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I-Share Users' Group Minutes for April 16, 2010

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CARLI Office

Members Attending: Sarah McHone-Chase Northern Illinois University, Keith Eiten Wheaton College, Stephen Smith University of Illinois at Springfield, Carol Reid Heartland Community College, Sandy Craig Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, Carlos Melian Northeastern Illinois University, Jason Rossi Robert Morris University, Karen Whisler Eastern Illinois University, Belinda Cheek North Central College

Members Absent: Mary Burkee University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Nancy Laverdiere Western Illinois University

By phone: Alexis Rogers Lincoln Land Community College

Guests: Megan Lopez, Grant intern at Heartland Community College, Susan Singleton

CARLI staff: Kris Hammerstrand, Brandon Gant, Paige Weston, Cathy Salika, Mel Farrell

Minutes approved

Discussion Items

- Discussion of changing the Universal Catalog to the VuFind interface, de-duplicated to allow for better response time
    - With open source code like VuFind, problems would be easier to locate and fixes can be developed without proprietary code
    - Redirect to the de-duplicated VuFind Universal Catalog would begin May 1 for libraries currently using VuFind; for all other libraries, it will begin June 1
    - A search in VuFind checks up to 5 libraries, looking for available copies; borrower can request more holdings information and chose lending library
    - VuFind does not use authority searching, although keyword searches can be done in specific fields
    - VuFind users must create an account; email used for the account will not affect the 'official' email entered in Voyager.
    - Internal links like 'Repeat this search in I-Share catalog' may still be offered; CARLI staff is still working on these
    - VuFind is customizable for local catalogs
    - Local clients ('back end') will be unaffected
    - Your interface to the local catalog will be unchanged unless otherwise requested
- Major restructuring of IUG was discussed as Susan Singleton envisions IUG offering strategic, high level guidance to the CARLI Board. Changes are as a result of budget issues and to focus on broadening resource sharing. Recommendations suggested were accepted as amended:
    - FY11 as a transition year where we focus on strategic planning for resource sharing
    - Reduction in the size of IUG, not replacing expiring members. *Discussion regarding maintaining type of library (St. U, CC, Pr) and size as an important aspect of the committee*

- Adding Board members as committee members
- Reduce number of meetings per year, *Meetings scheduled should be coordinated with the Board's meetings*
- Discontinue monthly reports from Teams. *IUG liaisons will discuss with the Teams and provide feedback to IUG next meeting. IUG, believing that the communication between Teams and IUG to be an important aspect of this committee's function, would like more discussion on this aspect*
- Invite strategic partners and experts to discuss or consult on topics
- No reduction in CARLI staff or CARLI liaisons
- In spring 2011, evaluate restructure and recommend changes to IUG charge or reporting structure.

In addition, IUG recommends a synthesis between the high level discussions suggested and the day to day concerns brought up by Teams.

- Liaison's Forum in June cancelled to allow short webinars on the VuFind Universal catalog both before implementation and afterwards to be handled by CARLI staff.
- CARLI will send out Sample Report to each library detailing their current policy compared to the upcoming consistent UB policy to be implemented July 1.

Team reports submitted via email

ICAT (Alexis Rogers)

- Team Members discussed final details for the Spring Forum at Kankakee Community College on May 18. Agenda items include an update from the CatER Task Force, round table discussions on the "Future of the ILS," an Authority Control breakout discussion based on library size, and individual breakout sessions on Genre/Form Headings and Metadata projects. Fifty-two people had registered for the forum at the time of the meeting.
- Planning for the Fall Forum (MarcEdit workshop).
  - A computer lab at CSU for Monday, October 25th. The room has 30 computers at desks, a round table that seats 7, and room for up to 12 additional chairs in the back of the room. The facilities manager suggests limiting registration to 40-42 people. The sun room has been reserved for lunch that day.
  - There is reserved space at ISU for Tuesday, October 26th. The room has 35 computers and a capacity of 42. Attendees can double up at a computer or bring their own laptops.
- The MarcEdit workshop will be the team's primary event for the fall, but two webinars will be presented by team members. Possible topics for the cataloging update webinar include changes to the way series are handled in MARC records, changes in the BIBCO core record, changes to the 260 field, fields to delete from OCLC records, and provider neutral e-book records. The team would like to take advantage of the new conferencing system to record the sessions so that they can be viewed at any time.
- CatER task force has finished drafting their recommendations and are moving towards finalizing their report. The task force is considering turning their recommendations into more targeted guidance (cheat sheets) for individuals who are cataloging specific materials.

IOPAC (Keith Eiten)

Development priorities

- Paige gave a brief rundown of future development priorities. Development of WebVoyage is frozen except for changes needed for the Universal Catalog. XC is the main development priority, but new servers will be added to accommodate libraries that want to migrate to Tomcat. Classic WebVoyage goes away when Voyager 8 comes out, so libraries will need to make a choice of a different version.

WebVoyage field weighting

- Discussion of whether to work on field weighting to improve ranking of results lists. It might not be worth the effort to work on this in WebVoyage at this point. There is no documentation of how weighting works in VuFind. Paige will send the group an example of how the search works behind the scenes. The answers derived from experimenting in WebVoyage would not plug into VuFind. The team agreed to hold off on this work.

Mobile version of the catalog

- The UIUC version is based on VuFind but is not technically a production version because of the lack of human resources to support it. Expressions of interest from other CARLI library might help support the allocation of resources; email Peggy Steele if your library is interested. Committee discussed which version of the OPAC is most appropriate for conversion to mobile devices. Peggy will contact Wichita State to inquire about their justification for choice of version and post the question on Voyager-L.

Usability testing webinars

- Webinars on usability were presented by Jenny Emanuel and Robert Slater on April 14 and 15. Amanda informed me by e-mail that they went well, with about 11 attendees at each one. They created a website with the slides/notes of the presentation, and further reading: http://www.library.illinois.edu/liblabs/usability/usability_overview.html

IAC (Karen Whisler)

- The Acquisitions/Serials Team held a Forum March 17, 2010 at Chicago State University. Topics included EDI (Electronic Data Interchange), EOD (Embedded Order Data), and making Voyager communicate with Parent Institution Accounting Systems. The evaluations were positive.
- Work is continuing on the Wiki.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 29, 2010 at the CARLI Office. The Team will receive WINK training.