

Library System Migration

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Project News

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Sun Server Status. The Sun Server is scheduled to leave Sun on April 5 with a four to five day transit time to Endeavor. Configuration and testing at Endeavor will take about a week.

Endeavor Orientation Session. Jeanine Barndt, Fran Budde, and Layne Nordgren attended the Endeavor orientation in Chicago on March 21 and 22. We met with our project manager Adriana Pilecky-Dekajlo and our data migration specialist Jana Fast. The agenda included:

1. An examination of record relationships in Voyager
2. Familiarization with the Voyager System Administration Module
3. An introduction to concept of data mapping
4. A look at our data
5. Development of a timeline for Voyager Implementation.

Timeline Drafted. During the Endeavor Orientation we drafted tentative timelines for implementation. See the online .pdf file of the timeline at:

<http://www.plu.edu/~libr/migration/TimelineImplementation03-28-01.pdf>

Please let Layne know as soon as possible of any concerns you have about timelines.

Training. Training will be held in the Library Instruction Center with seats for eight people for each session. Tentative agendas for the training can be viewed at <http://www.plu.edu/~libr/migration/EndeavorTraining.pdf> Four days of Voyager functional training for OPAC, Cataloging, Acquisitions, Circulation, and Reporter have been scheduled for May 22-25. Media Scheduling is tentatively scheduled for June 12-13. For some modules like OPAC and Circulation, more than eight people may desire training. Since we have two "free" days left on June 14 and 15, we can elect to run additional sessions of OPAC and Circulation and/or have the trainer available for workflow/integration consultation for those people trained in May. Migration/Transition Team members will query their departments and coordinate who will attend each session.

Access to the Voyager Discussion List and Archives. As "official" Endeavor customers, we can now subscribe to the Voyager-L discussion list. To subscribe:

- Send an email message to : **majordomo@voyager.ship.edu**
- Leave the subject line of your message blank
- Make the text of your message read: **subscribe voyager-l**

A Voyager-L searchable archives is available via: <http://voyager.ship.edu/voyagerl/message.html>. Contact Layne for the password for searching the archives.

Data Migration Team. Last week the Data Migration Team completed the first draft of the Data Migration Questionnaire. The draft was FAXed to Endeavor and discussed in detail at the Orientation. Many of the questions we had were answered, and others cropped up in the discussions. The team will continue working on spreadsheets mapping codes from Dynix to Endeavor. This week we concentrated on three pressing issues:

1. **Patron Loads from Banner.** Lenny Sutton and Layne are identifying options for Banner Patron loads via the Endeavor Standard Information File (SIF) format and its load program. We're working with our project manager to get more information than is available in the documentation.
2. **Preparing Samples and Mappings of Archives Files.** Kerstin and Jeanine and staff prepared record samples and maps of fields to MARC tags for PLU Index records, the Photo Index Access

database, and EAD finding aids. Record samples, mapping files, and database samples were sent to Endeavor as samples.

3. **Examining Options for Updating BIB and AUTHORITY Records Before Data Migration.** Updating all of our MARC records to include our OCLC number in the 035 tag would be required prior to BIB and authority record updates. Since the BIB file will be extracted for an Endeavor test load on April 23, the timeline for record updates from OCLC and the introduction of additional variables would be troublesome. OCLC requires at least three to four weeks to do the processing, so updating records before the migration will not be possible. According to Endeavor the process would require rebuilding of our database from the updated records, several days of downtime, and a cost of \$1,500. The Christmas holiday would seem to be the next available window for BIB and AUTHORITY updates.

Client Software Installation. Endeavor client software installation will continue next week. The reporter module requires Access 2000, ODBC drivers, and access to the database server. This module will be disabled until our own server arrives on campus and is configured.