Progress report from USTAT Working Group

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UStat Working Group

Background: Formed at ANZREG Alma Best Practice day in Melbourne in February 2016

Purpose:

Share tips and tricks for working with UStat and usage statistics in general

Review accuracy of data in Analytics reports

Work with Ex Libris through the integration of UStat into Alma

What did we expect to gain from this?

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What is UStat and what is it good for?

Ex Libris' Usage STATistic collation program

Automatically harvest via SUSHI

OR

Manually upload COUNTER reports

Reports are then uploaded to Alma Analytics for report creation

Why are usage statistics so important?

1. They are a major factor (but not the only one) in purchase and subscription renewal decisions

2. Comparisons with print statistics can be used to justify a library's E-Preferred stance

3. They can be used to diagnose access issues

The Alma integration

UStat's functionality to be integrated into Alma and expanded:

More report types available to be harvested via SUSHI (currently only Journal, types are supported)

Daily uploads into Alma Analytics

Better integration of price data

BUT: Delays

What has the Working Group done?

Exchanged knowledge

Queried Ex Libris

Webinar with Ex Libris 5 April on Cost per Use reports

Webinar with Ex Libris on 31 May on UStat integration

Provided sample COUNTER reports for testing

NEXT: Review after September release & concentrate on Cost per Use reports