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## OPAC Team Minutes

June 8, 2010 (corrected June 15, 2010)

**Attendance:** Paige Weston, Amanda Pippitt, Jana Brubaker, Edith List, Greg Morrison, Keith Eiten, Peggy Steele, Lisa Gonzalez, Paula Dempsey

**Absent:** Karen Becker, Lisa Wallis

## CARLI News (Paige)

There are three new team members that will start in July:

Jacob Jeremiah, Roosevelt

Paul Go, IIT

Kelly Fisher, Eureka

## Any report from ELUNA?

Paige Weston – The University of Rochester presented a mobile skin for tomcat. It should be doable to implement in our environment. It would allow everyone to have a mobile skin that was available for their local catalog. It is on Paige's list of proposed projects.

No big announcements at ELUNA. There was more assurance that ExLibris will continue to support both Voyager & ALEPH for the foreseeable future. Voyager 8 is due to be released in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2011. When version 8 comes out, the support for WebVoyage Classic will cease.

## Report from Extensible Catalog meeting in May

It was primarily "a money and contracts" meeting. Susan Singleton was the only CARLI representative there. OAI debugging for XC is being worked on with a CARLI developer.

## Switch to VuFind for I-Share catalog.

- Who is keeping Classic Search for the Local? – DePaul will meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> on whether to switch. Urbana still has both interfaces; however VuFind local is the default link.
- Some of the complaints by user - No limiting to local collections & no call number searches
- Greg/Keith – still defaulting to Classic. They will sort this out by the fall, probably default to VuFind. Creating the account is an issue for faculty.
- Talked about creating a call number widget and integrating it into DePaul's VuFind. It will be telling if it will be used.
- Course Reserve is an option on the customization page. Paige will turn it on for all the groups that use the course reserves.

- Often wikipedia link doesn't work in VuFind. If you click on the author's name, it may take you to the wrong people and then suggest you can edit it. (The Wikipedia link was part of the original VuFind code.) There was a suggestion to link to WorldCat Identities instead. Lisa G. will follow up on finding out if a fit is for VuFind. Peggy will ask a couple of people about WorldCat Identities.
- Cite This – There are other VuFind developers that have worked on this, but it is done outside of XSL. It is different enough from our version of VuFind, so we can't just dump it in. XSL isn't the right tool to parse the text. Exporting to RefWorks has been done by Yale. If we can't make it work within the current environment, could we link out to something that does. An outbound link might be a better use of resources. Paige will check into it, but she needs help. Amanda and Jana will send some examples.
- Zotero functionality – How can we help with that? Paige has two open tickets that points to some of the Zotero help text on how to make it work. It is on the VuFind development and hasn't made it to the top and probably won't make it there.
  - Discussion - CARLI has one developer will be able to give one day a week to VuFind. He spends the rest of his time on the XC. Cosmetic changes can be made by other staff members. Other add-ons aren't a priority. It is frustrating that there isn't the staff to make the catalog better, but we still have underserved users out there. We need to make it work, but can't spend time on bells and whistles. Could the developer work with the coins for zotero since it will be needed for the XC? There needs to be a volunteer to work with CARLI on this project. Paige will let the committee know about that the priorities and resources from a meeting this afternoon.
- Some libraries can't afford Syndetics, but still want cover art, table of contents, etc. Finding free sources is being worked on by other VuFind libraries.
- What about the error message on when an item is not available. Amanda will send to Paige a copy of this message and example.
- Some statuses don't include dates anymore per Amanda. It was determined to be a non-problem.
- My account page – pop up that details the individual library contact information. That is on a projects' list somewhere. CARLI wants to add contact information for patron's own libraries. It is doable at some point.
- Local to I-Share transition issue – Several things have been suggested. It doesn't make sense to have the local library as a local facet. If the catalog can identified where the user is coming from, it would make sense to have a local facet available. Could we have I-Share open up in a new window from the local catalog instead of in the same window? Find other copies message aren't available in VuFind. This is an important issue for the team. Other issues are – limits on the advanced search screen are check boxes. Need to fix the logic or the mechanism behind this function. A better function would also be “and not” for some formats. Worldcat local link is still linking to WebVoyage classic. OCLC is working to get it over to VuFind by the end of June. There are a growing number of people using Worldcat Local. Some librarians have been asking for help pages.
- Lisa G. did a usability study on VuFind and sent some preliminary results to the team. Most people use the facets. People do want to see cover art, table of contents, comments and reviews. Tags were not important to them. The WorldCat local instance has a limit of “thesis” which was helpful for her patrons.

Amanda & Lisa will be attending the IUG annual meeting on Friday, June 11th. Do team members have any questions or concerns they want passed on to IUG? We have already talked about what the group thinks about possible changes. Most of the teams did want to keep a liaison structure. Most even wanted to meet monthly. But, if the budget is limited, the conference calls may be limited.

Paula, Greg and Lisa are rotating off the team this year. Thanks to all of them for serving.

Submitted by Edith List.