University of Arkansas Libraries
Web Development Group
Minutes 1/15/16
Present: Allen, Boddie, Boyd, Gibeault, Hurd, Juhl, Lehman, Vimr, Youngblood

Action items in yellow.
Questions in green.

1. Library Catalog Update
Lehman inquired about the catalog item status, “Use ILLiad” and the terminology on the “Request from Storage” link as compared to the new big Request button. The linguistic confusion is due to library practice: storage requests are handled by ILL and the requests are placed in ILLiad whereas regular holds and requests from other locations are handled by the various circulation and branch desks by means of the Request button in the system.

A further complication is that requests for serials in storage go to an article request form in ILLiad (scan this for me) whereas monograph records go to a book request from in ILLiad [Which opens up a lot of thoughts about why we don’t have a “Scan this for me” link on every serial record that has volumes in MAIN or storage but now I am going off on a wild tangent...]

The group discussed alternate language for the status and the action both during and after the meeting via email. Suggestions included:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Action link</th>
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<tr>
<td>In Storage</td>
<td>Retrieve from Storage</td>
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<tr>
<td>May be retrieved from storage</td>
<td>Retrieve from Storage</td>
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Juhl will ask the IRC for feedback on the change.

2. Usability Study and Usability Studies
The group discussed options for testing: user equipment vs. library equipment; cables vs. apps, and 303 rooms vs. level 2. Gibeault has obtained an Android device that could be used for testing. It was agreed that Level 2 is preferred over 303 and that we would like to avoid asking students to download an app for testing.

Boddie will check to see if any HDMI monitors are available for use at the consultation space on Level 2. [Done; he has at least one. Juhl will ask Thornton and Lennertz about placing that monitor at the 2nd consultation space.] Next steps are to set up the monitor and test the inputs with more devices as well as revising the IRB proposal.

Gibeault had asked the group about more regular testing with A/B questions, smaller sample sizes, and fewer questions. This could include “pop up” surveys in places outside the library. The group agreed this quick feedback turnaround could be very useful. Lehman reported that older iPads that have been decommissioned by Circulation could be used for this testing, in addition to the Project Ferrari iPads.

Gibeault will work on a draft, open-ended IRB proposal.

3. Web Projects 2016

The group discussed an informal list of potential web projects and their overall priority.
a. The following projects were deemed to be high priority / high visibility, but with some complications:

**Special Collections**
An important area of the site in need of updates; complicated by the several generations of pages: plain HTML, XHTML, and several different templates. One strategy might be to rebuild the entire site in OmniUpdate as a standalone site (specialcollections.uark.edu). Should we spend time on converting HTML finding aids when so many important finding aids are only available in paper? Another strategy might be to do some updates to the main home page template in the short term.

*Juhl will discuss with Fritz.*

**Innovative/Sierra**
Experiment with new books feeds / RSS
This project would involve Trent Garner, as well as Web Services staff.

**ERM / Databases**
Complete creation of records in Sierra (~100 to go) and experiment with SQL queries to pull back into website

b. The following projects were deemed to be more routine work that will be accomplished as a matter of course:

**CONTENTdm**
Complete individual collection makeovers (largely done but waiting on special interfaces for Apples, 40-50-100, and Jones-Wright)
Take advantage of OAI harvesting

**Faculty Profiles / campuswebdata**
Complete content for faculty profiles; integrate into personnel pages; LibGuides

**LibAnswers FAQs**
Create more widgets for website (Find it!, New students, faculty, and staff, Borrowing privileges, Distance Ed) and embed

**LibGuides**
Small update to latest template. Get rid of banner image? Use Sun icon in header.

**Branches (FAL, Physics, Chem, GIS)**
Update to newest template

**362 McIlroy**
Add contributors and channels
Restyle as requested
Investigate migration from the campus Multisite WP to our own instance.

**Index Arkansas**
Update to latest template
c. Finally, more information is needed about the expectations for the following items:

**Discovery Layer**
Depends on pending admin decisions. Could become the top priority.

**Hosted Journals (Arkansas Academy of Science, Inquiry)**
Move to bepress or restyle
Need to wait for new Head of Scholarly Communication

**Diversity**
Complete makeover (waiting on committee)

**Instruction / User Services** updates
Meet with Thornton and Lehman regarding restructuring / rewriting public-facing pages.
Organize by function, rather than department?

**CUARL pages**
Waiting for restructuring meeting in April.

**StaffGuides**
Meet with HR to discuss a complete migration away from StaffWeb.

Sidebar: Move StaffWeb from left menu to icon row at bottom of page; replace Mobile icon.
Reversal: Requested to move back.

Next meeting: Friday February 5th.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Juhl