

# Ex Libris Users of North America

#### What is ELUNA?

The Ex Libris Users of North America is a non-profit, educational organization run by volunteers who work for you. It is an independent organization that is supported by annual membership fees.

#### What does ELUNA do?

Education is our business. ELUNA works towards improving Ex Libris products and teaching library staff best practices for using those products. Much like any users' group, ELUNA's main focus is to facilitate communication:

- between product users and Ex Libris staff by:
  - providing feedback
  - identifying major enhancements
  - working with Ex Libris on future development and strategic goals
- among users of Ex Libris products by:
  - organizing an annual conference, supporting e-mail lists, wikis, and a website
  - supporting various regional and special interest groups
  - working closely with IGeLU, the International Group of Ex Libris Users.



**Previous Conferences** 

#### Who Runs ELUNA?

People - just like you - who are willing to volunteer time and energy for the greater good of the users of Ex Libris products. The organization is led by an elected Steering Committee that works with all other groups and is the main link to senior Ex Libris staff. The Steering Committee meets monthly via conference calls.

#### How do I Join ELUNA?

Individuals are the most important part of ELUNA, but membership is through one's workplace. Any institution with a contract for an Ex Libris product can become a member

of ELUNA for an annual fee of \$150 per institution, per calendar year, January to December. Institutions within a consortium can choose to join as a consortium or as individual institutions. All questions concerning membership go the ELUNA Treasurer, Suzanne Julich at Suzanne-julich@uiowa.edu or to the website at <a href="http://el-una.org/web/members-0">http://el-una.org/web/members-0</a>.



## What are the Advantages of Joining?

- Reduced registration for the annual meeting
- Access to the annual meeting archives and other restricted information on the ELUNA website
- Ability to be elected to a leadership role on the Steering Committee and/or Product Groups
- Potential to be selected as part of a focus or other working group established by ELUNA, or in conjunction with IGeLU or Ex Libris
- One vote per membership in all ELUNA supported elections or votes.

## What is a Product Group?

Ex Libris provides a suite of products for the discovery, management and distribution of library materials. Most products have their own Product Group within ELUNA whose leaders are responsible for organizing the enhancement process, and communicating with Ex Libris product managers, their IGeLU counterparts, and users of the product. Products include the Aleph and **Voyager** library systems, **Primo** for the discovery and delivery of local and remote resources, **SFX** for linking out to full text resources, **MetaLib** for searching a variety of electronic resources, Verde to manage eresources, **DigiTool** to manage digital collections and institutional repositories, and **Preservation**, an advanced digital preservation system for national libraries and archives.

#### When is the Annual Meeting?

ELUNA 2008 will be held in Long Beach, California from July 30 to August 1, with an Ex Libris Technical Seminar in the preceding

days. 2008 marks the first time that many former Endeavor customers will join other Ex Libris customers at ELUNA's annual meeting. This event will allow you attend presentations, to network with other customers, and to have discussions with Ex

Libris staff. If your institution sends just one representative to the annual users meeting, the reduced fee will pay for your annual membership! And the reduced fee applies to everybody you send.

# What if my Institution does not belong to ELUNA?

- You still have access to most of the email lists
- You can attend the annual meeting but for a higher fee
- You can submit enhancements but cannot be part of any voting.



Join **ELUNA** now!

Become a new member of ELUNA or renew your existing membership so you can take advantage of everything that ELUNA has to offer.

> Christina Perkins Meyer Chair, ELUNA Steering Committee

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