

SHARE Report

July 15, 2016

A total of 77 libraries have joined SHARE as a result of funding provided by the Dream Grant. Five of those—and they signed agreements within a week of the end of the grant—are ready to begin barcoding their collections. Approximately 50 will be live on Polaris when school starts in August. It should be noted that our goal was to add 40 libraries to SHARE as a result of the Dream Grant.

The final quarterly report for the Dream Grant shows that public library membership in SHARE has grown from 78% to 89% of the IHLS public libraries. Our goal, as stated in the grant proposal, was to increase that number to 85% of the IHLS public libraries.

The number of school libraries participating in SHARE has grown from 38% to 46% of the IHLS school libraries, a little over the grant goal of 45%.

Barcoding Buddy libraries, Barcoding SWAT Teams, and transitional libraries have added 470,000 items to the SHARE collection. Circulation has increased 10% in the 27 months of the Dream Grant. And we're still the largest library automation consortium in North America!

In other SHARE news, invoices for FY2017 member and bibliographic services fees will be sent to member libraries in mid-July.

The Lewis & Clark Digital Consortium has made the decision to move their collection of ebooks and e-audiobooks to the SHARE Cloud (formerly known as the 3M Cloud) from their OverDrive platform. This move will double the size of the collection in the SHARE Cloud, and follows similar actions from the Southern Illinois Libraries on the Go consortium. The members of the Libraries on the Go ebook consortium have decided to maintain their OverDrive consortium, and have offered other SHARE libraries the opportunity to join them.

SHARE staff greatly appreciate the patience of all of our member libraries--not to mention the skills and energy and patience of the IHLS IT staff—as the IT staff worked with Polaris staff over a long holiday weekend to migrate the Polaris servers from Windows 8 to Windows 10, and then spent a week or more helping library staff get Polaris opened on their library computers. Thank you, Brandon, Brant, and Troy!!

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