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OPAC Minutes

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Submitted by Karen Becker and Peggy Steele

Present: Karen Becker, Jana Brubaker, Kelly Fisher, Paul Go, Lisa Gonzalez, Jacob Jeremiah, Edith List, Amanda Pippitt, Peggy Steele, Paige Weston

CARLI Updates

- Tomcat is being bounced nightly. Doing this prevents disruptive emergency restarts during the day.
- Paige reported that the government publication limiter has been put into place in VuFind. This will be promoted.
- The search redirects from the 700 field are being worked on. It is not yet in production and Paige is looking for some input. She will send out an e-mail to the OPAC listserv to solicit input.
- CARLI staff will be getting together in two weeks to discuss priorities in enhancing VuFind. The team has been asked to think about what we, as a committee, see as our top priorities. (more discussion later in the notes)
- Members continue to be concerned about the inability to search by location. Work has begun on this, but additional developer time will be required to continue on. Paige is also working on making changes to the “cite this” feature. However she is at the end of what she can do without a developer becoming involved.
- SIU-Carbondale is thinking about making the VuFind union catalog their default. The SIUC brand would display in their I-Share banner. Doing this would emphasize access to materials and not location. There are some concerns about items such as e-books. They show as available but are not viewable except by local users. .
- CARLI staff have been discussing some I-Share dead end search issues. What can be done for items not available through local catalog or I-Share. One possible solution might be a link that directs users to WorldCat or WorldCat Local. Another possibility would be a “did you mean” link. This already exists in VuFind but is rudimentary at best. And it is not expected to change anytime soon.

VuFind Development Priorities:

- The group was asked to look at the list of priorities and rank in order of importance.
- Some discussion about the CARLI blog and the VuFind changes wiki took place. Would this documentation be useful? Some commented that the cataloging tips and tricks page is useful. We can post thoughts to the OPAC list.

IUG Updates:

- IUG meets later this week. One of the main discussion topics will be the standardized Universal Borrowing policies that were put into effect last summer.