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## CARLI OPAC Team Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2011

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

**Absent:** Jacob Jeremiah, Belinda Cheek

## CARLI Updates

Paige

- A CARLI-wide mobile VuFind interface is going to be released tomorrow, 1/13/11. Some changes were made to the beta version after feedback from usability testing at Columbia College. The text-me feature will not yet be available in this interface.
  - Lisa asked if Columbia could post their usability testing report for the mobile interface to the UTVG listserv. Paige said she would forward their email to her to that listserv.
- Changes to VuFind going into production include a preferences page that will allow patrons to select a favorite pick-up location/desk and to store their cell phone number and service provider information for the “text me this call number” feature.
- OCLC and CARLI are in negotiations to use a license key to connect from VF to the OCLC “Cite This” feature (this will replace the VF citation feature, which does not work well). Paige is currently testing this with a temporary key.
- Paige thinks she has finished the task of making sure the \$u is displayed and hyperlinked in all appropriate places in both VF and Tomcat (this is the subfield responsible for URL display).

## Hyperlinking on the “More Details” tab

Currently, when clicking on hyperlinks in the “More Details” tab, a search is executed on all the subfields and in some cases, this is too precise of a search, resulting in the retrieval of only the same record. For example:

- Series strings- the point of searching a series string is to find other items in the same series, not to find the same item you have already displayed on your screen. Decision: To search on a series name without the \$v to create a more useful, broad series search.
- Uniform titles- if searching the whole string, including the year, you get the same record you have already found in most cases. Decision: Handle like subject heading searches in “More Details” tab; the farther along the string you click, the more precise the search argument.

## 510 field

There has been some call on the Special Collections CARLI listserv to include this field in the “more details” information rather than just in the staff view. This field indicates where journals are indexed.

Decision: the team reaffirmed their previous decision to leave this field in the staff view only. VF is meant to be a simplified display, the 510 is usually includes stale information, and it is no longer included in OCLC master

records. When the XC is in use, there may be a way for special collections libraries that wish to include this field to customize their catalogs to include it. In the meantime, WebVoyage may be the best interface for special collections service points that wish this field to display.

## **Author display**

The author information at the top of the VF screen may be too simplified for certain authors, such as saints and royals. Our current display choice (to only display \$a in this area) creates situations where the author is listed simply as “Francis” or “Philip”, which may be confusing to patrons.

Decision: Add the \$b and \$c to the top VF display so that information for saints and royals is more complete and less confusing. Will still not display the \$d, a decision that has received positive feedback from patrons.

## **Future VF Priorities**

#1 (mobile interface) and #6 (VF preferences) are about to be promoted to production. The team will discuss which priorities we want to push forward next via the team listserv.