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# Alliance News

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## Summit renewals begin January 4th

The Alliance will implement a single-renewal option for short- and long-term Summit loans, beginning January 4th. Anticipated benefits include increased user access and satisfaction; decreased user fines and fees; decreased staff handling and processing time; and decreased carbon footprint. Members are asked to make local configuration and workflow changes between December 31 and January 5. We thank the Summit Policy Testing Group and Summit Standing Group for their leadership around this change. Questions? Contact [Lori Hilterbrand](#), Program Manager for Resource Sharing and Fulfillment.

### **New Alliance IT Manager: Tamara Marnell**

Beginning January 11, **Tamara Marnell** will be the new IT Manager for the Alliance. Tamara comes to the central staff with extensive Alliance experience. She worked at Portland Community College from 2013-2016, and is currently Integrated Library Systems and Discovery Services Librarian at Central Oregon Community College. She has served on the Alliance Systems Team and Primo Customization Standing Group. We are thrilled to welcome Tamara to our team!





## **Shared Content program negotiates renewal savings**

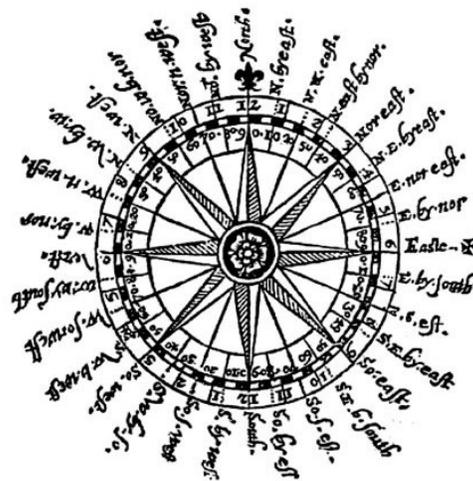
In response to financial uncertainties at Alliance institutions, the Shared Content program continues negotiating flat pricing or price decreases on e-resource renewals. Examples include annual renewals for CINAHL, MLA International Bibliography, e-Duke Journals, Communication & Mass Media; and multi-year deals with American Chemical Society, Cambridge, Clarivate, SAGE, Springer Nature. ***For these 9 resources alone, the Alliance negotiated a total savings of \$425,000.***

## **Accessibility Toolkit released**

Based on feedback from stakeholders, the Discovery and User Experience (DUX) Team charged the [Accessibility Standing Group](#) to gather and share accessibility policies and practices with the Alliance community. The DUX Accessibility Standing group is now pleased to announce the first version of the [Accessibility Toolkit](#), which collects and interprets a wealth of resources around digital accessibility in libraries. Among other tools, there's an FAQ on getting started with accessibility, and a collection of Alliance members' digital accessibility policies and statements.

## Alliance considers migration to Primo VE

The Alliance is studying the potential of migrating to Ex Libris's Primo VE product. Ex Libris is now working with staff at Washington State University and the Alliance to conduct a trial migration of WSU's Primo. The results will be shared with members as a proof of concept. Member institutions will provide formal feedback on migration to Primo VE in February, before Council votes on a proposed timeline in March. More information and resources are available on the Alliance [Primo VE resources page](#) .



## Central Oregon Community College's new space!

In our last newsletter, we requested photos of new or re-organized library spaces. Tina Hovekamp, Director of Library Services at Central Oregon Community College, shares their newly furnished West Wing: "The new booths and chairs arrived right after the library closed in March due to Covid-19. We can't wait to be able to re-open and have our students enjoy this study space!"

Do you have a new space to show

off? Please send jpegs to  
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include a credit line.

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