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Dear Campus Community,

In 1995 Pope John Paul II visited the U.S., Seamus Heaney won the Nobel Prize for Literature, William Jefferson Clinton was President, and the Clark Library adopted its first automated library management system.

Yes, times have changed, and after 19 years we're migrating to a new library management system to manage important library functions like circulation, ordering and cataloging. The system also provides the search interface you use to locate print and electronic library materials and Summit borrowing.

The 37 academic libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance are sharing this new system—building on a longstanding record of successful collaboration.

Why? Our goals in moving to this collaborative system are:

- Updated technology for more efficient Library operations;
- Enhanced search and discovery tools;
- Collaborative workflows between Alliance libraries;
- Collaborative collection development between Alliance libraries; and
- Lower system maintenance and management costs.

The new system will replace the UP-only catalog and UP WorldCat. It will have a different interface, but offers similar searching and requesting functionality, plus additional capabilities.

The Library will offer tutorials and one-on-one assistance to help you learn the new interface. As we iron out the bugs in the new system please be patient with us. We will welcome your feedback as well.

Because this is such a large-scale, shared project there are bound to be bumps in the road. Our first priority through the transition will be maintaining library services at the level you expect and require. Please communicate your questions or concerns as we move through this transition over the summer and fall of 2014.

Respectfully,

Drew Harrington, Dean