



## BIC's BATTLE OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEMS! Open v Proprietary

### The House Motion:

**"Open source is about distributed innovation and will become the dominant way of producing software"**

*Library system vendor: JISC/SCONUL LMS study 2008*

#### Speaker Biographies:

##### **Will Blackburn: PROPRIETARY TEAM**

Will is the Business Development Manager at Civica UK Ltd. Since graduation in 1998 Will has worked in the Library supply market and has been involved with the UK Libraries element of Civica since its launch in 2005.



##### **Jim Burton: PROPRIETARY TEAM**

Jim has been Managing Director of Axiell Limited, the UK's leading local authority library IT partner, since 2008 when the company was acquired by Axiell Group which has become Europe's largest library IT group. He is responsible for defining and delivering business strategy, leads the management team, is a board member of the company and a member of Axiell Group's management team. Previously he founded and led Esprit Limited which developed innovative solutions in information management for children's services and adult social care public sector organisations and was acquired by OLM. Jim has extensive experience in the library and information technology sector both on the customer and supplier side and has a BSc in Electronic, Computer and Systems Engineering.



##### **Nick Dimant: OPEN SOURCE TEAM**

Nick is co-founder and Managing Director of PTFS Europe. He is responsible for the promotion of services supporting the Koha and Evergreen library management systems, the Rebus:list resource management system and for the sale and marketing of the ArchivalWare digital library solution. Nick previously was a co-founder of Sirsi Limited in the UK in 1990, starting as Customer Services Director and then moving on to be Sales Director. Prior employment included information management or librarian roles with KPMG Peat Marwick Management Consulting, the Royal Institute of Public Administration, the Cabinet Office, the Department of Health and the Department of Employment.



##### **Mick Fortune: GUEST SPEAKER**

Mick began his library career 40 years ago. After leaving the British Library in 1980 (where he had been their first Systems Librarian) he went on to become European Managing Director of Ameritech Library Systems (now SirsiDynix), Business Development Manager for IBM in their Belgian library company Elias, and Manager of Nielsen BookNet before beginning his present career as an independent library consultant in 2007.



##### **Mark Hughes: OPEN SOURCE TEAM**

Mark has a significant interest in both RFID systems and Open Source technology for libraries having undertaken numerous projects in these area in recent years, including the successful implementation of VuFind as the library's main resource discovery portal, reviews of the Evergreen Open Source LMS. He is currently involved in two projects looking at the potential for shared services & future directions in LMS development. Mark's is currently 'Head of Collections' at Swansea University.





**Karina Luke: HOST**

Karina has worked in the book publishing industry since 1993: 5 years with Dorling Kindersley, followed by 12 years at Penguin where she was the Digital and Data Supply Chain Manager. She joined Book Industry Communication as its new Executive Director in February this year. Previous roles in the industry have included international sales/rights, customer operations and stock management. Karina has a wealth of operational & data experience in both the physical supply chain and the digital supply chain and is passionate about metadata & process improvement.



**Martin Palmer: REFEREE**

Martin is currently Interim Director of Libraries and Culture for Essex County Council, where he has worked in a variety of roles since the mid-1970s. He is a member of the BIC Operations Board, and is chair of the BIC/CILIP RFID in Libraries Group and BIC's E4Libraries Steering committee. A regular writer and presenter on (among other things) RFID and e-books, Martin has been involved in library technology since the days of offline, floppy-disc-based, library management systems and dial-up access to databases via teletype terminals.



**Andrew Preater: OPEN SOURCE TEAM**

Andrew is a systems librarian and is currently Head of Information Systems and Services at Senate House Libraries, University of London. He is working on a project with the Bloomsbury Colleges and Senate House Libraries to implement a next-generation LMS as a shared service, which is investigating Open Source systems as solutions.

**David Parkes: OPEN SOURCE TEAM**

David is Associate Director of Information Services at Staffordshire University, heading up libraries, learning support and learning technologies. A Chartered Librarian and Technologist, David leads a dynamic learning support team of librarians, educational technologists, trainers, IT professionals, study skills staff and web designers to provide a broad array of quality services, resources and learning opportunities. A Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, he writes and speaks widely on library buildings, learning technologies, the provision of information and digital literacy, open source and open educational resources, e-books and emerging technologies to universities, publishers, academics and other librarians. He sits on the NMC Horizon Report Project board, and a number of publisher advisory boards. He has recently undertaken consultancy for the Oxford University Russia Fund to help develop e-book provision in Russian universities. He is also Head of the Special Collections and Archives.

**Paula Keogh: PROPRIETARY TEAM**

Paula is an Account Manager for Capita Libraries and has been in this role since early 2008 with previous experience of Record Management for large multinational accountancy firms. She currently has responsibility for a number of named Capita libraries across the UK and Ireland. She is responsible for ensuring her customers' ongoing success with the Capita product suite. Paula has also presented at a number of industry events, including RFID in Libraries and the National Acquisitions Group Conference. Paula also holds a 1st Class BA Hons in Information and Library Studies.



**Anthony Whitford: PROPRIETARY TEAM**

Anthony is the Head of Development at Capita, responsible for the strategy of the product development for the library business. Anthony was pivotal in the development of the web services tier enabling dynamic integration with other vendor's systems both inside and outside of the library.



**Brad Whittle: PROPRIETARY TEAM**

Brad is an industry veteran with over 20 years of experience working with enterprise software companies. The majority of his career has been devoted to the library community managing sales and marketing for both Dynix and the post-merger company of SirsiDynix. His technical background in LMS has made him a sought after speaker at industry events and user group meetings. He is currently the Vice President of Global Sales at SirsiDynix.

