“Single-tenant implementation”
The latest FOLIO Forum

Join us to learn about a single tenant implementation and if a single-tenant FOLIO implementation will work for my organization? This question is relevant for consortia, like the Five Colleges, as well as any organization with semi-autonomous campuses or libraries. This presentation will explore the pros and cons of a single-tenant implementation. What kind of permission controls are available? What data segmentation is provided? What about circulation rules and policies, service points and fee/fine schedules? Together the presenters will do a deep dive into the considerations that matter so you can decide whether this type of implementation will work for you.

Panelists: Cate Boerema, Director of Product Management, EBSCO Information Services and Susan Kimball, Head of Access Services, Amherst College

Host: Sharon Wiles-Young, Director of Library Access Services, Lehigh University

Recording
Cate Boerema’s slides | Susan Kimball’s slides

Sprint Review
FOLIO Software Development

Work on FOLIO is chunked out into 2-week software development sprints. Every 4 weeks, SIG members, Product Owners and Development teams gather virtually for a Sprint Review to show the work that has been done during the last two sprints. Although the reviews get down into the weeds on particular features, they can be really interesting to watch if they cover a module of FOLIO that is of interest. Here are links to the last two sprint reviews with a running timestamp for each topic.

Sprint Review 46-47 (October 2, 2018)
Slide deck | Recording
6:25 - Password change screen (strength check)
20:00 - GOBI
28:36 - Audit data capture
35:25 - E-holdings KB config, token setting
39:40 - Stripes technical notes
41:15 - UI development and improvements
45:30 - Library Hours
49:00 - UI updates (Inventory, check in/out)
51:40 - Tagging to Users
53:45 - Anonymize closed loans
56:10 - Inventory - adding new properties
1:02:30 - Exporting data

Sprint Review 48-49 (October 30, 2018)
Slide deck | Recording
1:35 - Q4 Release schedule & definition of done
11:40 - Data imports UI
16:06 - Backend overview of data imports
20:05 - MARCcat search
30:18 - Requests, service points, printing holdslips
36:55 - Filtering locations
39:00 - UI updates for inventory records
49:31 - Codex search
1:01:55 - NCIP & performance testing

Bee factual
Fun facts about bees every month

A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip.

The honey bee is the only insect that produces food eaten by man.

Learn more, get involved or contact FIT:
www.fivecolleges.edu/libraries/folio
FC Cataloging & Metadata

October meetup focuses on FOLIO

Feeling apprehensive about getting involved in a Special Interest Group (SIGs)? You are not alone! The Five College Cataloging and Metadata meetup this month demystified the communication channels and websites of the FOLIO project, specifically regarding the Metadata SIG. Participants got a crash course in how to attend online meetings, how to participate in the FOLIO Metadata conversations, and where important information and documents are located. Here is their handy guide! Thanks Meghan Bergin and Ann Kardos for organizing all this vital information and hosting a lovely get together!

Representing your institution in a SIG means you are a part of the creation of FOLIO. Please get involved! If you want help getting involved in a SIG ask your local FIT representative or one of your peers who have already joined up!

Slack training report

Training held in October

On Thursday October 11th we held a Slack training session for members of the Five Colleges. The training session, hosted by Kat Berry from UMass, provided an introduction to Slack and specifically the Folio- Five College Libraries instance of Slack. Currently there are a number of channels in this Slack instance, some of which are public and others that are private. Channels which are meant for working groups, such as FIT and Users are marked as private. These channels are private in order to facilitate honest discussions within these working groups while minutes of these meeting will be available publicly. Public channels are meant for general discussions, posting of information and documents.

Current public channels

#Announcements - for announcements (auto-subscribed when you join)
#General - for general discussions (auto-subscribed when you join)
#Metadata - Metadata issues and discussions
#Random - Random postings and thoughts

Current private channels

#Discovery Committee
#FIT- FOLIO implementation Team
#Users - User working group

Recording of the session

Users Working Group

The first FOLIO working group has been convened to determine the optimal configuration of the users module. The Users Working Group, a subset of the 5C Access Committee, consists of the following members: Suzanne Karanikis (HC), Susan Kimball (AC) - Lead, Tom Paige (UM), Rachael Smith (MHC), Dom Tremblay (SC).

The group plans to meet virtually via Zoom and has already gotten to work learning the ins and outs of how users and circulation functions will work in FOLIO. We are committed to communicating transparently, gathering input and feedback broadly, and striving for the simplest configuration that meets the collective needs of all Five Colleges.

Principles in action: Shared Resource

“The Five College libraries collections make up a single and shared library resource.”

We look at our library collections as a shared resource. Our catalog contains over 7 million bibliographic records, representing over 10 million items. Last year we lent over 120,000 items to each other, nearly a quarter of all circulation. Locally digitized and subscribed online content, as well as archival and special collections extend our shared resources even further. We have come to rely on one another to support our users’ research needs in ways that we never could individually.