

## **Notes from the CARLI Primo VE – Become an Expert Discussion Section “External Data Sources” - April 1, 2021**

CARLI: Some I-Share libraries are already adding external data sources. The CARLI Created Content Committee (CCC) is working on documentation, simplified directions, and user stories on how to add these sources. They hope to get something out by June and will enhance it as they learn more.

TRN: Curious how others are using this.

CARLI: Some obvious ways are with CONTENTdm collections--such as those using CARLI's CONTENTdm, CARLI Digital Collections (<https://collections.carli.illinois.edu/>) Digital Commons (a user story that will be in the CCC doc), DSpace, LibGuides, etc.

JOL: We have some collections in Internet Archive and we're looking into whether or not this would be a way to pull in that data.

CARLI: We haven't seen anyone in I-Share doing that with IA yet but if they are harvestable in sets via OAI, it should be possible. The Ex Libris example from today's presentation was overly simplistic since it was importing a file on a desktop. Harvesting from OAI takes a few more steps but is possible. The CARLI office has done it as a test case in the NZ. These data should be visible in the Primo VE Union View once we are able to offer that.

### **LibGuides**

RVC: What are some examples of content of LibGuides that one would want to have in Primo?

NLU: We don't have LibGuides in, but other places added them in Summon. If you did a general search like "Education" it would show up to give people a little direction on how to search.

Denise at CARLI: I've seen some in libs for "One Book, One Campus" required readings for all students or all new students.

GRN: I was wondering if pulling stuff in from a digital repository would be possible.

CARLI: Yes, if it has records that are available in some manner like OAI. SIE and ISU are both working on pulling from Digital Commons with the CCC documentation project. IIT has done this as well from their Institutional Repository (IR).

### **Archives Space**

DPU: We're interested in CONTENTdm and some of our Institutional Repository content first. But are thinking down the road as to whether this would be something that makes sense for integration with ArchivesSpace. Or if there is another API or integration that makes more sense for ArchivesSpace. The reason I am wondering about ArchivesSpace alternatives is the additional aspects of bringing in Encoded Archival Description (EAD) metadata that exists with that system.

CARLI: Today's Ex Libris presentation was with Dublin Core (DC) not with EAD, but EAD should be XML and it's an option within Alma so it seems like it should be possible. There might be a little more work on mapping the EAD/XML.

MLS: I haven't watched the recording yet, but have this saved to favorites to return to: <https://archivesspace.org/archives/5998> "Webinar Announcement: Integrating ArchivesSpace and Alma" March 2020.

## **ProQuest Dissertations and Theses**

TRN: I'm contemplating this as an option for pulling in our student theses from PQDT (ProQuest Dissertations and Theses) Open (the Open Access version), but I'm not sure it's the best option.

CARLI: If you aren't going to be cataloging them in Alma, they don't need to be manipulated in Alma, and are exclusively worked on in their source software, then it sounds like this would be a candidate for this process. If you can get metadata from PQDT then you should be able to load them.

## **Anyone Using this?**

CARLI: Has anyone on the call experimented with External Data Sources so far? From what we've heard, I-Share institutions are busy with other things and this is more of an extra/bonus feature that most institutions haven't gotten to yet. It's here when people get a chance to try it, but it's not a critical thing to start using.

Response: most people haven't looked at it yet

There is also a section on Loading External Data Sources in Primo VE Certification:

[https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Primo/Training/Primo\\_VE\\_Training/Primo\\_VE\\_Administrati on\\_Certification/Primo\\_VE\\_Certification\\_-\\_English](https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Primo/Training/Primo_VE_Training/Primo_VE_Administrati on_Certification/Primo_VE_Certification_-_English)

CARLI staff recommend this certification for anyone working with Primo VE, but this set of 6 videos (62 mins. total) provides a broad overview of Primo VE Configuration and can be watched anytime independently from Primo VE Certification training.

DPU: Is partially way through setting up an OAI harvesting CONTENTdm collection. Good to know about how easy it is to remove if I run into problems :-)

## **General Discussion**

Not a lot to discuss since most people haven't looked at external data sources yet, so we opened the floor to talk about previous webinars or other Primo VE-related topics

### Everything search and EBSCO

GRN: I'm still bothered a bit by the "Everything" search and am wondering how people are dealing with EBSCO being excluded. I am still thinking about how to teach students. I have still been taking classes directly to EBSCO [during instruction sessions]

JOL: Decided to take the EBSCO API totally out as a search option because it was a problem. Still use everything search and count on the fact EBSCO stuff will be in other sources. Going back to trying to get people into databases individually. We do the same. We have a Vocational Studies EBSCO database that we just take patrons and classes directly to when appropriate.

NCC: It seems that the CDI retrieval of EBSCO results is working well.

TRN: +1 what NCC said; like JOL, we don't have the EBSCO API available at all. for specific subjects, we recommend directly going to EBSCO (i.e., Psychology, Nursing)

### Name of the Everything Search

CARLI: "Everything" search is not Everything because it doesn't include the network by default, only your institution and CDI; however, you can rename it, or we have information on CARLI website on how to add I-Share results to the Everything search:

<https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/discovery-interface/searcheverything>

Others have renamed their Everything search scope slot to:

TRN: Trinity Resources

NCC: We have named it Articles, Books and More and included the IZ, NZ, and CDI in the slot

JOL: We tried a variety of names during testing and Everything was still the most clear to our users even though it isn't really "everything" it's still a combination of every different type of resource we have

GRN: We kind of call it OneSearch, but I still have "Everything" on the drop down.

DPU: Everything at DePaul

DPU: What's the link the page with all the I-Share Primo VE instances?

<https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/>