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CARLI Holiday Hours

The CARLI office will be closed for the holidays December 24-January 1. Contact support@carli.illinois.edu or call toll free 866.904.5843 to report any problems or concerns. As always, callers will have the option of paging a tech support staff person to report a system outage or other serious problem. CARLI staff will respond to all other issues and reports when regular business hours resume on Monday, January 4, 2010.

ILDS Non-Service Days

There will be no ILDS service Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1. Regular ILDS service will resume on Monday, January 4th. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to support@carli.illinois.edu.

CARLI to Purchase Springer Medicine eBook Collection

CARLI is pleased to announce that the Consortium will purchase the Springer Medicine eBook Collection for all Governing and Associate members. Access to the collection will begin in January 2010. The Springer Medicine Collection will replace the Mary Ann Liebert journals when subsidized access to those journals ends in December 2009. The purchase of the Medicine collection was recommended by the CARLI Health Sciences Advisory Group, which was charged with reviewing products to replace the Liebert journals.

The Medicine Collection includes all English/International titles published by Springer from 2005 through 2010. The collection currently includes more than 1,300 titles with an additional 325 titles anticipated for inclusion in 2010. The full list of titles in the Medicine Collection, as well as other Springer eBook collections is available on the [Springer web site](#).

CARLI staff are working on the license agreement and reviewing options for acquiring and loading MARC bibliographic records for the collection. Bibliographic records for the collection are available from both Springer and OCLC. CARLI will announce more details about those data in the near future. As another way to increase access to this collection, CARLI will activate the SPRINGER_LINK_BOOKS_MEDICINE full text target in the shared instance of SFX on the CARLI server.

In related news, CARLI member libraries have met the threshold required for CARLI members to purchase the Springer Complete English/International eBook Collection, their full set of 2005-2010 imprints, at a discount. Proposed pricing on this full collection of more than 19,000 titles will be available to all committed participants.

Both the Medicine and full collection are one-time purchases with guaranteed perpetual access to the content, no future hosting fees and no annual subscription costs. Springer does not enforce Digital Rights Management (DRM) for these eBook collections, which allows unlimited printing and emailing for scholarly purposes, and inclusion in non-commercial materials.

For more information about the Springer Medicine Collection or to find out more about the full eBook offer, contact support@carli.illinois.edu.

CARLI/OCA Book Digitization Initiative

CARLI is pleased to announce the continuing partnership with the Open Content Alliance for the FY2010-2011 CARLI/OCA Book Digitization Initiative and Information Workshop, a digitization opportunity for Illinois academic and research libraries.

The process has been streamlined for FY2010-2011. Applications are encouraged at any time and project proposals will be reviewed throughout the year. In addition, participants will no longer be required to submit an "Intent to Apply" form. Proposals that meet the theme of "Illinois Culture and Heritage" will receive priority.

For detailed information about the Initiative and the process for submitting proposals, join us for a webinar on January 25, 10-11:30 a.m. [Register](#) by January 21. Participants may also request an individual session by emailing support@carli.illinois.edu. Additional webinars will be offered throughout the year.

Complete information about the program can be found on the [CARLI web site](#).

Digital Collections

Upgrade to CONTENTdm Version 5

On Wednesday, December 16, 2009, CARLI began upgrading the server running CARLI Digital Collections to CONTENTdm version 5. In addition to the CONTENTdm upgrade, a newly designed portal interface for the front page of CARLI Digital Collections will be released when the upgrade process is completed on January 4, 2010.

During the upgrade, a read-only copy of [CARLI Digital Collections](#), current as of 5p.m. on December 15, is available for users to view and search. During the upgrade, it is not possible to add new digital items or edit existing items in CONTENTdm Web Administration, no new collections will be created, collections previously unpublished cannot be newly published, and no edits to collection home pages will be made.

CARLI has sent detailed information to all CARLI CONTENTdm contacts and has created a [web page](#) for information related to the CONTENTdm upgrade.

If you have any questions please contact the CARLI Office at support@carli.illinois.edu.

Webinar Training for CONTENTdm Upgrade

Register to attend the CARLI Digital Collections redesign and CONTENTdm Web Administration webinar on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

The webinar will begin with the overview of the user interface followed by additional training for CARLI CONTENTdm users on the new features of CONTENTdm Web Administration so that those interested only in the overview of the new user interface may attend the first portion of the session and then leave the session before the additional training commences.

Registration is available at <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-serv/mem-train/register/091217cdmadmin/>. For additional information, contact the CARLI Office at support@carli.illinois.edu or visit the [CARLI CONTENTdm Upgrade](#) web page.

I-Share

WebVoyage Update

The I-Share WebVoyage version 7 interface will again be available for use, on or about Monday, December 21. Please note that the "Classic" version of WebVoyage (also known as "version 6") will continue to be available. No plans have been made to discontinue CARLI's support for the Classic interface, but libraries that wish to test, pilot, or promote public use of the Version 7 interface will have the opportunity to do so.

