Usability Testing
The group reviewed the preliminary coding for the latest test. Overall, success rates and times are much better than the previous test; however, certain problems with confusion over journals and articles, interlibrary loan and WorldCat, continue. In some cases, undergraduates did better at tasks than graduate students.

The group identified several quick fixes that could improve ease of use, including:

- add text a librarian to a-z list (done)
- improve layout of "ask a librarian" page for better visibility of subject librarians (partially done). Consider enhancing navigation of subject librarians list.
- add some text on the main Special Collections page to explain what they collect and do
- consider changing the top right search box to default to search the web site (discuss with subject librarians)
- add WorldCat links to ILL pages
- improve navigation from red logo bars and make that navigation more consistent across sites: the group discussed various layouts for LibGuides and catalog pages
- improve name recognition of LibGuides

Juhl will complete analysis of the results for our next meeting, adding tables for dimensions such as library instruction, frequency of web site and library use, and subject area. The next step will be to compare the two studies and to present findings to an open meeting for all library staff as well as in a written report for library administration.

Campus CMS / OmniUpdate
Boddie reported on the selection of Campus OU as the new content management system to replace RedDot. UREL has set an ambitious agenda of having the system running by the end of October. Existing RedDot sites will be exported as XML and imported into the new system. There is still some discussion about what will be the platform for the OU server and what scripting languages will be supported. Boddie is joining a group of developers from across campus that will be designing templates (HTML5 and CSS3) for use in the new system. The Libraries will have the luxury of migrating on our own timeframe.

Death to Flash
Boddie and Juhl reported that the campus web developers are ready to move away from Flash for web sites. Most image rotators now use jQuery instead. Lennertz Jetton reported that the Learning Collaborative will discuss moving all tutorial videos to YouTube, which will reduce duplicative effort. Morgan will experiment with jQuery for the Special Collections rortator.

Special Collections
Morgan and Youngblood reported on progress on the new design. Spiegel recommended placing the hours in the upper right banner to be consistent with other pages. This solved a design challenge with the banner, so woo hoo Sarah! Juhl reported that a student assistant in Cataloging had adding decade markers to about...
2/3 of the online manuscript finding aids so that this will soon be an avenue of exploration for our researchers. Youngblood showed off his first scanned finding aid. awww.

Next meeting: 5/18/12

Respectfully submitted,
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