Web Development Group 7/10/07
Present: Boyd, Candido, Cantrell, Dixon, Juhl, Lennertz Jetton, Morgan, Nutt, Walker
Action items for next meeting in yellow.

1. Minutes from 6/12/07 meeting approved.

2. Sharepoint and PMWiki

Walker demonstrated the Cataloging Department’s use of Sharepoint. Currently, the department is using Sharepoint for procedure drafts and meeting minutes. Special Collections has also been using the software for the Hammerschmidt project. Lennertz Jetton reported that she had used Sharepoint for student and faculty surveys but that figuring out permissions was an issue.

The campus Sharepoint server is divided by units; George Fowler is the administrator for the /muln unit. This can then be further subdivided into departmental or other subunits; each level can have different permissions for editing, viewing, checkout and checkin, etc. There are some limitations to the applications / software supported as the environment is MS-centric.

The group discussed pros and cons of using such an environment for StaffWeb functions. While the direct access for content authors, versioning control, communication tools, access from any web browser, and sophisticated permissions structure are plusses, the limited access for guests outside the UARK domain and strict hierarchical structure are less appealing. The group felt that a presentation by someone from Computing Services, showing how Sharepoint is being used on campus, would be beneficial. Juhl will try to arrange this for an upcoming meeting and will also invite Fowler and Felicia Thomas.

Juhl then demoed the PMWiki software that is used by Innovative Interfaces. The general group consensus was that a wiki environment might be a little too chaotic for a StaffWeb setting, where department heads and other administrators may need to have oversight over content from their areas.

Dixon had done the homework of mocking up a basic StaffWeb page. We will look at those on the next meeting.

3. Audio Files and Ethel Simpson’s Readings from the Ozarks Folk Encyclopedia
This module has been posted at http://libinfo.uark.edu/SpecialCollections/ofe/default.asp and linked to the main Special Collections page. Lennertz Jetton asked about obtaining the second series of broadcasts since the older material is dropping off the Ozarks at Large web site. Boyd will contact Ethel Simpson about this.

Juhl thanked all involved in this project and suggested that a news item be posted after the Chemistry move.

4. Civil Rights Project
Nutt described this grant project which involves scanning 1000 objects by the end of July. The objects are going into the new version of CONTENTdm. Nutt and Morgan will be meeting soon to discuss the design aspects of the site.

5. Other projects
Juhl asked the group for priorities for the remaining 6 weeks of summer. Some of the projects and deadlines mentioned were:

- a. InfoLinks redesign – tentative launch July 15-16 (BJ)
- c. Civil Rights project page: by mid-August. (TN, AM)
- d. ILLiad upgrade and redesign: by mid-August. (BJ, TC)
e. Learning Collaborative: several new and revised tutorials; revised "Research Help" page: by mid-August. (LLJ)
f. GIS pages: By mid-August (JBD, BJ, AM)
g. New Performing Arts page: by mid-August. (LLJ and AM)
h. New Fine Arts page: late August?
i. Recreational Reading page / RSS feeds: September (AMC, MB, BJ, AM)
j. Gov Docs page changes: unknown
k. Special Collections redesign: begin in August - September
l. StaffWeb redesign: October

Next meeting: July 24th or August 14th, depending on Program Steering.
Juhl will send out a draft annual report before that time.

Respectfully submitted,
B. Juhl

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