

INTRODUCTION TO THE NETWORK ZONE

Alma's Zones

Institution Zone

Your institution's metadata, users, configuration

Print: Bibs, Holdings, Items

Electronic: Bibs, Portfolios (i.e., link resolver data)

Bib may be linked or unlinked copies of NZ record

Bib may be linked or unlinked copies of CZ record

Bib may have local extensions (i.e., local tags) for copy-specific metadata

Network Zone

Bibliographic metadata for all member institutions: Each NZ bib is shared to linked bibs in IZ's.

Shared policies and configurations, e.g., requesting rotas, designating relationships among institutions

Metadata on resources provided by the consortium to all member libraries

Options for shared acquisitions among all libraries and groups of libraries

Consortium level reporting

Community Zone

Global collection of authority records

Community collection of bibliographic metadata on electronic resources

Shared knowledgebase of electronic resource administrative data

Network Zone Benefits

For I-Share Members

- Shared catalog of bib records from all member libraries
- Shared publishing of bibs to Primo VE: users will not have to go to a separate interface for the "union catalog."
- Enhancements and updates to shared bibs are shared to all libraries using those bibs
- Shared sets of rotas (rules for selecting which institution should receive resource sharing requests)

For CARLI

- Ability to create and publish configurations to all 91 libraries from one place
- Ability to manage electronic resource collections that are provided consortially in one place instead of 91
- Ability to do consortial reports and statistics

Network Zone and Shared Bibliographic Data

NZ is a common repository for all members

Network tab in your institution reveals bibs plus physical holdings and electronic inventory for each institution

NZ enables a shared catalog

- Maintain a single catalog of records for all members
- Single bib record synchronized with each institution
- Local, copy-specific data, maintained in the institution zone
 - Local tags, e.g., 59X, 69X, 9XX
 - MARC Holdings

NZ is the new union catalog

- CARLI will use existing Voyager union catalog (i.e., UCdb) as starting point
- Initially linked on OCLC #; After day one, linked on additional identifiers

Consortial Electronic Resources

Network Zone also exists as and Alma Institution

Electronic resources may be activated (and ordered!), then shared to all members

- Groups can include all members or selected members
- Selected members could have different levels of access

CARLI plans to manage consortial resources in NZ

- CARLI ebook program
- Open Textbook Library
- Open Access collections
- CARLI-licensed EBSCO aggregated packages

Shared Configurations

Network Zone configurations can be shared or published out to IZ's

- Configuration tables
- Letters
- Network fulfillment rules
- Rotas
- Display logic rules (i.e., for electronic resources & link resolver data)
- Standardized bulk import profiles
- Standard external search configurations

More to come

Future issues to be discussed by CARLI and members:

- Network Zone cataloging policies and best practices
- Network Analytics
- Options for managing ILLINET libraries
- Options for collaborative purchasing

Much more to learn first

Questions?

During next week's open office hours call, we'll have a discussion of the circulation/resource sharing (aka fulfillment) settings that your library will enter as part of the test load configurations.

Examples to think about:

- Does your library have a public webpage where you've listed your policies? What details does that page contain?
- What do you explain to your patrons for which loan period to expect, which items can be renewed, and which can be requested?
- What do you explain if and when they will receive overdue or lost fines, if they have a grace period?
- Which of your library's local patron groups have similar permissions?
- Which of your library's local patron groups have vastly different permissions?

