University Libraries  
Discovery Analysis Task Force  
Minutes, 12/19/14  

Action Items in Yellow

Present: Gibeault, Gilbertson, Jones, Juhl, Lennertz, Parker, Kulczak (guest)

The group met via web conference with Dennis Carter of Innovative to explore the III Encore interface. Carter reviewed the differences between Encore + PathFinder Pro (a federated search solution), Encore Synergy, a solution using Ebsco EDS, and the latest iteration, Encore Duet, that provides full Ebsco integration.

Following the demo, the group continued its followup on the previous meeting’s forum and agreed to send a list of top needs out to the entire library for addition comment. The unranked list included:

- books and articles results on same page
- contextual help: help with identifying source type / publication formats
- contextual help: help with identifying the best resources for a topic / database recommender
- did you mean: type ahead suggestions and spellcheck
- embed chat / ask a librarian more places
- facets / better limiting by type of resource / pub date / and other criteria
- Find it! Panel easier to understand
- Google optimization
- HathiTrust for better discovery of digitized publications
- improve discovery of locally created digital collections in search tools
- improve discovery of manuscript collections / index finding aids in search tools
- improve visibility of WorldCat / allow option to search local holdings and WorldCat together
- index LibGuides content and recommend guides based on certain searches
- local holdings easily identifiable / ranked higher
- make ArticleFinder / DOI search more visible (improve known item searching)
- mobile interface
- one search box / don't make me choose / quick / easy
- overall, improve discovery of nonstandard publication formats (images, theses, audio, etc.)
- reduce complexity / allow user to add complexity if needed
- related topics / browse nearby
- seamless integration of physical and electronic collections
- service explanation / what am I searching
- short topic summaries / definitions from reference tools
- single sign on
- suggest basic reference sources for topics

No comments were received.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Juhl