Gegnir

2010 Annual Report for:
Aleph National User group (ANUG)

Gegnir – The National Library System of Iceland
Gegnir, www.gegnir.is , the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries is a national library system. It serves as a union catalog as well as a library system for about 250 libraries. Among the member institutions are the National and University Library of Iceland, universities, most public libraries, and primary and secondary schools as well as research libraries.

The setup is one instance of Aleph500 version 18.01 and service pack level 2237. The basic structure of the system is one bibliographic catalog and 12 administrative units into which the 250 libraries are grouped.

The size of the system by end of 2009 is:
Bibliographic records:	1.100.000
Items:	4.600.000
Circulation:	3.700.000
Borrowers:	180.000
Libraries:	250

In addition to Aleph500, the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries operates SFX Classic version 3. A recent addition to the consortia system solutions is Primo version 3.

Gegnir is managed by a public limited-liability company "Landskerfi bókasafna hf." or Consortium of Icelandic Libraries, www.landskerfi.is. The company is jointly owned by the municipalities and the state. Participating libraries pay service fee depending on size.

Alefli - The Icelandic National User Group
The Icelandic User Group for the Aleph or Gegnir libraries is called Alefli, http://www.alefli.is. It is a formal association that acts as a support for the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries. Due to our setup there is just one IGeLU vote for all the libraries and it is in hand of the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries.

Alefli's main activitiy last year 2009/10 was holding an annual user group meeting in May. Over 100 participants attended a half day conference.

Developments
For the past year the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries has concentrated its effort in five diverse areas. They are: quality related issues, development of enhanced OPAC functionality, implementation of the new Integrated Interlibrary Loan Module in Aleph, transition from SFX express to SFX Classic version 3, and finally preparing and starting the implementation of Primo.

1. Quality Related Issues
   Managing the quality of the data and specially the bibliographic data is an ongoing project. The highlight this year are two data amendments projects:
   a. A major mechanic clean up was preformed on the bibliographic records. It involved cleaning up concurrent errors in the bibliographic data by deleting invalid fields and so on.
   b. Creating fix routines for imported records. A special fix for bibliographic records was created for each originated database or library.

2. Further development of OPAC functionality
   The focus has been on issues relating searching and getting better search results in a single library versus searching the whole database. The problem relates to records without an item, i.e. especially electronic material. The project was divided in to three parts:
   a. Including electronic material in search results limited to a special sublibrary
   b. Setting up virtual basis for each sublibrary and/or groups of sublibraries
   c. Making necessary changes to the web OPAC

3. SFX upgrade
   A transition from SFX express to SFX Classic took place in October 2009. The project was originated by the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries and the Iceland Consortia of Electronic Subscription (hvar.is), http://hvar.is. The Iceland Consortia for electronic subscriptions serves all of Iceland as the name implies. Unusually, it does not only serve academic and research institutions but each and every computer in the country that connects to the Internet through an Icelandic Internet Service Provider. The SFX Classic instance is currently serving hvar.is, 5 universities and the National Library of Iceland. The service is hosted by Ex Libris.

4. Integrated ILL
   The preparation for implementing the new Aleph Integrated ILL started in the beginning of the year and the plan is to open it to the libraries and the public in October. The implementation has proven to be slow and complicated but with great help from Ex Libris - Hamburg we have constantly moved forward. The module is a great improvement although it will be hard for the libraries to adopt to new workflows. However the converted data needs to be amended quite a bit before it is possible to adopt the new workflows.

5. Primo - Integrated Search System for Iceland
   End of last year the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries signed a contract with Ex Libris regarding the purchase of a consortial license for Primo version 3. The project is a continuation of a Pre-Project that was carried out earlier in co-operation with the Royal Library of Denmark and the Technical Universtity of Denmark.
   Installation of Primo version 3 was performed by Ex Libris early summer. The hardware resides in Iceland and consists of one server for a testing environment and three servers for a future production environment. Implementation and configuration of Primo is in the hands of the Royal Library of Copenhagen and Landskerfi bókasafna.
   The aim is to have one national view in Primo for the whole population of Iceland, and institutional views for the majority of our Aleph member libraries. Recently the integration of Aleph and Primo via OvP has been completed. PDS has been configured for the national view. Next step will be to test how well the integration of Aleph and Primo works for a very large number of items (up to and above 1000). In addition to the Aleph database, the aim is to integrate a variety of digitized datasources, SFX and Primo Central into Primo. Currently it is planned to launch a "beta" version of the Integrated Search System for Iceland early 2011.

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