



ELUNA learns Workflows Session Q & A

As a former OhioLink member how much discussion went into the decision to migrate to Alma/Primo?

Rich Wisneski: a great deal, including forming a task force, having a RFP, and soliciting input from OL members. The process took over a year.

I'd like to see that data dictionary more closely, if its shareable.

Rich Wisneski: The data dictionary is specific to the Ill Sierra ILS, using its Statistics module and exporting to Excel. Basically, the process is to identify the fixed fields, options within fixed fields, how many records contain the field and when last used, defining the fields, and providing examples

Appreciate the LC parameters. How is the Rialto vendor catalog enriched with this data that is usually missing in pre-publication metadata?

Nathaniel Gray: Rialto is composed of a number of feeds, including Library of Congress, MARC, publisher, distributor and other bibliographic provider data. Many publications contain pre-publication data that includes Library of Congress or Dewey numbers. Small presses may be lacking unless they are with a major distributor. Finally, the New Titles team ensures that enhanced data is available for titles to match on Selection and Approval Plans as well as any searches on Rialto, including LC, Dewey, NLC and NLM call numbers.

Maybe just the data dictionary template, would help?

Rich Wisneski: requires direct contact

Have you made use of the alma task lists in your workflows? if so, have you found them helpful?

Amanda Echterling: We do use task lists, and they have gotten better over time. The recent update of Alma allows for the batch updating of renewal dates on order records and that has made the renewal task list so much cleaner and more relevant. We are growing in our use of metadata/inventory related task lists, such as the in dept items. Since our catalogers catalog outside of Alma, we're bringing their awareness to the workflows and tasks within Alma and how they can monitor and act upon tasks.