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I-OPAC Team Minutes

May 6, 2010

Present: Lisa Gonzalez, Karen Becker, Amanda Pippitt, Edith List, Greg Morrison, Peggy Steele, Paige Weston, Keith Eiten, Paula Dempsey, Jana Brubaker, Lisa Wallis

1. Report from Paige

Paige reported that they are focused on the VuFind Universal Catalog interface, though many CARLI staff will be going to ELUNA before the conference calls on May 16 and 17. They are also going through the volunteer database to fill out the committees for next year.

2. Discussion on change to VuFind as UB catalog

Paige reported on work being done on the VuFind UB interface. URL translators are being worked on. This is hard to do, as there will be different search results, but they are doing the best they can. VuFind can't show one list of favorites; there is a local view and a link to the UC view. Fixed display of bibliographic 856 fields should be displaying correctly at this point, but 856s in MFHD are still not correct. Paige has submitted changes to the welcome message, and she noted that the dedup process has already occurred. Paige clarified the function of the VuFind email; this is just to reset the VuFind password, it is not the email of record.

Lisa G. and Peggy said they would like to be able to get back to the local catalog; Paige will look at having the UC open on a tab. Paula asked about when info from the cataloging module and UC would be the same; Paige said it was current as of 7p.m. the day before yesterday. Paige reminded everyone about the customization form for VuFind on the website - <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/opac/vuFcustom.php>. Customization normally takes a couple of days, but there could be a back log if everyone asks for changes at the same time.

Not any reaction to VuFind UC announcement so far; it was noted that people are busy this time of year, and the email was long. The fact that VuFind will force people to make another account may be seen as a nuisance by some, but an advantage by others, since the barcode will no longer be required to sign in. Urbana was concerned about the lack of call number browse, but this may be a local concern.

Keith noted that the email announcement made it seem like this was a test; this is not really the case, unless there is a really major problem. Paige hopes that people who have VuFind as their primary catalog will join one of the conference calls next week – Edith thought she would be able to. Paige asked if we could check the FAQs about VuFind for accuracy.

3. Upcoming changes to IUG

Keith commented on a document he sent about proposed changes to IUG. The general consensus was that the OPAC team had enough to discuss to continue meeting once a month, and that continuing to report directly to IUG, either through a liaison from IUG or through the OPAC chair, was important. Ways to save money using other VoIP options for conference calls, such as Skype, was discussed.

4. Peggy and Amanda noted that testing of a mobile interface for VuFind was proceeding.
5. Amanda reported on the usability webinar. About fifteen people attended each one; so far, people aren't reporting what testing they have done.
6. Lisa Gonzalez was elected next year's OPAC chair by acclamation. Amanda and Lisa will be invited to the June IUG meeting, and Amanda will write a year-end report for the meeting.
7. The next meeting will be June 8th at 10a.m.