

Core Catalog Management Interest Group

ALA Core Virtual Interest Group Week - February 3, 2021

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Presentations:

- “Keep calm and migrate on: Getting Buy In for Consortial Changes During a Migration” presented by Jennifer M. Eustis, Metadata Librarian, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- “OCLC Data Sync Reports with Python” presented by Colin Bitter, Head of Cataloging and Metadata, R. Barbara Gitenstein Library, The College of New Jersey
- “Public Notes to the Rescue! Connecting Resources, Services, and Practices in the Library Catalog” presented by Rebecca Hunnicutt, Collections Management Librarian, and Jeffrey M. Mortimore, Discovery Services Librarian, Georgia Southern University

- Q&A



TOPICS TODAY:

- QUICK BACKGROUND TO FIVE COLLEGE CONSORTIA (5C OR FC) MIGRATION
- THE FIVE STAGES AND REACTIONS TO THE MIGRATION
- COMMUNICATION CHANNELS IN THE FC
- GRASSROOTS SOLUTION: THE OPEN HOUSE & GETTING BUY IN TO CHANGES



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IPSWICH, Mass. — June 5, 2018 — [EBSCO Information Services](#) (EBSCO)

and the [Five Colleges Consortium](#) have agreed to an EBSCO FOLIO Beta Partnership. The consortium includes Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. These institutions will leverage the FOLIO Library Services Platform in a variety of institutional scenarios.

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EBSCO PRESS RELEASE FROM JUNE 5, 2018

[HTTPS://WWW.EBSCO.COM/NEWS-CENTER/PRESS-RELEASES/EBSCO-INFORMATION-SERVICES-AND-FIVE-COLLEGES-CONSORTIUM-ANNOUNCE-EBSCO](https://www.ebsco.com/news-center/press-releases/ebsco-information-services-and-five-colleges-consortium-announce-ebsco)

OH NO! DID OUR LIBRARY JUST DECIDE TO MIGRATE!



The Great Day of His Wrath Part 1
John Martin

WILL THIS BE LIKE THE LAST MIGRATION?

- ✘ We weren't consulted last time.
- ✘ We didn't know who made decisions and why.
- ✘ No one listened to what we needed to do our jobs.
- ✘ We had to think creatively once we migrated to get our jobs done.



HOW WILL WE DO OUR WORK IN THE NEW SYSTEM?

- ✘ Will our workflows change?
- ✘ Has development finished on our requirements?
- ✘ What about my job?
- ✘ What about my workflows? Can this new system do what we need?



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HOW CAN YOU KEEP CALM & MIGRATE ON?





High level view of the feedback cycles and decision making cycles presented by the migration/implementation team to Five Colleges staff.





OPEN HOUSE

The keystone between higher level decision makers and staff on the ground

OPEN HOUSES 1.0

DISCUSSIONS

Initially the purpose of the open houses was to bring diverse staff together to get their input on their needs for a merge project, and to address their questions as best possible. Discussions were guided by topics such as: should all bibliographic records be merged?

RECOMMENDATIONS

These guided discussions took place around such topics below to develop a set of recommendations for the merge.

- Special collections
- Archives
- Serials
- Analytics/Bound withs
- Rental Collections
- Batch loads
- Special formats (music, a/v, micro, etc.)

REVIEW

The Recommendations were reviewed multiple times by the community. Open Houses were held to discuss the recommendations and answer questions from the community. These recommendations were also reviewed by the Implementation team and then approved by the Five Colleges Executive Board.

THE GOALS OF THE OPEN HOUSES

Grassroots Input

Open Houses exist to make sure staff are heard and their ideas are incorporated.

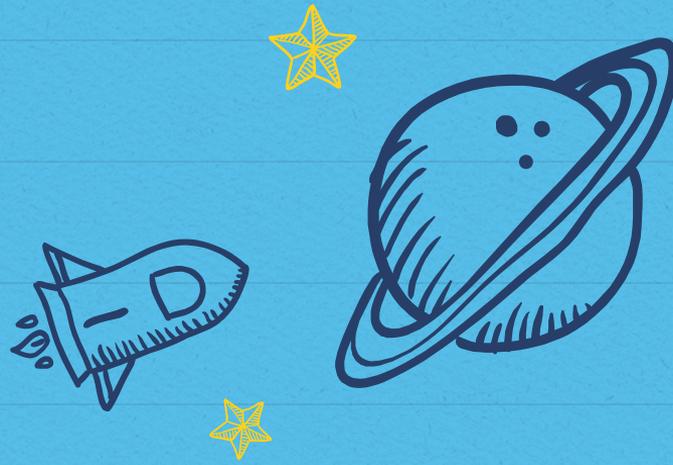
Flow of Information

These ideas are shared with our Implementation Liaison and our FOLIO project lead who share these with the Implementation Team and college Directors.

Transparency

Open Houses are recorded. All working group meetings are recorded and meeting notes are available to the public. Slack, email, and implementation blog are used to communicate.





DOES THIS CREATE BUY IN?

Are Open Houses really the keystone to acceptance of our merge and eventual migration to FOLIO?

IT'S A CONTINUAL PROCESS

How Open Houses are run are continually being developed.

The good news is that people now ask when the next Open House is!



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