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I-Share OPAC Team Minutes

Agenda for Tuesday, October 31, 2006 at 1pm

Location: Conference Call: 217-244-7526

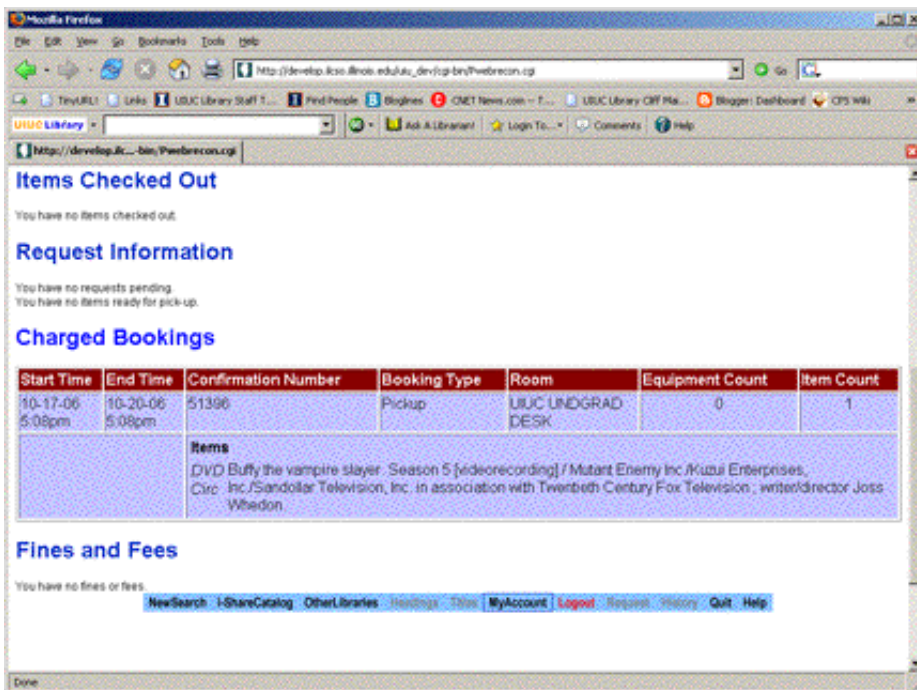
Attendees: Nancy Bohm, Skip Burhans, Kathleen Conley, Jonathan Gorman, Hilary Kraus, Amanda Pippitt, Cason Snow, Jan Sung, Stephen Wright; IUG Liaison: Tom Goetz; CARLI Staff Liaison: Paige Weston

Minutes for 9/21/06 approved.

Thanks to Paige & CARLI for the extended time-out period! Everyone loves it.

Modifications to UIUC My Account page

- UIUC is using the Voyager media scheduling module, but up until recently these items had not been displaying in the My Account page for patrons
- Previously items checked out through media scheduling had not displayed in the My Account page for patrons; UIUC has elected to make these items visible in My Account
- This decision is acceptable according to the customization guidelines
- Hilary will post a note to wvdev indicating this has been discussed by the I-Share OPAC team and is non-controversial
- For an example of how this looks, see screenshot below:



MyOPAC options

- MyOPAC functionality may be re-enabled in local catalogs at this time
 - Includes bookbag, preferences, and saved searches
 - May not be enabled in I-Share (universal catalog) since the original security bug that necessitated disabling these functions has not been resolved for the UC

- Should these features be on or off by default in the local catalogs?
 - If many libraries ask for it to be turned on, probably
 - Before the bug required us to turn off MyOPAC, OPACC (the prior incarnation of this committee) was discussing disabling these options anyway, since they cluttered the interface and created confusion for patrons
- Some libraries have asked about the MyOPAC options thinking it would allow them to export to RefWorks more cleanly
 - Paige doesn't think those functions will help in that area
 - We may want to create a new output option optimized for RefWorks
- New buttons need to be created for the I-Share local default
 - Prefbutton.gif, savequerybutton.gif, cartbutton.gif (only an "up" button is required, not a button in the "down" position)
 - Nancy has offered to work on this
 - To see button comparisons: http://office.ilcso.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/wv_image_compare.cgi
- Paige has turned on the MyOPAC functions so we can see what they look like again: http://develop.ilcso.illinois.edu/ilcso_dev
 - This inserts two new generic browser buttons in the output options box at the bottom of the Titles page and the single-record View page, and three custom (but old-style) buttons on the MyAccount page
 - A sample patron login is: 2613/burke

Edit Search page changes

- Nancy provided a mock-up with modified highlighting: <http://thesmudge.com/shapeshifter/CARLI/editsearch8.htm>
 - Code for background color is #FFFFCE
- The committee expressed a preference for this look over prior versions
- Should we try to suppress the "you searched by" column, since it goes to the same place as the "you search for" link?
 - Probably not worth the effort
 - Useful to have indication of search type
- Modification (italicized) to help item 2 on this page:
You can view the results of any previous search.
Click a previous search in the "You Searched by" or "You Searched for" column to see the results again.
- Do we need a page title here?
 - Consensus is, probably not

Finding or crafting a spellchecker for the catalog

- Tom noted that Ebsco & Google provide very different suggestions for misspellings
 - Example in Ebsco: pecnil vs. penci
 - The issue here may be transposing letters vs. truncating words
 - More consistency on "did you mean" suggestions would be better
- Jon noted that Google uses more tricks, and looks at words commonly used together
- Do we want spellchecker to suggest options if you get results? If you don't?
- Would be best if it returned results for exactly what you asked for, and also suggested other spellings,

- rather than making assumptions about what you were really searching for
- Wouldn't want catalog to always suggest something, if you got good results
- Which search types should invoke it?
 - Certainly should invoke in author browse, since we can use our own index to suggest corrections
 - Would be very helpful with spelling non-English names
- For the next meeting, Tom, Kathe, and Jon will provide some ideas for discussion

New search types for the catalog (additions or changes to existing search types)

- Paige has re-added the new any word anywhere search that defaults to AND
- She will recreate the subject-title combo searches for testing
- These searches can be tested at: http://develop.ilcso.illinois.edu/uc_dev
- For the next meeting, Hilary, Amanda, and Jan will provide some ideas for discussion

New books list

- Still in testing; progress being made
- Testing it with different size collections
- Looking for ways to reduce the number of new sessions that get spawned, since every time patron clicks on item record to look at a new book it opens a new session in the catalog; this could create performance issues

SFX buttons

- CARLI staff have downloaded Texas A&M software and started looking at it

Skins

- In the thinking stages

Next meeting: Monday, November 27, 1-3pm at 217-265-9888.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilary Kraus