**Systemwide Technology Initiatives Management (STIM)**

**Update to Council of Library Deans  
February 25, 2022**

STIM committee members are currently pursuing two areas of activity to report on this quarter, both of which focus on professional development with intent to expand support for library technology communities of practice across the CSU library system and strengthen library systems support initiatives for ULMS applications:

**1. Summer Professional Development – LibIT Hackathon**

STIM, in collaboration with ULMS Steering Committee members and other library IT constituents, is considering holding virtual LibIT conference that is tentatively planned for the first week of August, 2022. As currently envisioned, this may take shape as a week-long virtual interactive hackathon culminating with a final day of presentations. Goals of the event include strengthening shared systems development activity for the ULMS, building coding competencies among library personnel across the CSUs, and strengthening library technology communities of practice. The planning team is exploring creating a challenge that involves creating Ex Libris [Cloud Apps](https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/cloudapps/) to integrate into ULMS functionality. The format of the event would include days of hacking, team showcases, judging, and presentation of outcomes and award of prizes. Some of the challenges include identifying a cloud app development project that has chance of successful outcome, providing sufficient training in advance of the event to ensure successful participant engagement, and identifying funding to support any advance training (such as a coding bootcamp), and funding for incentivized participation awards (prizes).

**2. Fostering ULMS Development Support Projects**

Recognizing STIM’s ongoing role in supporting and promoting technical dialogue and collaboration across CSU libraries, the committee explored ways in which STIM efforts may provide support to ULMS development projects that affect multiple constituent libraries. Several areas identified include, but have not been limited to creating mechanisms to share best practices in EZ Proxy administration, sharing best practices for managing SAML authentication for various vendors, sharing approaches to effectively addressing VPAT issues, and developing shared documentation to support third party integrations (e.g., documentation of Alma/Primo – ArchivesSpace integration, library locker integration, etc.)