

**Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
Automated Library Services 2026 (Symphony Users)
Minutes of the Meeting of February 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the ALS 2026 (Symphony Users) group was held via Zoom audio/video conferencing service. The Chair, Bruce MacDonald, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. ET.

Attending: Bruce MacDonald, Chair (Peter White Public Library), Tricia Wylie (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Jeremy Morelock (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Monique Ciofu (Escanaba Public Library), Meredith Sommers (Bayliss Public Library), Karen Gonyea (Manistique School Public Library), Ellen Moore (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Pam Malmsten (Superiorland Library Cooperative), Lynne Lesky (Alanson Area Public Library), Megan Rose (Dickinson County Library).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF Sept 11th, 2025: The minutes of the ALS meeting of Sept 11th, 2025, were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Ellen and seconded by Monique.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Pam presented the Financial Report. Monique made a motion to approve both the Cash Disbursements and the Year-to-Date Report, seconded by Lynne, unanimously approved.

UPRLC Annual Conference Committee Report:

Tricia told us that the next UPRLC Conference is to be held in Marquette at the NMU Northern Center complex. "The Next Chapter," Monday, Sept 21st and Tuesday, Sept 22nd, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on myLIBRO App Implementation:

Superiorland Library Coop patron app is still working fine. One day in January there was a problem placing holds, but that was immediately remedied by myLIBRO. The app statistics page has been broken [fixed on 2/6/26]. PWPL now has over 600 patrons using the app. Lots of positive feedback from PWPL patrons, "patrons love the app." Jeremy suggested that libraries put up a custom "Library Message" on the main page of the app. Jeremy showed an example of a "Reading Challenge." Push notifications are still not available. We hope to see that implemented this year, as well as the ability to place holds on individual volumes of graphic novels.

BLUEcloud products updates:

The new version of BLUEcloud Circ was released in November. A bug involving the version of Web Services that we are on prevented the SMS notification section from appearing. This was resolved in December, so Jeremy is now encouraging all libraries to try this newly updated Circulation product, which has a much more updated look compared to WorkFlows. Jeremy displayed the BLUEcloud Circ interface and there was

discussion on the differences from what we are used to. Pros: background image can be customized, the look and feel are much more modern. A few Cons: pop-up always displays at first when opening a patron's record, inability to view a patron's PIN (a security issue, so this will never be possible in BLUEcloud Circ), certain features unavailable such as Books by Mail. Jeremy was told that WorkFlows will never reach End-of-Life, so we can count on that always being available for us. *The ability to customize Checkout, Transit, and Holds receipts per library (like in WorkFlows) is now available in BLUEcloud Circ.

The future of BLUEcloud: all development efforts in 2026 will go toward the Enterprise replacement called BLUEcloud Discovery. This search engine will then be applied to the item search within BLUEcloud Circulation.

Jeremy recommends that circulation staff members view this recording of a SirsiDynix webinar where the typical morning procedures of a Circ staff person are explained using BLUEcloud Circulation:

[SirsiDynix | BLUEcloud Circulation: Ready for Prime Time](#)

Next webinar on Monday, February 10th, BLUEcloud Circulation Deep Dive:

<https://go.sirsidynix.com/2026-02-10-BLUE-cloud-Deep-Dive-Episode-One.html>

BLUEcloud Analytics updates: Jeremy has used some of our credits to have some custom reports available. The following two are the newest and can be run for any library:

Circs by Day of Week/Hour of Day

Check for Possible Duplicate Patron (by phone number, email, name)

Enterprise updates: Novelist Plus button updated in the catalog (but geo-IP links no longer working, so patrons will have to enter their library card number or MI ID number).

Server migration: Our SirsiDynix SaaS hosted server will be migrated to a new location from the current Atlanta server sometime later this calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of ALS FY 2026/2027 Final Budget Revision:

Pam presented the ALS FY 2026/27 Final Budget Revision. A motion was made to approve the budget revision by Megan and seconded by Lynne, unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: The next ALS meeting will be held Thursday, May 28th, 2026, 11:00am ET.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Morelock, Recorder