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OPAC Team Meeting Minutes

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Present: Amanda Pippitt, Belinda Cheek, Edith List, Jacob Jeremiah, Karen Becker, Kelly Fisher, Lisa Gonzalez, Paige Weston

- Updates from Paige:
  - CARLI working on Voyager upgrade to 7.2.3 database, current Tomcat used with upgraded database
  - ISU made VuFind primary OPAC, Tomcat now used as alternative
  - Only 3 libraries (WIU, Illinois Valley Community College, Illinois College) still use Tomcat primarily
  - VuFind updates
    - Working on displaying hyperlinks ($u from fields other than the 856) in VuFind, production in next week or so
    - Normalizing periods in VuFind
    - How VuFind handles explicit truncation
    - Making 59x fields display – display local notes – still in development
    - VuFind mobile still in works; course reserves will be available thru mobile interface; unsure when login will be available
  - CARLI techs using Google Code to track and handle enhancement requests related to VuFind
  - Amanda asked about status of repeat search feature in VuFind
    - Paige reported that "Request first available" (in lieu of "Find other copies") is one of the 5 highest requests on the list. In lieu of "Repeat search," local catalogs have I-Share toggle in search form, and opportunity to remove local library facet in Facets list.
- VuFind and normalizing periods
  - Lisa said she prefers larger set of hits
  - Paige says she wonders how much to work on a project such as one above, to assess feasibility, before consulting OPAC team; Karen prefers we have a conversation before Paige proceeds with work in order to prioritize
  - Paige asked about VuFind displaying the user's search on the Results page – do we prefer it display periods (what the user typed) or spaces (what it actually searched for)?
    - Karen says what matters is what it finds, thinks her students will only care what it finds, won't care about how it searches
    - Kelly would like to know why it searches the way it does because she's a librarian, but figures average student wouldn't use punctuation anyway
    - Amanda agrees w/ Kelly, wants to know why it searches the way it does, thinks students may get confused if the search statement at the top of the Results page isn't what the user actually typed
    - Edith asked how relevance or sorting effects the result set; thinks only experts will care; doesn't think our students would notice, as long as we can explain it.
- MyList in Tomcat
  - ISU suggested a change in how it was labeled, but have now moved to VuFind as primary OPAC
- Your Last Name in VuFind account creation
  - Is it confusing?
    - Amanda wonders if "Last name on student ID" would be better

- - - Karen thinks it's not a problem with her students
    - Edith thinks borrower Id is a bigger issue
    - Agreed to leave it as-is
  - Jacob wondered whether tabbing between fields can be changed so tab doesn't land on help; Paige said she would make the change
  - Amanda asked can we just add a link somewhere that says something like "had trouble making an account, contact your library", if there is any way to include library specific info with that
- Updates on wiki or Twitter account
  - Lisa couldn't edit wiki, asked if anyone else had tried
- Paige said page on XC project is forthcoming
- Twitter update: 18 followers so far, going to tweet VuFind updates
- Edith asked is there still talk about a collection location/limit facet
  - Paige said it's high on the list of suggested enhancements, but needs to be fit in with other CARLI development priorities
- CARLI'S Google Code page: http://code.google.com/p/carli-vufind/issues/list