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- Metropolitan University
- 15,000+ students
- Criss Library and UNO-Kaneko Library
- 1.2M volumes



Looking for?

- Forward positioned system
- Patrons first
 - Full material integration
 - User friendly
 - No more "where do I go"
 - Other libraries
- Access to global community

- Staff side
 - Increase efficiencies
 - Improve e-resource control
 - Flexible/Open system
 - Partnership
 - Buffet vs. Al a Carte

Process?

- August 2012, "Live" March 1, 2013
- Cohort implementation
- Migrated around 1M records
- > 50 records "errors"
- Change Management
 - WMS Migration Team & WMS Migration Advisory Group
 - OCLC Consultant Service
 - ROI
 - Workflows





Results? Workflow Changes



- Previous ILS reflected paper processes of 20 years ago
- WMS/WCL is a global system
- Cataloging is done at point of order
- Hard look at "why"
- Implemented DDA/PDA at the same time.
 - Seamless
 - Highly successful



Results? Organizational Changes / ROI



- Established a culture of change
- \$186,655 staff salaries re-allocated to priority projects
 - Acquisitions/Cataloging 7 to 3
- Enabled staff to re-conceptualize/redefine positions
- Encouraged staff learn new skills
- Annual Charges/Maintenance Fee savings \$43,565



WMS/WCL Advantages

- Community aspect of the system
- Fully integrated search results for patrons
- Global shared database
- Maximize efficiency
- Partnerships with publishers and vendors.
 - General info updated
 - eResource data updated globally
 - eBook loads done weekly/biweekly
- User friendly Circulation interface
- Training available via USC 24/7



