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I-Share Union Catalog Changes

All public access to the I-Share Universal Catalog will be redirected to the new VuFind union catalog beginning at 6AM on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. As of June 1, the current URL for the Universal Catalog, <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uc>, will automatically connect users to the VuFind union catalog. No change will be made to I-Share libraries' local catalogs as part of this change to the union catalog.

In the last several days CARLI staff have made many minor modifications to the VuFind interface, in response to suggestions from users. Recent changes include enhancements to the logon and account creation pages, and adjustments to the request page in the union catalog that are intended to make it easier for the user request a different copy of a title, if for some reason the user's first choice turns out to be unrequestable. (Note that these VuFind request changes apply only to the public user interface. The Voyager "request promotion" function continues to work "behind the scenes" to redirect requests that cannot be filled by the library.)

Libraries that present VuFind to their users as their local OPAC may be interested in new customization opportunities, including the opportunity to add a link to VuFind that will lead users to the WebVoyage course reserves search page. The [revised customization form](#) is available on the CARLI web site.

CARLI encourages libraries that have developed user instruction materials related to VuFind to share them with your I-Share colleagues via the [wiki page](#).

[General information about VuFind](#), including a recording of CARLI's May 18 webinar about VuFind and the Universal Catalog, is available on the CARLI web site.

If you have questions, please send them to support@carli.illinois.edu.

Try Voice over IP for Your Next Webinar

Connect to your next CARLI webinar using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) audio and help CARLI reduce costs. Each participant able to use VoIP instead of using the traditional conference call audio available through our 800 number saves the cost of the long-distance phone call. To participate in a CARLI webinar via VoIP, users need only a computer with an internal microphone and speakers, or a USB headset with a microphone.

If you're unsure whether your equipment is compatible with VoIP, Adobe Connect Pro web, CARLI's web conferencing software, offers a few very simple diagnostic tests on their web site that you can use to ensure a positive online meeting experience. The [Meeting Connection Diagnostic](#) will test your computer for the supported version of the Flash player, a clear connection to Connect Pro, bandwidth availability and the latest Connect add-in. This test can be performed at any time.

The Audio Setup Wizard will lead you through a series of steps, testing your speakers, microphone, and settings to ensure that your computer is optimized to share VoIP. A [brief tutorial](#) about the audio setup wizard is also available. The audio set up wizard is currently only available when you have logged into your webinar. If you'd like to run the Audio Setup Wizard before your next webinar is scheduled, email support@carli.illinois.edu to arrange a test.

Mobilizing your Library

[Register now](#) for the I-Share Instruction Team Forum "Mobilizing Your Library," to be held on Friday, June 18 at National-Louis University,

Lisle Campus. The forum will include one 3-hour, hands-on workshop as well as three 50-minute breakout sessions.

Workshop:

- "Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device: Developing a Mobile Website for Your Library," Courtney Greene and Beth Ruane, DePaul University.

Breakout Sessions:

- "Using Mobile Technology in Instruction: IM reference service, Jing videos, and iPod library tours," Bruce Stoffel and Julie Murphy, Milner Library, Illinois State University
- "The Imbedded Librarian Model and Using Vodcasts in Instruction," Pamela Salela, Brookens Library, University of Illinois at Springfield
- "Library Orientation Apps: an introduction to developing instructional tools with the iPhone SDK," Jim Hahn, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The hands-on workshop will run concurrently with the breakout sessions, each of which will be repeated twice, morning and afternoon. For more information or to register, visit the [event page](#).

Registration deadline is June 11, 2010.

Registration Now Open for "Metadata Matters" Forum

What matters? Metadata topics ranging from preservation metadata to sharable metadata, and all matters in between. Whether you're a cataloger or digital librarian, a reference librarian or an administrator, if metadata matters to you, join CARLI's Digital Collections Users' Group at Kankakee Community College on July 15 to discuss issues related to metadata at the "Metadata Matters" forum.

For more information including the full agenda for the forum, and to register, visit the [event page](#).

Registration deadline is Friday, July 2, at 5pm.

