AMICUS and the National Union Catalogue

Transition to OCLC

Briefing NUC User Round Table

Purpose of the Meeting

- Discuss the replacement of AMICUS with OCLC

- Identify any issues or concerns of Canadian libraries prior to contract sign off

AMICUS Background

- 1995: AMICUS launched cataloguing, public search, record distribution and resource sharing (on a cost recovery basis)

- 2000: Public services made available without cost

- 2002: Acquisitions, Serials Control, and Circulation modules released

- 2013: High density storage system integrated with AMICUS

AMICUS Services Today

- Copy cataloguing

- Interlibrary loan

- Loading of records into the National Union Catalogue

AMICUS Statistics 2014

- 50% of LAC website visitors go to AMICUS

- 13.27 million Z39.50 queries

- 1.97 million AMICUS Web searches

LAC and NUC Records in AMICUS (as of January 1, 2015)	
LAC bibliographic records	3,176,629
NUC bibliographic records	29,970,150
LAC holdings records	4,428,351
NUC holdings	65,692,645
LAC Canadiana Name Authorities	781,237
Canadian Subject Headings	7000

The National Union Catalogue (NUC) in AMICUS

- Contains the holdings of 646 Canadian libraries
- 52% or 337 libraries are considered *current* (within the last 2.75 years)
- Majority of reporting libraries are University, Special and Government (research collections targeted)
- Some overlap with OCLC and many consortial, regional and provincial union catalogues

Why Replace AMICUS?

- AMICUS has not kept pace with new technological functions, capabilities, and client needs.

- Contemporary features are not available

- As an aging proprietary system, maintenance is resource-intensive and time-consuming

ACAN Requirements Summary

- Canadian office and data centre locations
- Established track record and financial solvency
- Official Languages
- Hosted solution
- In production (not alpha, beta etc.) of integrated library system modules and national union catalogue
- Standards support (MARC21, RDA, ISO etc.)
- Technical requirements including volumetrics and W3C compliance
- Interconnection with LAC systems (CMS-HD, Free Balance etc.)

OCLC Project Timeline and Schedule

- ACAN released on buyandsell.gc.ca (March 26, 2014)
- PWGSC go-ahead to start negotiations with OCLC (November 17, 2014)
- LAC public announcement that negotiations were beginning (November 28, 2014)
- Contract negotiation with OCLC (December 2014 - April 2015).
- Data Migration (May 2015 – May 2016).
- Build links to other internal LAC systems (May 2015 – May 2016).
- User acceptance testing and staff training (May 2016 – August 2016).
- Full implementation Fall 2016.

Issues Raised by the Library Community to Date

- Costs

- Access to existing services

Questions, concerns or Issues?

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