



#### What We'll Cover

- Background
- Why we migrate
- How we migrated
- Migration day
- Cleanup
- Pros and Cons



#### Disclaimer

YMMV: The experiences shared today are those encountered by Rodman Public Library and Louisville Public Library and may or may not be the same experiences that your library may encounter



#### The "Other" Players

- OPLIN Ohio Public Library Information Network
- SearchOhio



## Background

- Innovative customer since 1994
- Standalone turnkey system
- Move to Sierra January 2013
- Louisville joined 2016
- Server nearing end of life





#### Talks with Innovative

- 4 year-old server was not compliant
- OS upgrade necessary
- Was server robust enough to handle?
- Info gathering at IUG
- Now was the time to migrate to hosted



# More negotiations

- Not as simple as we thought
- New contract needed
  - 1994 contract no longer applicable
  - New perpetual license agreement 2017







## **Deadline Looming**

- June 20 migration to hosted/Sierra 3.0
- June 20-June 27 Resolve migration issues
- June 28 Upgrade to Sierra 3.1
- June 30 PayPal deadline for upgrading
- July 1 Everything still worked!



#### The Process

- Allow 4-6 weeks to schedule
- Can only be done M-Th, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. PDT
- Able to work out 9 a.m. EDT start time
- Plan to be down all day
  - Could take as little as 2-3 hours
- Started testing 10:30 a.m.
- Everyone back online about 1 p.m.



## The Nitty Gritty

- New IP numbers
  - App Server
  - Database Server
- DNS needed CNAME alias entries
  - roc.rodmanlibrary.com → rodma.iii.com
  - · OPLIN handled
- SSL and domain name
- WAM, web links
  - OPLIN proxy service



#### Prep Phase - Innovative

- Builds new hosted server
- Performs test database copy
- Prepares current Sierra systems for migration



#### Prep Phase - Rodman

- Contact vendors for IP change
- Make sure clients are pointed to domain name, not IP
- Send list of IPs to Innovative for access
  - Sierra Desktop App
  - SQL
  - Admin Corner (SSH access to server)
  - Express Lane
  - Patron API



#### Prep Phase - Rodman

- Vendors contacted that use Patron API
  - Axis 360 (B&T)
  - Hoopla (Midwest Tape)
  - OverDrive (State Library)
  - Syndetics/LTFL (Proquest/LibraryThing
- Limit Network Access table
  - Internal IP addresses → External IP addresses
- Notify SearchOhio (INNReach)
- Bookmobile access via static IP for MiFi devices



## Migration Day - Innovative

- Halt Sierra and disable acces
- Migrate software and database
- Reconfigure system for hosted access
- Startup and test Sierra
- Troubleshoot with library



## Migration Day - Rodman

- Modify DNS for new servers (OPLIN/OIT)
- Be prepared to test access and functionality
  - · Key Rodman staff
  - · Kev Louisville staff
- Have IT staff available to address
  - OPLIN



## Migration Day

- No one could login
  - No webPAC
  - No SearchOhio
  - No digital download services
  - No Envisionware services
  - No Express Lane
  - No Teleforms



# Migration Day

- BEFORE staff get any access...
  - TEST, TEST, TEST
- Be sure you can login to
  - Admin corner
  - SDA
  - Local database staff and public sides
  - Express Lane
  - Onick Click



## Migration Day

- Sierra post-event checklist
  - After IT staff check logins
  - Pick key staff to test their area of the system
  - Have team report any issues to I'



#### Bumps in the Road

- SMS through OPLIN worked fine
- Email notices fine except to ATT & SBCGLOBAL
  - Bounced as spam
  - · Fixed by altering the FROM address
- "No licenses available"
- Old DNS links not mapped to CNAME roc rodman lib oh us



## Bumps in the Road

- Unable to access text-based Reference Database
  - Needed to update DNS for alias roc.rodmanlibrary.com:81 = allianceindex.com
  - Administrative side not accessible through Admin Corner
- Teleforms Server
  - · ODBC needed new IP



#### Pot Hole in the Road

- Quick Click
  - Could not connect to Sierra
  - · Passwords reset
  - IPs OK in Limit Network Access
  - Permissions? Could connect through FileZilla
  - Vendor IPs needed to be added to AWS firewall
  - Ports not open on firewall
- Took 2 weeks to fix



## **Pros for Migrating**

- No more tapes to change or buy
- Updates done by Innovative
- Restarts can be scheduled during the night
- No OS upgrades to maintain
- Better for budgeting
- Server room is quieter!
- Redundancy for uptime
- Harder to access remotely (security)



# Cons for Migrating

- Harder to access remotely (staff login)
- A bit more expensive
- If using IPs for SDA or other access, al need to be changed (WAM)
- No visual access



#### Neutral for Migrating

- FTP and Telnet gone
- Network printers gone
- SSL certificates



