

Live from COSUGI 2015: Day 2

This week, Jane Herb, collectionHQ's Implementation and ILS Specialist, shares her journal from the COSUGI 2015 Conference in Portland, OR.

It's been another good day here at the conference! Chatted with John Goodman from the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service—Salem Public Library (my home library!) and Newberg Public Library are both collectionHQ users. They're just recently on Symphony, so we have started the conversations about re-implementing their sites with their new Symphony data. Meg Zaleski and Margot Krissiep from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District have both been by, and they're looking at the new custom reports for automating their data extract and delivery. Kathleen Cizek and Kathleen Mehan from the Nicholson Memorial Library System, and Tucker Bearden from the Lubbock Public Library have all come by to talk about the new reports, as well. It was great to meet in person with James Campbell from the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)/Resource Sharing Alliance; one of their member libraries, Normal Public Library, just went live with collectionHQ. Eric Bain from the MAGIC Consortium in Illinois is here—their member, Carol Stream Public Library, is also a brand new collectionHQ library. They both told me their libraries are very happy with their new subscriptions. After much email correspondence, it was great to meet Erin Cody from the Houston Area Library Automated Network and Fred Schumacher from the Houston Public Library. Carol McCollum from Wake County stopped by to say hello—with a bit of updating, collectionHQ will help them get the right materials for their opening day collection, and they're also looking forward to our new Evidence based Selection Planning - ESP service. It was great to meet Julie Thompson from Charleston County Library—we've spent a lot of time on the phone arranging their custom reports to best suit their needs.



It's been great to also meet with non-collectionHQ users to find how they are currently improving their collection performance. At lunch, I got to visit with Greg Barkovich from the Burnaby Public Library in British Columbia. Tracy Sykes from the Chesapeake Public Library in Virginia would like to see another demonstration of collectionHQ. I was happy to see Angela Scherer from the Orange Public Library in California—I was their Baker & Taylor

Mike Dawe from the Sonoma County Library is looking forward to Nigel's visit next month to see a demonstration.

I'm eager to sit in on an early session tomorrow—Bob Wetherall of the Delaware Division of Libraries will be speaking on "Integration of collectionHQ with a Statewide Symphony Platform."

Talk to you tomorrow!



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