University of Arkansas Libraries

Web Group Minutes 8/2/13

Present: Amy, Arthur, Beth, Boddie, Jennifer Rae, Jordan, Joshua, Kalli, Kate, Mary, Molly

Arthur is working on updating the Physics Library and Fine Arts Library web pages. The updated features will include a drop-down listing by the search box. The web group briefly discussed doing away with the gray tabs on the search boxes. The branch library pages will see this change first.

The group looked at the library web pages in The Responsinator (www.responsinator.com) to get a feel for how they would look on mobile devices. Arthur is working on mobile versions for the earlier iPhone iterations, and there are plans to work on mobile versions for larger screens.

There was a discussion about being in compliance with campus practices related to forms, and how the Libraries are working to be a part of the Bootstrap framework

The group considered the names for buttons that should be present on the mobile version of the library website.

- Jennifer Rae suggested the following as names for buttons: Home, Ask/Help, Services, Collections, Places, People, News/Events, and About.
- Kalli suggested the following as names for buttons: About, Collections & Facilities, Services, Research Help, and Quick Links.

The web group spent some time looking at the library websites listed on the College Library Web Site of the Month (ACRL) to see what names they used for buttons on their websites.

Beth showed examples of how other campus units are using a big footer to list other areas/units on campus, and suggested this as an option for linking to the web pages for the branch libraries from the main library web page.

There was also some discussion about the placement of the library news on the web page, and about keeping the news updated. We talked about potentially doing this through social media (the Libraries’ Twitter and/or Facebook account).

For the homework, we decided to think about how our A-Z list translates into a hierarchy of named buttons. We agreed to hold off on thinking about style/layout until after we worked on button names/hierarchy. We also need to think about the placement of news on the main library web page, and how we will keep this updated.

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