

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
Friday, November 10th, 2006

Present: Thomas Charlton, Chair; John Fuller; Ed Gillan; Jessica Jensen-Arnold; Patricia Martin; Astrid Oesmann; Deb Schoenfelder; Johnathan Gajdos; Si-Chi Chin; Carl Orgren, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

Staff: Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Kelly Avant; Secretary/Recorder

The Committee was invited with other University faculty and staff to a demonstration of *Primo* (www.exlibrisgroup.com/primo.htm), a new software product from Ex Libris (the company that produces the Aleph software used for *InfoHawk*). Paul Soderdahl, Libraries' Director for Information Technology introduced Susan Pastore, Vice President of Sales at Ex Libris. Soderdahl explained that Primo is the next generation catalog, based on how students use other information sources on the Internet. The Libraries has the chance to become a charter customer of Primo, giving us earlier access to the software and some influence over product development.

Primo goes beyond search engines and other existing online tools, presenting users with relevant information accompanied by delivery options that the user can act on. Key benefits for users include: getting information in accordance with institutional or consortial access rights; Tagging, rating, and reviews which encourage participation and enable users to share knowledge and bring library materials into their personal research space; discovering and retrieving varied institutional resources, including resources not traditionally found under the library umbrella; going directly from search results to product delivery; and receiving additional information such as reviews and recommendations.