1. If anyone has Vega and it's live, can they give a quick overview?
* Farmington Community Library went live on 10/19. No patron complaints yet! Staff are excited. Streamlines searching, rolls up formats, but keeps videos separate from print.
* Needed to give connection information for vendors separately for them to show up in Vega.
* Can suppress item statuses separately from the native ILS settings.
* Showcases cannot currently be placed anywhere except for Vega.
* Updates are pretty frequent (2 week sprints). You may not always notice the changes, but they are keeping pace.
* OverDrive records (and other vendors) occasionally cause problems for rollups. Catalogers have ongoing work to keep things working smoothly.
1. I'm curious about any other discovery layers people are using and really liking or really not liking?
* MAIN libraries is currently poking Aspen Discovery (supported by Bywater Solutions). It’s nice, but we aren’t fully committed at this time. Aspen is cool, but there is no integration with ILS beyond showing item statuses (example: close dates have to be entered separately). We do like the NYT API usage to have always updated browse category (aka showcase).
* BlackGold is live with Aspen and love it. <https://blackgold.org>
1. If you are using Polaris 7.0 and have enabled patron self-update of registration info. via PowerPAC without staff approval, how is it going?
* One library was considering using it even though they currently have a discovery with a third party. They would have the PAC running just for patrons to update their information without staff intervention.
1. What is the backend of Vega like? I’ve seen demos, but no one shows that.
* Orion Township has been soft launched on Vega for about a month. No customization is available in Vega at this time. You can pick your logo and choose a couple links, but nothing related to color schemes or other stuff.
* A screen share enabled the group to see what the back end/management part of Vega looks like.
* OverDrive connection is done via SIP and not the API anymore.
1. Is anyone still using the MobilePAC?
* Several people still have it, though they don’t direct patrons there. The new responsive PAC and for those who use discovery layers, the MobilePAC is of very little value.
* Some have turned it off and got no complaints from patrons at all.
1. Does anyone use the Children’s PAC?
* No.
1. Anyone using Community Profiles?
* Not presently. Some organizations put in effort a while back. They didn’t take it down, but no efforts are being put in to maintain it or keep current.
* Can be used for Carousels (some purchased before the Carousel Toolkit was available)
1. Participate in IdeaLab! <https://idealab.iii.com/main/>
2. Join the IUG Discord! <https://discord.gg/HwZVjN5wAn>
3. Other than MobilePAC, does anyone use a mobile app?
* MAIN Libraries uses the Innovative Mobile App (developed by SOLUS)
* Others were looking at the app too
* Pros: Customizable for your library, uses APIs to interact with ILS
* Cons: PAPI limitations are occasionally arbitrary and impair functionality in the app