

CLiC Spring Workshops 2014

Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries Presentation

What is the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries?

- Non-profit 501(c)(3) Consortium of 13 major research libraries in Colorado and one in Wyoming; DPL is the only public library in the CO Alliance.
- Founded in 1974 to promote resource sharing among libraries
- Originally developed the CARL integrated library system. In 1995 the consortium sold CARL Corporation plus the CARL name to Knight Ridder Information Inc.
- Membership organization. All projects initiated from a member need.
- Governed by an appointed Board of Directors that serve a 3 year term

E-Resource Purchasing

- Purchase over 12 million on behalf of member libraries
- If two or more member libraries are interested, we try to negotiate a deal with the vendor
- Non-member libraries can participate in our deals, if the vendor agrees to this. We charge a 3-5% surcharge. Colorado Christian University is in one of our group purchases.
- Variety of purchases-Aggregator databases, Ebook packages, e-journal packages, video streaming services and software services that facilitate the supply of electronic information such as SIPX.
- Elsevier Science Direct Freedom Collection is the largest deal over several million

Prospector Catalog

- Started in 1999 with grant funds-as a way to share resource among CO Alliance libraries. Originally 13 libraries has grown to 43.
- Originally CARL software switched to Innovative Interfaces-includes a Voyager ILS and Polaris ILS
- Plans to connect to the Mobius catalog in Missouri. Mobius is a consortium of over 70 libraries mostly academic and includes several Seminary libraries. Also includes Tulsa Public Library
- Prospector allows library patrons to borrow items that they wouldn't otherwise be able to get from the lending library
- Prospector Everywhere-We share the Prospector database with discovery systems such as Summon and EDS
- Open access resources on Prospector-Hathi Trust ebooks and Springer ebooks-Springer is the only publisher that allows libraries to share their ebooks with other libraries in Prospector
- Libraries have saved a substantial amount of money on traditional ILL by using Prospector
- Can process a greater number of requests because patron initiated requesting

Gold Rush ERMS

- Fully developed ERM system includes Public Interface, Link Resolver, Subscriptions and Reports module called Gold Rush Decision Support.
- Originally developed in 2003 for member libraries. Today libraries outside of consortium use Gold Rush. Continuously develop it overtime.
- Gold Rush Decision Support-help you make better choices when purchasing databases by comparing database content and showing where there is overlap and unique content with databases
- The Gold Rush knowledge base, which GDS uses has over 13,000 title list representing over 100, 000 journals
- Can compare single databases or multiple databases
- Graphical display of results which can be downloaded for further analysis