ILL: The Uber Patron

- Best Practices for Increasing Interdepartmental Problem Solving

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• Q: How many of you have solved library problems that are not strictly those of resource sharing?

• Q: What are some of the non-ILL problems that you have dealt with?

ILL at MSU

Borrowing

Copies (non-returnables)

Loans (returnables)

Faculty Purchase Program

Lending

Copies

Loans

Document Delivery

MARS (MSU Article Retrieval Service for faculty, staff, grads)

Services to Distance Patrons

Faculty Delivery Service

ILL workflows that touch other units

Check availability of requested titles

Claims

Purchase on Demand (POD)

Data-driven CD

· Retrieve materials from shelves

Shelving issues

Not-on-Shelves

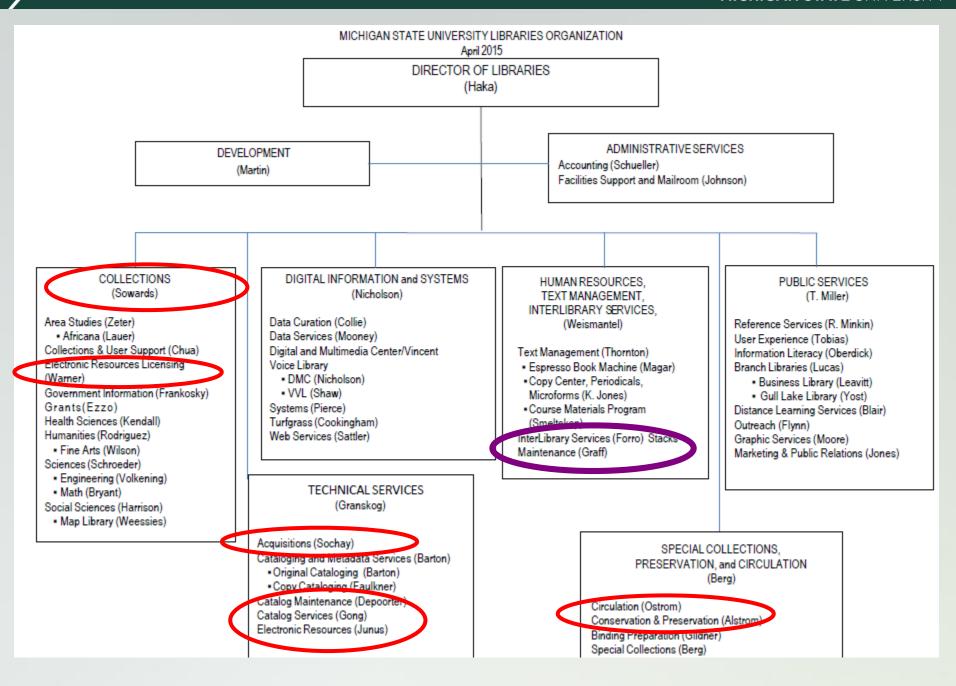
Damaged items

Retrieve materials from electronic resources

Discontinued titles

Problem links

Incorrect status



Types of interdepartmental workflows

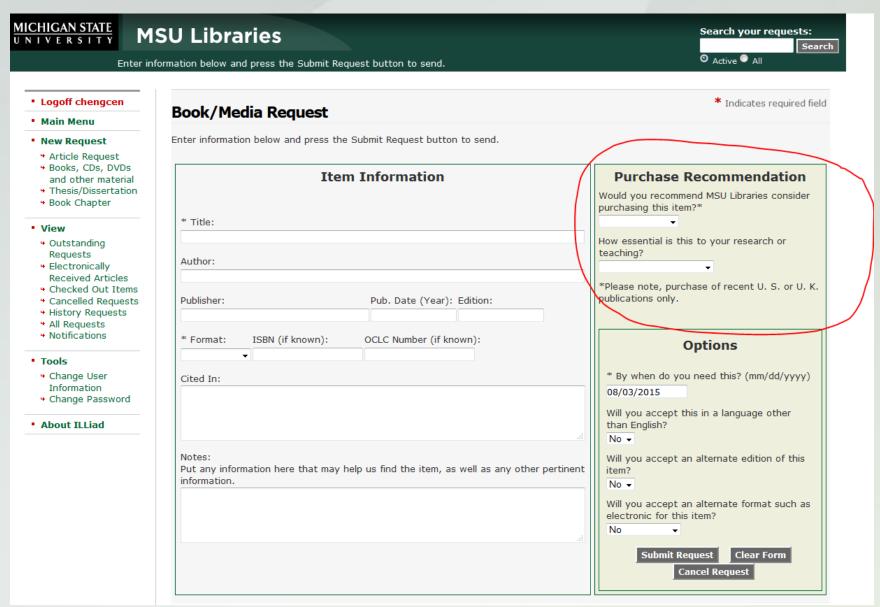
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Collections

- Data-driven collection development
 - annual report of copyright costs for serials and decision of purchase
 - requests for annual reports of Borrowing stats and Doc
 Del stats

- Purchase on demand (POD)