Save the Date: Streaming Video Symposium

Does your library support video for instruction use? Is your library moving from using the physical media of VHS tapes and DVDs to streaming video? Save the date for the Streaming Video Symposium to be held July 22 at Parkland College.

This symposium will bring together presentations on many aspects of providing Streaming Video, including a keynote that will frame the issues involved in providing Streaming Video, panel discussions with examples of implementing Streaming Video within a community college as well as a university setting, and the opportunity to learn about specific streaming video products. Registration will be available soon.

This program is funded by the CARLI Program Planning Committee and sponsored by the Collections and E-Resources Working Groups.

E-Resources

Updated Springer eBook Offer

Springer has submitted an updated eBook offer for libraries that were unable to participate in the Fall 2009 offer. The updated offer is available to CARLI libraries through July 2, 2010. Complete information about the Springer eBook offer has been emailed to E-Resources Contacts and the CCG email lists. Pricing information is available in the password protected e-resources selection system by clicking on the 'edit one-time purchases' link.

For more information about the new Springer eBooks offer, please contact support@carli.illinois.edu.

New Streaming Video Offers for CARLI Libraries

Films on Demand and Ambrose Video are now offering discounts to CARLI member libraries. These are direct offers from these vendors. CARLI will not be handling either the agreement or the invoicing for these purchases or subscriptions. Following is a quick overview of these new offers:

- [Ambrose Video](#): CARLI member libraries are eligible to receive a 25% discount. Ambrose Video offers both subscription and purchase options for their content. For more information or to participate, contact [Linda Hellman](#) at 1-888-802-6715.
- [Films on Demand](#): CARLI member libraries are eligible to receive a 10% discount on subscriptions. For more information or to participate, contact [Rosalie Tanner](#), 1-609-671-5829.

In addition to these new offers, the Alexander Street Press video offer announced in March and April is available through June 30, 2010. Detailed information about this offer is available in the [April newsletter](#).

Alexander Street Press, Ambrose Video and Films on Demand will all be participating in the vendor chats at CARLI's [Streaming Video Symposium](#) at Parkland College on July 22. Watch your email for registration information coming soon.

Preservation Tip: Disaster Kits

Spring storms are upon us. Now is the time to be thinking of building or revising a library disaster kit. Of course we don't need a storm to have a disaster; even when a leaky pipe turns into a torrent it's good to have a few basic supplies together in a convenient place that is accessible in a hurry.

Determining the proper supplies you will need for the disaster response and salvage efforts may depend on your specific collections. What you need for a primarily paper-based collection would differ from supplies needed for a collection of photographs. Supplies may also depend on the type of disaster you are most likely to sustain. Assessing these specific needs may result in a few library-specific supplies, but in general it's good to include some basic, generic items that will serve in the majority of disaster situations.

This basic list would include supplies like polyethylene drop clothes, plastic sheeting, or garbage bags, and duct tape to cover and protect any collection. Sponges, flashlights, goggles, masks, rubber gloves, rubber boots, buckets, or any type of protective gear should be kept on hand as well. Notepads, tags, pens, packing tape, clips, box cutters, scissors or other office supplies may be needed to record information. Perhaps even a digital camera. Consider adding copies of your disaster documentation such as your disaster plan; phone lists of employees, administrators, maintenance and mechanical people; lists of additional supplies and their locations; and copies of keys to critical areas. A pocket salvage card or wheel can be included to help make quick decisions on protecting and handling damaged items.

The ideal kit should be mobile, so think carefully when choosing the right container for all these disaster necessities. Plastic tubs make good housing but can get heavy. Some tub containers have wheels but think about lifting or bending in order to retrieve contents. A large rolling suitcase, or a plastic garbage can with handles and wheels serve quite well as mobile disaster kits. Depending upon your facility you may need to consider having more than one kit. Perhaps you'll need one on each floor? Be sure each kit is clearly marked and that all staff know its location. It's tempting to grab a certain item out of the kit for a quick job in a pinch (like say, an extension cord) but it is important to train yourself and all staff that the contents of the kit are off limits except in an emergency; therefore assuring that tools are there when you really need them.

So take a few minutes this month to begin building your disaster kit. If you already have one, take the time to inventory and freshen your supplies. Are batteries working? Are phone numbers current? Now is the time to find out because spring—and severe weather season—are upon us.