I-Share library staff will recall that CARLI implemented the version 7 interface in summer 2009 along with the Voyager 7 upgrade. Various performance problems ensued and CARLI opted to revert to WebVoyage version 6. Ex Libris, the Voyager software vendor, has worked closely with CARLI this fall to debug, modify, test and tune WebVoyage 7, and we are now prepared to make it available once again.

The WebVoyage 7 interface will be available to all I-Share libraries as an alternative. The url for WebVoyage 7 will be: <https://i-share7.carli.illinois.edu> (or <https://i-share7.carli.illinois.edu/xxx>, where "xxx" is the 3 letter code for a specific I-Share library.) Note the addition of the digit seven following "i-share" in the url to distinguish the url for the version 7 from the following url for Classic WebVoyage: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/> Library staff are free to choose which interface to use at any time, and may freely switch back and forth as they wish. All 76 I-Share libraries and the Universal Catalog will be available to both WebVoyage interfaces, and both will support searching, requesting and My Account functions. CARLI halted WebVoyage 7 customization work in August, but if the product performs well this time, that work will soon begin again.

The tests that CARLI staff have recently performed on the newly revised software have shown good results, but the true test will come under real usage in libraries and an increased volume of users. CARLI will maintain both interfaces as long as needed to make a smooth transition, at least well into calendar 2010. VuFind remains available to all I-Share libraries as well.

Notable usability improvements in the Version 7 interface include greatly improved support for screen reader use by the visually impaired, and software fixes that address time-out problems experienced when placing requests on widely held items.

Please feel free to take a look at or begin to use WebVoyage 7 at any time, and as always, please report any problems to us at support@carli.illinois.edu.

Voyager Calendars

- Do you set your Voyager calendar on a semester-by-semester basis?
- Do you have a lot of closed dates during the holiday period?
- Do you ignore closed dates for calculating loans?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, it's time to make sure that your Circulation calendars are set sufficiently forward [through the next semester at least] to calculate loan periods and Hold Shelf Life parameters for items currently being charged and routed.

Even if you answered no to these questions, failure to have a calendar that is set far enough into the future will prevent your staff from being able to route in UB items or to check items out to patrons, both at your Circulation Desk and at remote Circulation Desks. Your Voyager System Administrator can edit the calendars at: System Administration-->Circulation-->Calendars

It's also good to check that your Call Slip expire/archive parameters, your In-Transit interval and Hold Shelf Life interval are set for at least as long as you will be closed during the winter break period. If you need to revise these settings, do it as close as you can to the last day you'll be open this semester—before staff leave for the winter break. See the [CARLI Best Practices Recommendation](#).

New Custom CARLI_reports_2009.mdb file Now Available

The CARLI Office is pleased to release a new version of our custom .mdb file for Voyager Queries and Reports for libraries that run Microsoft Access reports for Voyager. This new file contains all of the Ex Libris prepackaged queries/reports, all Shared SQL as of December 1, 2009, and many statistical queries provided by CARLI. The CARLI_Reports_2009.mdb file is available for download on the [Shared SQL page](#).

CARLI strongly recommends that you use the CARLI_reports_2009.mdb file in place of the generic Reports.mdb file or the previous versions of the custom CARLI_reports.mdb file. For more information about the features of the CARLI_reports_2009.mdb file, visit the [download the document](#).

Read the [instructions on how to link the new .mdb file to the database](#) (for those who already have Oracle 10g/ODBC installed on the PC).

Review the information on [how to "copy" queries](#) from your previous .mdb file into a new .mdb file.

A new Data Dictionary for Voyager version 7.1 has also been posted on the [CARLI web site](#). This document describes all of the tables and fields that can be queried in the Voyager database and includes tips and tricks for using the Voyager tables in queries.

If you have never used Microsoft Access reports for Voyager before and would like to start, please see the "[getting started](#)" information.

If you have any questions, please contact the CARLI Office at support@carli.illinois.edu.

Preservation Tip: Preservation in 140 Characters or Less

The social networking tool [Twitter](#) has some interesting possible uses for library preservation. Since Twitter limits individual messages to 140 characters, it is a great way to share links and pithy, quick bursts of information about preservation in libraries.

Twitter messages are called "tweets," which are "followed" by people interested in those messages. Twitter streams can be aimed at colleagues, patrons, or both, depending upon how you're interested in sharing information. Twitter streams are public by default, but it is also possible to set up a private account just for yourself.

Connecting with colleagues on Twitter is easy. Lots of libraries, archives, librarians, archivists, and conservators have their own Twitter accounts already, sharing information about upcoming exhibits, changes in library hours or services, and sharing links to important library news among colleagues. The American Library Association, for instance, provides announcements of preservation reports via their Twitter stream, @ALALibrary. View the [list of the libraries and archives](#) on Twitter that I follow. One of the best places to start is with the [American Institute of Conservation twitter stream](#). By looking at the conservators that the AIC follows, you can get a feel for the conservators that have interesting things to say that are worth following.

