Data Review & Communication During Florida Academic Libraries’ Catalog Data Migration

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In the developing model for cooperative cataloging, acquisitions, and library resource discovery, state-wide communication is essential for Florida’s academic libraries’ current catalog data to function properly in the new Encore/Duet online catalog.

Two library staff in the department of Collection Development and Technical Services at USFSP are working group members for the implementation of Florida’s academic libraries’ Sierra/Encore Duet catalog. At least three major versions of migrating data have been reviewed. State-wide, working group members report problems and make recommendations. As the catalog becomes more populated with useable data, more library staff among the colleges and universities are engaged and reporting their findings. Ultimately, forty libraries’ catalogs will share a single bibliographic record environment.

Meanwhile, USFSP is growing, and 2,500 print volumes, 300 e-books, and 200 textbooks were added to the library in 2016/17. Hurricane Irma made us think about our disaster preparedness and consider which materials are irreplaceable. New master’s and bachelor’s degrees and undergraduate majors will need library support.