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OPAC Team Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2010

Present: Amanda Pippitt, Jana Brukaker, Kelly Fisher, Paul Go, Peggy Steele, Lisa Gonzalez (chair), Edith List (minute taker), Paige Weston

Absent: Jacob Jeremiah, Karen Becker

CARLI Updates

Paige – The Voyager upgrade scheduled for December is not going to happen. The performance tests on the upgrade were very poor. They are not sure if it related to the hardware or software. They will be performing tests to check the hardware. Mostly likely there will never now be an upgrade to 7.2.3, just directly to Version 8. CARLI currently hopes to be a field tester for Version 8 so they will have an early copy to test with. Because Tomcat performance would potentially have been worse under 7.2.3 than under 7.1.0, CARLI had considered not supporting Tomcat at all under 7.2.3. Even under 7.1.0 CARLI is not recommending using TomCat. There are three libraries that currently use TomCat. TomCat customizations are now lower on the list of priorities since they affect only 3 libraries currently and since the future for Tomcat in the I-Share environment is uncertain. XC is a priority for CARLI. There is a new FAQ page for XC that was announced at the CARLI Annual Meeting on December 3: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/opac/xc-faq.html>. The team should look at that page and let CARLI know if there are additional questions. The mobile interface to VuFind is ready to go. There isn't a production URL for it yet, but it is being testing. It should be available in January. The programmer for VuFind is now working on XC. Paige is doing the changes that she can do, which are mostly display changes. She is working on making VuFind more accessible. Paige's goal is to have every page pass the Functional Accessibility Evaluator's tests. There are some formatting, languages, and navigation links that she will be changing shortly. Location limits are on the priority list of changes, but it isn't moving forward at this point.

Block Messages in VuFind

UIUC circ staff was concerned that there wasn't enough block information in the VuFind interface. All of the voyager information is present in VuFind as in WebVoyage, but they are formatted differently. The team would need to specify language changes or develop a help webpage to explain the blocks. It may be best to link them to the library staff. Another option is to link them to specific library contacts. This would require a developer's assistance. Paige demonstrated a "contact your library" link that is in already offered in other parts of the interface. The team would like to see a button or contact link next to I-Share member libraries' name. If a specific library link wasn't available within the page, a generic link along the top would work as well for the team. The team will discuss the specific text of what this should say.

Hyphens and Periods in VuFind

Reindexing is tricky, significant work and takes many days. CARLI could reindex only how VuFind handles hyphens. Another method would be to leave the indexing alone and change the way VuFind interprets the search the user enters. See Paige's email to the OPAC team of November 5, 2010 for a description of the

issue. Paige will consult with Chris about the technical options for this issue.

Hyperlinks in VuFind more details tab

See Paige's email of December 6th to the team for more information. The team would like to see more information hyperlinked in the interface if possible. This would be based on WebVoyage's current hyperlinks. For additional authors, the team decided that the hyperlink would consist of the entire heading.

Volunteers for Usability Testing

Lisa and Amanda will send out a message to the listserv about testing and will mention the new mobile interface.