Welcome and Introductions – Christine opened the meeting at 10:01 by welcoming everyone. There were no new members so introductions were not needed.

September Meeting Minutes – approved as distributed.

Around the Table – Everyone present provided updates
Lorie shared that 2 of the 48 libraries in the STLS System started using ILL for the first time which was exciting for them. One has a new Director who wanted to participate in ILL and the other had a patron request a book they did not have in their collection.
Ben shared that he just finished periodical weeding project which involved removing old periodicals and removing shelving so that the space can now be used as study space for students. They are waiting on walls that will create rooms which students prefer over the typical carrels.
Deb shared that the new Page hired in September is working out well and is a good fit for their organization. She is busy catching up from being out of the office Thanksgiving week.
Erin shared that they are wrapping up the semester which will end in 3 weeks. They recently left ELD and they’ve seen a slight decrease in SUNY use. They are one of three SUNY Libraries that are not using ELD. They are also on the other end of a weeding project which included matching records with what’s on the shelves using ALMA records and this process has been challenging. She provided an example of the record in the system being different from the label on the spine of a book and equated the searches as “Hunting for snipes”.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) – Christine reported that the Fall Users Group Meeting had high attendance of nearly 60 at the highest and remained in the mid-40s through the end. We received a few evaluation forms and all were positive.

Christine also reported that plans for an in-person Spring 2024 meeting continue with burnout as a key topic. It’s been an issue for a number of years and we’re looking to
provide new information. Jessica knows of some potential presenters and we continue to look to ways to make it relevant for a live presentation so that people don’t leave feeling like they could have watched online. Ben suggested a potential topic might be libraries leaving Illiad and/or OCLC.

Other – There were no other topics proposed

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting will be on January 23 at 10:00 and Christine will share in a calendar invite with everyone for the remaining meeting dates.

Notes by Christine