CARLIjobs Email List to be De-activated June 30, 2010

The [CARLIjobs email list](#) will be deactivated on June 30, 2010.

CARLI has launched a [Library Job Announcements](#) page on the CARLI web site. The web page provides a place for you to view and post job announcements for available library positions at any CARLI member institution. Subscribe to the Jobs RSS feed, <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/feeds/jobs.html>, to receive a notification of any new jobs posted to the page.

To post a job announcement to the Library Job Announcements web page, please email the announcement to support@carli.illinois.edu with the subject line: Jobs. When submitting your request, please include an expiration date for the announcement.

A Fond Farewell

CARLI extends a fond farewell to our receptionist Becky Blackburn, who retired at the end of April. We wish her all the best.

New Phone Menu for the CARLI Office

Phone calls to the CARLI office's main phone number now connect to an automated menu of choices. When you call either our toll-free number 866-904-5843, or our local number 217-244-7593, you are now presented with an audio menu that allows you direct your call to a specific staff member, or to the consultant on call (for CARLI system support), or to page CARLI tech support (for emergency system outages), or to have your call directed to the CARLI Business Services staff for all other matters.

While we anticipate being able to answer immediately most calls coming in through the new system, the system will offer you options to leave a voice mail message if the staff member you are calling is on the phone or temporarily away from the phone.

The new system allows us to send voice mail messages into the same email support system (support@carli.illinois.edu) that we use for logging email support questions. With this feature we will be creating support tickets from some of your voicemails as well. The system has retained the after hours phone message and tech support paging option on our toll-free and local main numbers, with a slightly modified option menu.

We've tried to make the new phone menu brief and easy to use, but we know that this change will take some getting used to both for our staff and for our callers. We regret that we will no longer be able to fill our receptionist position, as it is impossible to make an automated phone system be as flexible and accommodating as a human. If, after using the new phone menu, you have suggestions or comments on how it might be improved, please send them along to us. As always, thank you for your patience as we make this change.

News from CARLI Libraries

Digitized Volumes of the Laws of Illinois

Western Illinois University Library has developed a [web collection of the laws of Illinois](#). The site, divided by territory and decade, includes links to the digitized volumes of the laws that governed Illinois, from The Laws of the Northwest Territory, 1788-1800, to recent actions of the Illinois General Assembly.

The digitized volumes featured on the new web site come from a variety of sources. Through an award from the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), the Western Illinois University Libraries and Illinois State Library have digitized many volumes of the Laws of Illinois. Additional volumes were digitized through Google's books digitization project and the Hathi Trust Digital Library, and an index to the Laws of Illinois through 1869 was digitized by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

While this is not a complete collection, WIU hopes to add to the collection over time. For more information or to include additional volumes not currently on the list, contact [Linda Zellmer](#), Government Publications & Data Services Librarian, Western Illinois University.

Upcoming CARLI Events and Meetings

Important Dates

June 1 New VuFind Union Catalog rolls out for all users

Forums, Workshops and Training

June 16 SFX Interest Group Webinar
June 17 SFX Interest Group Webinar
June 18 "Mobilizing Your Library," I-Share Instruction Team Forum, National-Louis University, Lisle Campus

July 15 "Metadata Matters," Digital Collections Users' Group Forum, Kankakee Community College
July 21 SFX Interest Group Webinar
July 22 SFX Interest Group Webinar
July 22 Streaming Video Symposium, Parkland College, Champaign

Meetings

June 2 Finance Committee
June 2 I-Share Instruction Team
June 8 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
June 8 I-Share OPAC Team
June 9 Executive Committee
June 10 Resource Sharing Team
June 11 I-Share Users' Group, CARLI Office
June 14 E-Resources Working Group
June 16 Digital Collections Users' Group
June 18 CARLI Board Meeting, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington
June 22 Collections Working Group, CARLI Office
June 23 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team, CARLI Office
June 24 Public Service Working Group

For meeting times and locations or for additional information about upcoming CARLI forums, trainings, and meetings, consult the [CARLI calendar](#).

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