Connecting with your patrons can also be fun! Twitter could be used for sharing a series of pictures of books being repaired in your library, or links to your library blog. At Halloween, you could send out a scary list of items found in library books. Messages advertising library preservation practices, such as courtesy bags being available in rainy weather at the circulation desk, can periodically remind your patrons of the importance of caring for library materials. Most importantly, you can use your Twitter account to reach your patrons where they already are, letting them know of services that they might not know of otherwise.

You don't have to post often: a few times a day is more than sufficient, and each "tweet" has to be brief by necessity. You also have the opportunity to further share links and messages that you find interesting from the folks that you follow. Twitter is a quick and easy way to let your patrons know that you're working hard to keep their library materials in good condition.

Other Library News

Grant Opportunity: Broadband Technology Opportunities Public Computer Center Program

The Illinois State Library (ISL) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) are seeking libraries to participate in a statewide application under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Public Computer Center Program (BTOP). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes \$7.2 billion to expand broadband access to communities across the United States, preserve and create jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits. The BTOP grant seeks to extend the network of public computer centers that provide broadband access, technology training and other

BTOP grant seeks to expand the network of public computer centers that provide broadband access, technology, training and other educational services to vulnerable Illinois residents.

If funded, each participating library may receive up to \$75,000 for a two-year period per library building, subject to available matching funding by DCEO. Libraries will receive a choice of equipment, hardware, software, peripherals, and/or furnishings. Personnel and training support will also be provided. Participating libraries must agree to certain terms and must provide public hours for use of equipment and training.

Anyone interested in participating should email Debra Aggert at the State Library by December 21, 2009. In the subject line, enter "Participate in BTOP Grant" indicating intent to participate in the project. Applications are due at the State Library by January 15, 2010.

Detailed information including the Executive Summary and the application are available at at the [Illinois State Library web site](#).

IACRL 2010 Call for Proposals—Deadline Extended

The IACRL 2010 Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit proposals for presentations and poster sessions for the conference "Thriving While Surviving: The Complete 21st Century Librarian" to be held March 25-26 in Springfield. Submit your creative approaches, practical solutions, and philosophical observations that will inspire academic librarians to thrive, not just survive, in these tough economic times.

The new deadline for presentation proposals is Monday, January 4; the deadline for poster sessions has been extended until Monday, January 25. For more information, visit the [web site](#).

Scholarships Available for "On the Front Lines" Conference

"On the Front Lines," the seventh statewide library practitioners' conference will be held March 15-17 at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS). The conference, sponsored by the Illinois State Library and the Secretary of State's Office, is designed to equip and enlighten "front line" staff with training, exposure and techniques that will enable them to handle their work more effectively and efficiently. Conference sessions will focus on topics of interest to all types of libraries. The registration fee of \$15.00 is applicable to one, two and/or three days of this event. This fee includes several meals and all programs.

Thirty scholarships are available to qualifying applicants. The scholarship will cover the cost of registration, all conference provided meals, and lodging at the University of Illinois Founder's Hall located in Springfield, Illinois. To apply for a scholarship, please complete the [survey](#) by Monday, January 25, 2010.

Please register for this event through the [Library Learning web site](#).

Upcoming CARLI Events and Meetings

Important Dates

December 16-January 4 CARLI CONTENTdm Upgrade
December 24-January 1 CARLI Office Closed for the Holidays

Forums, Workshops, and Training

January 7 CONTENTdm Upgrade Webinar: Project Client
January 12 CONTENTdm Upgrade Webinar: User Interface and Web Admin

March 5 Collections Spring Forum, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
March 17 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team, Chicago State University

April 28 Workshop on Digital and Electronic Copyright Issues, I Hotel, Champaign

May 18 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team Forum, Kankakee Community College

Meetings

December 18 CARLI Board Meeting, Kankakee Community College
December 21 Public Services Working Group

January 6 I-Share Instruction Team
January 8 I-Share Users' Group
January 11 E-Resources Working Group
January 12 Collections Working Group
January 12 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
January 12 I-Share OPAC Team
January 14 I-Share Resource Sharing Team
January 27 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team
January 29 Digital Collections Users' Group & Preservation Working Group

February 1 Preservation Working Group, CARLI Office
February 3 I-Share Instruction Team

February 5 Collections Working Group, Illini Center, Chicago
February 9 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
February 9 I-Share OPAC Team
February 11 I-Share Resource Sharing Team
February 17 Finance Committee
February 19 I-Share Users' Group
February 25 Digital Collections Users' Group & Preservation Working Group

March 3 Instruction Team

For meeting times and locations or for additional information about upcoming CARLI forums, trainings, and meetings, consult the [CARLI calendar](#).

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