

Expectations for CARLI VuFind Early Adopters

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The VuFind project sets a new paradigm for CARLI. Early adopters will help CARLI staff to review and refine not only a new product, but a new implementation model as well. Active and ongoing input and participation from the early adopters will be essential. As we are all new to this model, any list of participants' expectations and commitments written at the outset of the project is bound to be incomplete. That said, the project will benefit by establishing a basic set of "ground rules" up front, which, as the project proceeds, we may work with you to modify or expand as we find helpful and appropriate.

In this context, the VuFind Early Adopters should be prepared to make commitments to this project in the following three areas: Communication, Testing and Deployment. Examples of each of these areas of commitment are listed below.

Communication

1. Designate a VuFind liaison (project leader) for your institution. You may involve as many staff as appropriate on the project, but we ask that you identify one individual as the primary point of contact.
2. Participate in meetings of the Early Adopters.
3. Allow CARLI to preview any PR materials you develop.
4. If you decide that you want to drop out of the Early Adopters project, we ask that you promptly inform us of this decision.

Testing

1. Complete any testing assignments thoroughly and on schedule and report your findings in detail, citing testing date and url, specific examples, and/or providing screen shots as appropriate.
2. Report problems promptly, with sufficient detail that staff can attempt to replicate your experience.
3. Follow all institutional procedures for human study research when conducting usability studies involving library users.

Deployment

1. Deploy VuFind for the public according to the project schedule (TBD), with the understanding that the product is a work in progress and subject to ongoing changes in appearance and functionality and fluctuations in performance.
2. Minimally, provide a link to VuFind from your WebVoyage instance and from the main page of your library's web site.
3. Encourage library users to comment on VuFind and share those comments with the project team.
4. Continue to provide access to Voyager through WebVoyage for the duration of the pilot project, for backup as well as for users who may prefer it.