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I-Share O-PAC Meeting

3/9/10 10:00am

CARLI News: Reported by Paige

- VuFind: A number of tickets have come in with people forgetting their user name. CARLI staff is toying with the idea of requiring only an e-mail address in order to be reminded of the username or to reset a password. There are some security issues but staff feel that these are minor, in comparison with the inconvenience caused when a user cannot remember their user name. The committee agreed.
- When a search is executed on the advanced search page, Boolean operators are supplied. If the user resubmits this Boolean search in the basic search form, she gets different (worse) results. Staff recommend not populating the basic search box on the Results page with search terms entered on the Advanced search page. Committee agreed.

IUG Update: reported by Keith

- The group last met for a short phone conference on 2/19. They are working on planning 2 forums: a copyright forum is being planned for April 28, and a liaison's forum on June 10th.
- The group also talked about some issues/implications with the Springer E-Book purchase.

Usability Testing Webinar: reported by Amanda

- Amanda is working with Robert Slater and Jenny Emanuel to set up a webinar in April. She has a phone conference scheduled to iron out some details.

Tomcat WV Update Discussion led by Amanda

- Milliken University is using as main catalog. There have been some complaints from librarians that were expected. Perception is that the catalog works slower than Classic WebVoyage. At the present time 63 libraries use the classic version as their main catalog. 12 use VuFind as their main catalog, 3 use tomcat WebVoyage and 1 library uses WorldCat Local.

Tomcat Search tabs

- An internal committee at UIUC has been looking at the number of choices available. There are a lot of choices and it can get confusing to students. A discussion ensued. Peggy will check with Rochester University to learn whether their decision to reduce the number of tabs resulted from usability testing.
- The group also discussed whether to use the words "filter" or "limit to" on the titles page. The committee agreed that the prefix "add filter:" will be removed.

WebVoyage Relevance Factor led by Amanda

- Amanda reported that one of her students questioned why, when he looked up a title in "basic search" using "any words," the title did not appear on the first page. A discussion ensued about this... why are there times that relevancy ranking appears to work and other times it doesn't. Paige will check with the SMU library to see if she can get any information on their revised field weighting. After this information is

obtained then we will discuss the feasibility of making any changes.

VuFind Wikipedia and Authority Control

- Not much discussion here, as it has already taken place over e-mail.

Next meeting scheduled for April 13th at 10:00. It may be held in person with the option to phone in.