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I-Share OPAC Team Agenda

Tuesday, November 6, 3pm-5pm
Conference call number: 217-265-9181

Minute Taker: Amanda Pippitt

Agenda:

VUFind

- Progress update from CARLI
    - How was the demo at the CARLI Annual Meeting?
    - Responses to suggestions so far (see wiki for details)
- Next steps from us?
    - One idea: creating testing script ideas for this, and using them, could be a good start to the WV testing script we've discussed'
    - More testing?
    - From prior meeting minutes: "Help present fall webcast to introduce CARLI members to product and recruit beta testers for January" … ?

Voyager/Web Voyage

- Any news on December Voyager upgrade
- Canned search urls
    - Our site provides instructions
        - http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/opac/webvoy_url_builder.html
        - Paula & I experienced some difficulties with a search she was building according to those instructions
    - Can we provide an automatic translator such as these?
        - http://www.lib.rochester.edu/index.cfm?page=425
        - http://libraryasp.tamu.edu/cannedsearch/cannedsearch.asp

Internet Librarian report

- Would this be a useful contribution for the CARLI newsletter, in conjunction with some info about the VUFind project?
    - As an aside, are they really serious about the blog? (http://blog.carli.illinois.edu/)
- OPAC-related themes:
    - User generated content
        - Allowing comments, tagging, or other forms of user participation shows you value your users
    - Lots of emphasis on federated search
        - Integrate catalog & other research tools such as databases, images, etc.
        - Treat print and digital results with equal weight

- - - Create a "comprehensive discovery environment" (Marshall Breeding)
  - New systems should:
    - Decouple front end interface from back end system
    - Increase findability, usability, and remixability (Casey Bisson)
    - Be fast
    - Be visually rich, better presented
      - Possibly offer search options utilizing visualization
    - Use valid, clean, semantic markup which is easy for indexing and screenreading
    - Provide better relevancy ranking
    - Accommodate information browsing/grazing techniques
      - Enable users to drill down/narrow gradually via faceted browsing, clustered results
      - Provide navigational breadcrumbs to make changing direction easier
      - Make it possible to save your place when searching, so you can come back later and jump in where you left off (like saving a spot in a video game)
    - Permit searching of parts, not just wholes (Google/Amazon interior book searches)
      - Provide familiar information delivery options
      - E-mail this result
      - E-mail stable link for easy returning/citing
      - RSS feeds
      - Grab and embed this result in your blog, del.icio.us, etc.
  - Systems mentioned in relation to next-gen OPACS
    - Endeca
    - AquaBroswer
    - ExLibris Primo
    - III Encore
    - VUFind
    - OCLC WorldCat Local
    - University of Rochester's eXtensible catalog
    - Scriblio
- Danny Sullivan on other themes in the future of search
  - Vertical search (specialized, the "deep dive") will continue to increase in value and usage
  - Personalized search (where the search tool learns about you and makes decisions on that basis) will also grow, despite privacy concerns
  - People will still need help to search effectively (suffering from "search engine fatigue")

Next meeting date

- Projects in the meantime?