



Director's Report—Debbie Bird

Heidi Oliverson, Circulation Services Consultant is retiring from SCLS. Heidi has worked at SCLS for over 30 years. That position is currently vacant, but I know interviews have begun.

The next ILS catalog to replace Bibliovation is Sirsi Dynix Symphony Web/Blue Cloud. This purchase will become effective in 2026. The transition takes considerable time before the data from the old catalog can be transferred and paired with the new system. The remarkable news is that this new product is not only ten times better, but cheaper than the previous system.

Amy Gannaway, Technical Services Consultant has been given a new title, following the decision to purchase a new ILS catalog. Amy's new title is ILS Services Administrator.

The SCLS System celebrated their fiftieth anniversary on Thursday, May 22. They provided food at their new facility near the Madison airport, complete with games and prizes. Although I have worked at four different libraries, I have been a part of this system my entire career, so I have developed relationships with ninety percent of the staff. I enjoyed, most of all, seeing some of the "old" faces that have moved on and/or retired.

And finally, the former Director of SCLS from 1981-2005, Peter Hamon, passed away in April. In my estimation he was the best Director and leader that SCLS ever had. SCLS was at its best, when he was in charge. Our system was extraordinary at that time—bringing improvements, changes and innovation to the libraries. He was the inspiration for moving the profession forward, for handling difficult situations professionally, speaking out (even nationally) for librarianship, a forward thinker, surrounding himself with capable staff and for challenging everyone to do their best, because it was right, fun and necessary. He was a gifted leader—inciteful, gentle, sensitive, humorous, supportive and loving.