Web Development Group 09/27/05

Present: Boyd, Candido, Dixon, Dye, Juhl, Miller, Nutt, Pearce, Kulczak (for Walker)

1. Minutes from the 9/13 meeting - approved

2. Personal Web Pages
   Anne Marie received suggestions and incorporated these into a final draft. She will place on the agenda for the Admin Group. When approved, the address of personal web pages will be linked in the personnel directory and so appear on certain subject pages.

   Beth will discuss with Judy Ganson some of the group's concerns regarding various library images (e.g., Steve's "Chat Here" logo) and their use on personal pages. There continue to be questions about focusing library content on the central library site vs. personal pages created by librarians.

3. Web Site redesign
   Beth demoed a revision of the red / black color scheme for the new site.

   http://libinfo.uark.edu/webdev/bjnewwebsite/
   (there is also a color swatch of colors that work with cardinal red here: http://libinfo.uark.edu/webdev/bjnewwebsite/colors.asp)

   The group suggested:
   • experimenting with alignment of main menu text (left or center justified)
   • finding a way to include subcategories under Special Collections
   • adding some categories under Find Information
   • improving the University Libraries and UA logos - better typography, white spaces)

   Beth will make some new versions for review at the next meeting, as well as an internal page draft.

   Arthur will bring the blue / green version for review at the next meeting.

   The group discussed the "chicklet" images. Beth will work with Don Batson to take some new images for use on web pages, though we may not include any "chicklets" in the drafts offered to the dean for her review.

4. Current Projects
   a. Databases by title
      Beth discussed the plan to move the "databases by title" page from InfoLinks to the library web site and issues involved in such a move:

      http://library.uark.edu/screens/wam.html (current)
      http://libinfo.uark.edu/eresources/titles.asp (developing new one)

      The main reason to move is to make the page hook into the database of electronic resources so that URLs and other items are all maintained in one location. An issue with moving the page is "add titles" rather than only one main entry for each item.

   b. StaffWeb pages
      Beth noted that Arthur is working with Alberta Bailey to develop StaffWeb pages for all the public services departments. This is in preparation for linking to the new reference services standards materials for each department.

   c. CONTENTdm update
Beth and Debra reported that the THALES server had received a replacement part and was again running CONTENTdm. Todd was not able to get it running on Homer at all – even with the assistance of several staff members at Dimema. Todd and Sharon are discussing future server needs with Judy Ganson, but we are assuming that the digital collection site will continue to run on Thales for now. Arthur has been working on customizing the version 4.0 pages. Cheri raised concern about the safety of the data if the Thales server is down and a patron needs a scanned image.

Beth will ask Todd to give a more full report next meeting.

d. Parler Conference and Publicity

Cheri showed the page she had developed to promote the Parler conference:

http://libinfo.uark.edu/specialcollections/news/

The group discussed how to promote this upcoming event (as well as GIS Day) on the main web site. Molly will input some rotating news items immediately and a banner will be created to go up in October.

It was decided that a new "events" page needs to be created along the line of the art exhibits page – showing current and previous events. Beth will ask Arthur to work up a prototype for Molly's review.

Molly and Tim will also work on a new screensaver promoting upcoming events.

e. Web Site "Jobs" database

As a sidebar to the discussion, the group reviewed the web site "Jobs" database that allows staff to request work to be done on the site and to review current projects:

http://libinfo.uark.edu/jobs/jobsviewall.asp

Next meeting: Tuesday October 11 at 10am.

Action / agenda items:
• Arthur and Beth to continue to rework web page designs
• Arthur to report on Amigos conference on XSLT and EAD
• Beth to discuss Personal Web pages policy with Judy Ganson
• Todd will report on CONTENTdm status
• Molly and Anne Marie to present "Give to the Libraries" page
• "Events" draft to demo (?)

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Juhl

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