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I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team

Meeting #35 Minutes

January 12, 2010

Conference call

Members attending: Priscilla Matthews, Chair (ISU), Daren Callahan (SIC), Kristin Martin (UIC), Gayle Porter (CSU), Emily Prather-Rodgers (NCC), Mary Rose (SIE), Cason Snow (NIU), Pamela Thomas (ICC), Cheryl Wegner (NBY)

IUG Liaison: Alexis Rogers (LLC)

CARLI Staff attending: Casey Sutherland, Cathy Salika, Jessica Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Decisions:

- Minutes for the December 8, 2009 meeting approved as amended.
- Target date to send out updated tag tables to I-Share libraries is February 1, 2010. After team members test the updated tag tables, Jessica will distribute them and instructions for loading to the consortium.
- The agenda for the 2010 Spring Forum was finalized.
- The team will identify Authority Control Discussion starter questions for the Spring forum by the February 9 meeting and will identify discussion leaders from the larger community by the March 9 meeting.
- Prior to the Spring Forum, Casey will distribute starter questions and links for the “Future of the ILS” discussion to registered attendees.

Discussions:

Team members reviewed the Spring Forum draft agenda and decided to change the order of presentations and to drop the “Holdings Display and MFHDs” workshop. Casey will post the revised agenda to the list.

Topics covered in the discussion of the future of the ILS included:

1. Things you/your library can't do without:

- Authority control
- Import/export functions
- Management of holdings/item records
- Hierarchy-type display of linked records
- Ability to see suppressed records in results lists
- Ability to link with Acq client
- Pick and scan
- Ability to search by record numbers
- Increased character limit
- Various indexes

- Free text and Boolean searches
- Reports
- Bound-with MFHDs

Things you/your library feel are missing from the current system:

- Drop down menus with option to change font size
- Larger font sizes for some displays
- Improved holdings display in Web Voyage
- More detailed information in history (e.g., specific edits made)
- Easy method to do batch updates without the use of macros
- More flexible search capabilities that will combine fields in order to sidestep the need to generate reports for database maintenance
- Capability to do more work in real time. Suppress + replace operation still disrupts workflow
- Ability to search and de-dup across databases
- Public interface that would retain search between screens
- More flexible Acq module for serials inventory and control
- More searches across library resources, less silo-ization of catalog
- System that supports FRBR concepts

Team members discussed timelines, but there was no consensus on optimum schedules for moving to a new system. CARLI staff members continue to investigate other systems, but this is basically for informational purposes. While open source options are attractive and evolving, members questioned if CARLI will have the resources to develop and implement an open source ILS for the consortium. The bottom line is that everyone wants a system that is sophisticated, flexible, effective, and efficient. We don't want to lose ground or users.

Tasks assigned:

- Team members should load updated tag tables locally and test. Send comments to the ICAT discussion list by January 27.
- Team members should identify starter questions for the Spring Forum "Authority Control Discussion" by the February 9 meeting.

CAT-ER report (Kristin Martin): The team designed a survey and plans to distribute it to I-Share libraries as soon as they receive IRB approval. After reviewing their current documentation on cataloging electronic resources, two issues remain unresolved: 1) should all URLs be retained if they don't apply; and, 2) how to keep URLs current. Kristin reports that there are no tasks for ICAT at the moment.

IUG Report (Alexis Rogers): Alexis will send the minutes from the last IUG meeting to the team email list.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by Daren Callahan