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I-Share WebVoyage [Advanced] User Training

Excerpted Slides Regarding VuFind
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What is VuFind?

- An experimental alternative to WebVoyage
- A “discovery” tool or “next generation” OPAC interface
 - features include faceting and user-added tags
- An accessible user interface
- Open source software from Villanova University, being adapted by CARLI programmers for use in the I-Share environment
- Will be known as “I-Share” (same data, new look)

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What is available via VuFind?



- Bibliographic data extracted from all I-Share local databases then reindexed
 - Current as of 3AM the previous day
- Holdings, item status, patron MyAccount data all pulled dynamically from Voyager
- Book reviews, cover art pulled from external resources
- Links from VuFind to GoogleBooks, SFX
- User-added comments

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Who will use VuFind, when?



- “Early adopter” libraries began testing on April 29. CARLI hopes they will roll VuFind out to their users ASAP.
- Early adopters are: BRA, COL, EIU, ERK, IIT, ISU, IWU, MIL, NLU, PRK, SAI, SIE, WHE
- Perhaps by late summer 2008, VuFind will be *an option* for any user wanting access to I-Share data.
 - Libraries may decide to promote VuFind to their users, or not, as they see fit.
 - Users who require an accessible interface may prefer VuFind to the current version of WebVoyage.

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How does VuFind interact with Voyager?



- VuFind is an alternative to WebVoyage
 - WebVoyage is not going away.
- When users place requests, VuFind interacts with Voyager data and policies just as WebVoyage does.
 - Requests placed in VuFind are visible on the WebVoyage "My Account" page; requests placed in WebVoyage are visible on the VuFind "Your Account" page.
- All staff functions still performed in Voyager staff clients.

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Future plans for VuFind



- Early adopter library testing
 - Performance tuning
 - Development work continues
- Rollout to early adopter libraries' users, June 2008?
 - Performance tuning continues
 - Possible migration to new hardware
 - Interface changes based on early adopters' usability tests
- Expansion beyond early adopter libraries, summer 2008?

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Brief(!) VuFind Demo

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How do you choose?

- VuFind is in testing.
- VF is better for discovery & faceting large search sets.
- VF has a more modern look-and-feel.
- In VF, for now, user selects specific copy to request.
- VF is more compliant with accessibility standards.
- VF already links to Google Book Search.
- VF displays user's library's SFX button on any record.
- VF offers social software features: user-added comments, tags.
- WebVoyage is in production.
- WV is better for known-item searching.
- WV allows more sophisticated, library-savvy searching.
- In WV, user selects title to request; system selects copy.
- WV is currently less compliant with accessibility standards.
- WV does not yet link to Google Book Search.
- WV displays library's SFX button on its own records only.
- WV does not offer social software features.

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For More Information

- WebVoyage help pages; VuFind status page
- CARLI Office web site
<http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/Share/opac.html>
- Voyager User Guides
- Ex Libris' SupportWeb
http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/voyager_web.htm
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