 - faculty book purchase program developed in 2013
 - purchase as last resort for copies and loans

Faculty Book Purchase Program



Acquisitions

Claims

- for missing issues
- for missing books

• POD

- purchase handled by ACQ
- rush cataloging for purchased titles requested via faculty delivery

Electronic Resources

Discontinued titles

Problem or incorrect links

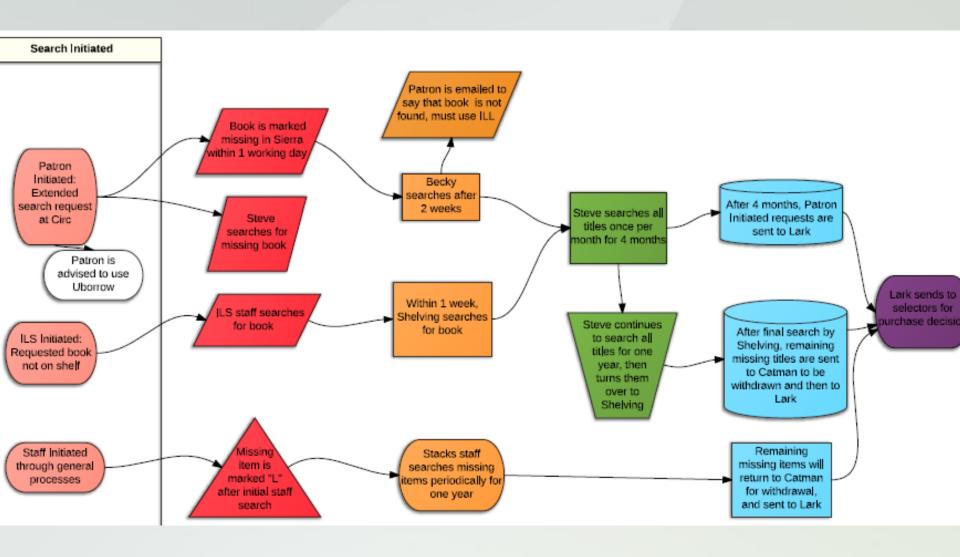
Embargoes

Broken links in discovery tools

Catalog Maintenance

- Incorrect status
 - check-in cards, close holding statements,
 mismatch locations for item v. bib records
- Loader problems
 - new catalog records loaded and/or displayed incorrectly
- Not-on-shelves
 - complex workflow, several departments involved

Not-on-shelf workflow



Preservation/Digitizing

- Candidates for physical preservation
 - books with pencil markings
 - books damaged: repair or review?

- Candidates for digitization
 - for items that are out of copyright

Physical Maintenance

Shelving issues

Conclusion

• ILL can act as a uber patron and report issues appropriately on a daily basis to contribute to the general health of the library

• ILL in reality acts as a voice of local patrons for local problems and as a quality control measure in the library

Questions?

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