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I-Share OPAC Team Minutes for January 3, 2008

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Thursday, January 3, 2-4pm
Conference call number: 217-265-9888

Minute Taker: Hilary Kraus

Attendees: Nancy Bohm, Kathy Chang, Hilary Kraus, Amanda Pippitt, Tom Goetz, Jan Sung, Paige Weston

Voyager Testing Script

- Discussed progress to date
- Questions?
  - What to do with ARS/other requests?
    - Just include an instruction to test the functions you use for correct behavior
  - Is it ok to suggest tester try in both old and new interface?
    - Yes, they should have a baseline, if possible, particularly for things like record display
- Planned draft completion date
  - Please put as much as you can on the wiki by Tuesday, January 8
  - Testing of draft script will take place Wednesday, January 9 through Friday, January 11
    - Who will be able to participate?
    - Let Jan keep Circ; Paige will help? Does anyone know a circ person who can test this?
    - Who's using Z39.50 and can test it?
    - The page at http://i-share.carli.illinois.edu uses IP authentication to decide which catalog to show you by default, does it still work? Who is using this function?

Report from Ex Libris meeting

- Hilary attended an all-day meeting at Ex Libris regarding the accessibility of the Voyager 7 OPAC
- Hadi Bargi Rangin and Jon Gunderson provided expertise in accessibility for persons with low vision or using screen reading software, and represented CARLI's interests in the catalog being as accessible as possible
- Overall, progress has been made, but more needs to be done to make the OPAC markup more readable via screen reader
  - Hadi's report on this provides extensive detail on the substance of the meeting; this report was forwarded to OPAC Team members
- Of interest to the OPAC Team, aside from accessibility issues, was a chance to see the Voyager 7 catalog interface; some notes on its characteristics and features:
  - Much cleaner interface
  - Overall smaller text size
  - Much more use of CSS to control look and layout
  - "Filters"—similar to VU Find's "Narrow Your Search"—replace the complex limits screen
  - Search history is more visible and easier to use

Next meeting date?