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I-Share Users' Group Minutes

Date: May 21, 2010

CARLI Office

Members Attending: Belinda Cheek, North Central College; Sandy Craig, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges; Keith Eiten, Wheaton College; Carlos Melian, Northeastern Illinois University; Alexis Rogers, Lincoln Land Community College; Jason Rossi, Robert Morris University; Karen Whisler, Eastern Illinois University

By phone: Mary Burkee, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Nancy Laverdiere, Western Illinois University; Stephen Smith, University of Illinois at Springfield Carlos

Members Absent: Sarah McHone-Chase, Northern Illinois University; Carol Reid, Heartland Community College

CARLI staff: Kris Hammerstrand, Cathy Salika, Lorna Engels

Minutes approved

CARLI office report

- Staff has been busy working on the cutover of the Universal Catalog to VuFind on June 1
- There is a new phone system in place at the CARLI office.
- 5 CARLI staff members attended the ELUNA conference, and learned more about Ex Libris's next generation product, URM. This is still on schedule for first release at the end of 2011.
- CARLI staff presented two webinars on the upcoming VuFind-UC. The second one was recorded and will be made available to I-Share member libraries.
- VuFind tutorials created by member libraries will be posted to the public wiki.
- CARLI staff continues to make changes to VuFind based on what came up during and after the webinars: on setting up accounts for borrowing, and on how VuFind displays requestable items, for example.
- With the change to VuFind-UC to alleviate performance issues, planned hardware updates for WebVoyage 7 scheduled for this summer have been put on hold.
- CARLI staff has been investigating moving of Voyager servers to Linux.
- Because of many libraries upgrading to Windows 7, CARLI staff are testing running Voyager clients on a Windows 7 machine. Windows 7 is not officially supported by Ex Libris for our current version of Voyager, but it seems to operate on Windows 7 machines using a 32-bit installation. Documentation will be posted to the CARLI website when testing is completed.

Invitations have been extended to volunteers to fill the open spots on all I-Share User Group teams, and are awaiting replies.

Team Reports

- Acq/Ser (Karen Whisler)
 - Met on April 19, 2010, at the CARLI office in Champaign
 - Kati Donaghy (Eureka College) and Missy Latham (North Park University) are the new team co-

chairs

- The team has four openings
- Most of the discussion concerned the restructuring of IUG. The team is ready and willing to do anything to help cut costs -- more conference calls, using other communication tools (Skype, Adobe Connect, voice-over-IP, GoogleDocs, GoogleWave, etc.). The team could meet after lunch or brown bag it to eliminate the cost of providing lunches. Targeted webinars could replace some forums. Mini-forums seem very useful and well received, and they are less of a time commitment for attendees. Open houses are also very popular. Some concerns: bandwidth constraints on some campuses, conversations seem more efficient in person. The group prefers to meet in person, if possible. The group likes having a liaison.
- The team received WINK training
- Work is continuing on the Wiki
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2010, as a conference call
- Cataloging (Alexis Rogers)
 - Met on May 4, 2010 by conference call
 - Mary Rose of SIU Edwardsville will be the new chair
 - Discussed changes to IUG via e-mail; the group wants to continue having a liaison to IUG
 - Held their spring forum; Kristin Martin discussed the draft of the CAT/ER recommendations
 - Worked on planning for the Fall forum on MARC editing; to be held at Chicago State University
- Instruction (Jason Rossi)
 - Met May 4, 2010
 - Amiee Walker from North Central College will be new chair
 - Discussed changes to IUG; the group wants to continue having a liaison to IUG
 - Worked on Spring forum on June 18, to be held at National-Louis University in Lisle. Topic is on "Mobilizing your Library"
- OPAC (Keith Eiten)
 - Met on May 6, 2010
 - Paige reported on work being done on the VuFind-UC interface; various minor style issues were discussed
 - Discussed 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.
 - Peggy Steele (UIUC) noted that testing of a mobile interface for VuFind at UIUC was proceeding.
 - Lisa Gonzalez (Catholic Theological Union) will be new chair
- Resource sharing (Mary Burkee)
 - Met on May 18, 2010
 - Susie Duncan (UIUC) will be the new chair
 - Discussed changes to IUG; the group wants to continue having a liaison to IUG
 - Discussed workarounds resource sharing staffers at some member libraries have been doing for patrons that may be problematic in VUFind

Evolution of IUG

We had a lengthy discussion of the issues surrounding the proposed change to the structure and function of IUG

Some points of discussion:

- Alternatives to monthly conference calls are being considered, including using AdobeConnect with VOIP and meeting fewer times throughout the year.
- The teams clearly do want to keep the current report structure, and some would clearly like to continue monthly meetings
- IUG will need to discuss realistic alternatives to monthly meetings and current liaison structure. Perhaps IUG and teams would meet in alternative months, and the group chairs could phone into the first hour of IUG's meetings; and CARLI staff liaisons could report IUG's activities to the subgroups
- In the future how do we discover what library systems will meet our needs? How will priorities be set? Will IUG or some other ad hoc group do this?

Cat/ER

Differences in how VuFind displays items than WebVoyage resulted in changes in the prepared document. The final report should be ready by the end of June

Usability Task Force

This past month no volunteers have reported any testing done. Catholic Theological Union may be planning some testing.

Future of the ILS

We had some discussion about the "future of the ILS" discussions that have taken place in the past two years, both at the last Liaisons' Forum, and at some of the groups' forums. Could these be used to start priority-setting? Decided that this probably is not the best time to go to the member libraries with detailed questions about priorities.

Next meeting will be June 11, at the CARLI office in Champaign, with the chairs of the teams.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Eiten