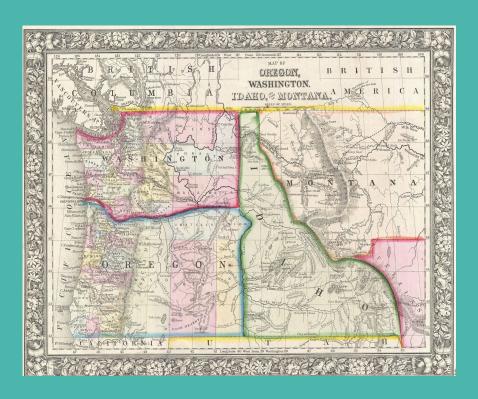
## **Exploring the depths:**

— Collaboration and Customization ——

### Overview.....

- The Orbis Cascade Model
  - Governance
  - Policy creation
  - Training
  - Assessment

# Orbis Cascade Alliance



#### 39 Members...

Private & Public Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges, in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho

#### Serving 280...

Colleges, universities, archives, museums, in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, Hawaii, and Utah

Resource Sharing: 253,000 items a year

Courier: 305,000 packages a year

Jointly Owned Ebooks: 17,000

E-Journals Subscriptions: 3,910

Databases: 135

Guides to Archival Collections: 23,000

**Consortial Assessment Activities** 

Conferences and Workshops

Distributed Print Repository

Shared Systems: Discovery, ILS, Cloud .....

#### **Non-Profit Corporation**

9 staff, no central funding, 23 years old

### **Orbis Cascade Alliance: Core**

- 1. Work Smart
- 2. Design of Engagement
- 3. Innovate to Transform

### **Orbis Cascade Alliance: Governance**



### **Orbis Cascade Alliance: Governance**

Alliance Teams are charged with specific tasks determined by the Board and Council. Teams associated with a program also serve in an advisory capacity to the program manager.

Each Program has a Team (5-7 members)

- Chair
- Chair Elect
- Council Liaison
- Members at large
- Program Manager

Calls for nomination for teams go out every year.

- Anyone can be nominated
- Anyone can self nominate

Program Managers Review the list of nominations and make some recommendations to the Board

**Board Appointed teams** 

Team members are not representing their institution.

Team members represent what is best for the Consortia.

Sometimes what is good for one is not good for the other.



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### Orbis Cascade Alliance: Governance - Working Groups

Teams can form ad hoc working groups that are chaired by a team member with membership drawn from staff at member libraries.

The must be assigned a doable task and given a deadline.

### Orbis Cascade Alliance: Governance - Representatives

Each member institution appoints a representative to each program. Representatives speak for their institution on matters related to the program and are consulted by the program and team as needed.

**Every** Alliance library agrees to follow the same procedures and policies.

#### Who's covered:

Currently enrolled students; currently employed or retired faculty and staff, a limited number of special patrons

#### What's Covered:

Generally circulating materials.

#### **Borrowing Limit:**

Maximum number of Alliance items that an individual patron can have out on loan is 200.

#### Loan period:

Generally circulating materials: 6 weeks. Other Materials may be circulated for either 6 weeks or 6 days. No renewals.

#### **Recall:**

No direct recall for individual patrons; staff may recall when necessary.

#### **Competing Needs:**

Items may be checked out to a patron at owning site (item in hand) even if a sharing request has been received.

#### **Lending fees:**

Alliance members do not charge each other for sharing requests or ILL returnables

#### **Loan Sequence:**

Local, Group, ILL.

#### **Visiting Patron:**

Students, faculty, and staff who are currently enrolled or employed by an Alliance Library have borrowing privileges when visiting any other Alliance library.

**Green Flag/ Returning Materials** 

Fines, Fees, Overdue, Lost, Irreparably Damaged

**Course Reserves** 

**Return it Clean** 

### **Orbis Cascade Alliance: Training**

- Train the trainer
- Open Web Meetings
- Documentation Sharing
- Topic based Calls
- Support Questions Monitoring
- Click Guides

### Orbis Cascade Alliance: Training - L&C Example

#### Process Items we're **BORROWING**

- In Alma menu, **select** Receiving Items ( under Fulfillment>Resource Sharing)
- 2. **Select** Barcode in the Identifier Type Field
- 3. In the Barcode field, **Scan** the item's barcode and **click** Ok
- 4. A **pop up window** will appear
- 5. .....

### Lessons



- If you dream it you can do it
- Little steps add up to huge advances
- You can never over communicate

- Schedule breaks
- Anticipation is worse that reality
- Everyone is stressed so tread with kindness
- We all want this to work, and to work extremely well

- TOUs Matter
- Display logic is tricky
- User Roles are important
- Ok, .... Everything related to configuration is tricky!

- There is only so much "change" you can throw at someone before they break
- Positive, but not blind, viewpoints will take you far
- No one is out to "get" anyone

- Do not be afraid to ask questions or to question previously made decisions or assumptions
- Take time off No seriously do this one!!!!
- Communicate until you're blue then purple



Ask anything....

# Thank you!

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