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I-Share Users' Group Meeting

Date: July 14, 2010

CARLI Office

Members Attending: Jason Rossi, Robert Morris University; Mary Burkee, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Howard Carter, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Mary Case, University of Illinois, Chicago; Belinda Cheek, North Central College; Cindy Fuller, Milliken University; Tom Getz, William Rainey Harper; Carlos Melian, Northeastern Illinois University; Karen Whisler, Eastern Illinois University

Members Attending by Phone: Sandy Craig, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

Members Absent: Nancy Laverdiere, Western Illinois University

CARLI Representatives: Susan Singleton, Kris Hammerstrand, Lorna Engels.

Minutes Approved. Karen Whisler volunteered to take minutes for today's meeting.

Since this was the first meeting for new members, everyone introduced themselves.

Report from the Director/CARLI report

Susan Singleton presented a new charge for the I-Share Users Group. She highlighted the need to focus on expanding resource sharing and cited a "swaying chandelier of opportunity" with so many exciting choices and challenges facing the library community in Illinois and elsewhere. CARLI is experiencing substantial budget reductions, reorganization of reporting administration and strong financial challenges throughout the state. See the new charge at: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/comms/iug.html>.

Voyager "Big Picture" timeline:

Kris Hammerstrand presented a "Big Picture" timeline developed as way to help focus thinking about projected decision points facing I-Share. The timeline is a "work-in-progress" and will be used to help CARLI respond to challenges and opportunities such as vendor software releases without wasting time or backtracking. The timeline is an internal planning document, not a fixed calendar.

Extensible Catalog Demonstration:

The I-Share OPAC Team and additional CARLI staff joined the I-Share Users' Group for a live demonstration of the Extensible Catalog. The live demonstration was conducted over the web by Extensible Catalog developers. CARLI is a development partner with Extensible Catalog. The demonstration was followed by a question and answer session. CARLI will be hosting more demonstrations for I-Share membership as the Extensible Catalog moves closer to a release date.

Vu-Find Update:

CARLI is comfortable with move to Vu-Find interface for the universal catalog, especially the easy customization

possibilities. The next 12-24 months will be active in terms of catalogs. CARLI Developer's time will be primarily focused on XC, with some work on Vu-Find. Paige Weston reminded everyone to watch for changes to Vu-Find on the CARLI website at: <http://wiki.carli.illinois.edu/index.php/Vufind-changes> linked from the bottom of the OPAC Documentation page at: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/opac.html>

Recent changes improved wording in login and account creation. Customizations and changes to Vu-Find are implemented after 5 pm to minimize impact on students and instruction. CARLI will be surveying I-Share libraries in the near future to see what interface libraries are using as their default local catalog.

CatER Report:

The Cataloging Electronic Resources/Electronic Resources Display in the OPAC Task Force (CatER) submitted their final report to the I-Share Users' Group. Kristin Martin, Task Force Chair, joined the committee by phone and , staff liaison to the TF attended in person to present the report and answer questions. Carlos Melian expressed the thanks of IUG to the Task Force for the time and effort that went into preparing this exhaustive report and the thoughtful and timely recommendations presented in the report. The flow charts on batch loading, e-book cataloging and e-journal cataloging are especially helpful. The I-Share Users' Group approved the report and passed it on to Casey Sutherland for distribution to the I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team (ICAT) who meet next week. IUG asked ICAT to look over the document and report any concerns to IUG. Barring any substantive comments from ICAT, the report was accepted and the Task Force will be disbanded at the next I-Share Users' Group meeting with sincere thanks and appreciation for a task well done.

New Liaisons for OPAC, ICAT & Instruction Teams:

Belinda Cheek volunteered to be the liaison to the OPAC Team, Mary Burkee switched from Resource Sharing to ICAT, Tom Getz volunteered for Instruction and Howard Carter volunteered for Resource Sharing. Part of the new I-Share Users' Group charge is to prepare an action plan to present to the CARLI Board at their meeting in September. Carlos Melian volunteered to draft a plan and submit it to the committee for reaction. If needed, IUG will meet by conference call in August to finalize the document.

Chair-Elect:

Choosing a Chair-Elect for the I-Share Users' Group was tabled until the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates:

August 13, 2010, 10:00-12:00 (if needed) – Conference or VOIP

October 15, 2010, 10:00-2:00 – CARLI Office

November 19, 2010, 10:00-12:00 – Conference Call or VOIP

February 4, 2011, 10:00-12:00 – Conference Call or VOIP

April 15, 2011, 10:00-2:00 – CARLI Office

May 20, 2011, 10:00-2:00 – CARLI Office – Meeting with Team Chairs & Chairs-Elect

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Whisler