2012 Annual Report for:
Aleph National User group (ANUG)

Gegnir and leitir.is – The National Library Systems of Iceland

The Consortium of Icelandic Libraries manage is a national library system Gegnir, www.gegnir.is. It serves as a union catalog as well as a library system for 280 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 Aleph setup is one instance of Aleph500 version 20.2.6 and service pack level 3723. The basic structure of the system is one bibliographic catalog and 12 administrative units into which the 280 libraries are grouped.

The size of the library system by end of 2011 was:

Bibliographic records:	1.200.000
Items:	5.100.000
Circulation:	3.700.000
Borrowers:	200.000
Libraries:	280

The Primo installation is called leitir.is and it is running on version 3. Currently the setup is 6 institutions, one for SFX instance and 10 views and the plan is to add more views in the near future.

The SFX link resolver is a hosted service from Ex Libris. Currently it is running on version 4. The setup is 6 institutions which all share one core instance.

Access to national as well as local licenses is provided via the **Primo Central Index Service**. A recommender service is provided via the **bX**.

Gegnir and leitir.is are 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 a 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 is held by the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries.
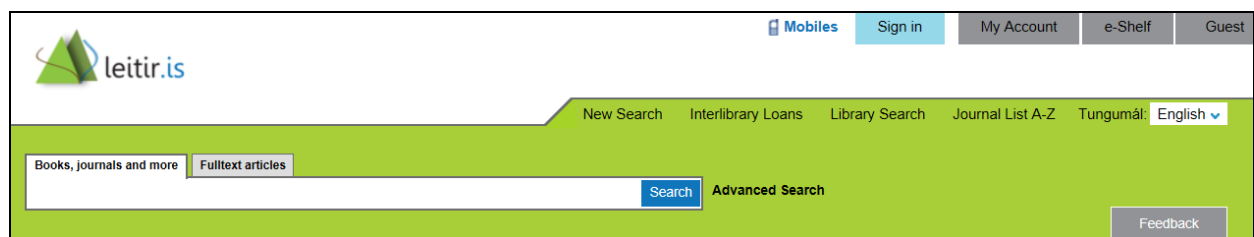
Developments:

For the past year the main emphasis has been on the Icelandic Primo project. In November 2011 the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries (Landskerfi bókasafna hf.) launched the new national search portal http://leitir.is. The search portal provides access from a single location to the diverse collections of Icelandic libraries and the resources of chosen special collections. The system provides information on holdings and access to electronic content, whether in the case of text or graphical content. Data available through leitir.is is constantly increasing. In recent years, digital databases held by libraries in Iceland and many others have grown rapidly. Most of these databases offer their own web access. With leitir.is, users can now search these

databases from one place. Initially, the portal is offering data from Gegnir (library catalog), Bækur.is (electronic books), Elib (e-books), Hirsla (research archive), Hvar.is (electronic journals and databases), Reykjavik Museum of Photography's Photoweb, Skemman (research publications) and Tímarit.is (periodicals). Furthermore, electronic journals and articles provided as national and local licenses for Iceland are searchable through leitir.is.

In the past months the focus has been on integrating local electronic licenses provided by the universities into leitir.is. Future aim is to provide access not only to libraries but also museums and archives via leitir.is. Access to national licenses is provided via the Primo Central Index Service. A recommender service is provided via the bX.

Challenges:
Integrating Primo, Aleph, PDS, SFX, Primo Central Index and the other data sources has been an ongoing challenge. Improving the match between the Aleph data and the other sources as well as making sure that the Aleph record is prioritized in order to have the fuller record displayed in Primo has been a challenging project. Another challenging project has been to make the appropriate PCI data available to the patrons of the different universities as well as improving the sign in and giving access to the electronic subscriptions. The third project has been improving the accessibility of leitir.is. In that process usability tests have been conducted and the web layout modified accordingly.

The goal is to replace the Aleph OPAC entirely with leitir.is. The fact that patrons cannot change their passwords in leitir.is and that interlibrary loans for material outside Gegnir (Aleph) are not possible presents a major obstacle in this quest. Recent talks with Ex Libris make us hopeful that these matters will be resolved in next months.

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