### **Communication-Ex Libris**

Joint email list

WebEx meetings -

scheduled weekly, sometimes more...





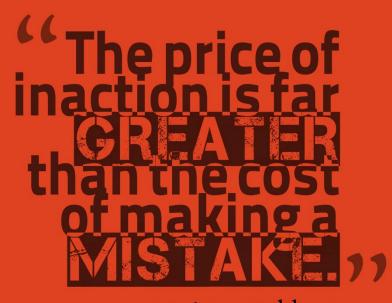
### Communication – Face to Face











Meister Eckhart



### Consensus

• What do we want?

• When do we want it?

• Who is going to get us there?

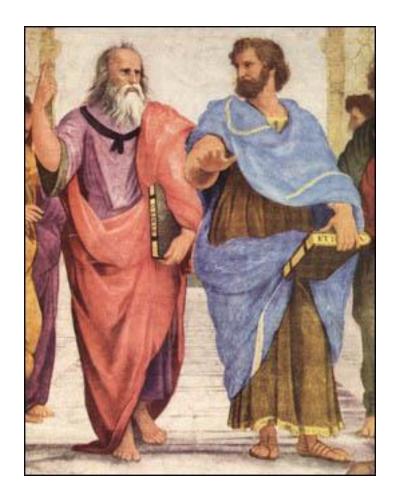




# Envision

- What do we want to accomplish.... Why
  - 20 years ago
  - 3 years ago
  - Today
- Is there a shared and unified understanding of that vision?
  - Game of telephone
  - Plato's Forms





Learning is a gift. Even when pain is your teacher.



