Fostering Radical Collaboration: The OCUL Collaborative Futures Project

Building on decades of successful cooperative work, the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) Collaborative Futures project aims to select and implement a shared next-generation library services platform (LSP), to manage and preserve print resources in a sustainable system, and to effectively and efficiently use a shared system for the management of electronic and print resources. Phase 1 of this project was completed in Summer 2015.

This is its story...

**Phase 1**

**Preservation and Accessibility**

- **Project Team**
  - **OCUL Collaborative Futures**
- **Purpose**
  - To preserve print resources in a sustainable system, and to effectively and efficiently use a shared system for the management of electronic and print resources.
- **Phase 1 Completion**
  - Summer 2015

**Workforce Selection**

- **Goal**
  - Select and implement a shared next-generation library services platform (LSP)
- **Approach**
  - Engage with market and gather requirements

**Market Analysis**

- **Methods**
  - Surveys, interviews, focus groups
- **Outcomes**
  - Understand market landscape

**Collaboration Models**

- **Types**
  - Total Integration
  - Partial Integration
  - Collaboration
- **Characteristics**
  - Total Integration: Single shared instance with multiple locations
  - Partial Integration: Consolidated data sets and shared discovery
  - Collaboration: Shared discovery with logically separable "views" of a shared knowledge base

**Business Case Development**

- **Objective**
  - Develop a Business Case for OCUL Directors
- **Approach**
  - Gather insights from various sources
- **Outcomes**
  - Business Case approved by OCUL Directors

Next Steps

- **Inception**
  - Summer 2015
- **Next Phase**
  - Phase 2: Implementation and Rollout

**The OCUL Collaborative Futures Project**

- **Focus**
  - Building on decades of successful cooperative work
- **Aims**
  - Select and implement a shared next-generation library services platform (LSP)
- **Outcomes**
  - Improved access to print and electronic resources
  - Streamlined operations and cost savings