University of Arkansas Libraries  
Web Development Group - 11/18/11  
Present: Boddie, Boyd, Ganson, Gilbertson, Hartman, Juhl, Morgan, Youngblood

Action items in Yellow.

dSpace / Honors Theses Project  
Morgan reported that most of the design work had been completed, though the service had been somewhat disrupted in the last few days as sites were moved into a production environment, with ssl logins:

https://uarkive.uark.edu:8443/xmlui  
https://uarkive.uark.edu:9443/xmlui/

Amy Allen will be training administrators from 4 colleges and hopes to begin collecting theses in December.

Ganson reported that the next collection will be music student performance files in digital format.

Usability Testing  
The group discussed the tasks and questions used in the last round of testing (http://libinfo.uark.edu/webdocs/webdev/Usabilitygraphs.pdf) and what should be edited for testing in the spring. Most agreed that keeping the same general questions would allow for an interesting comparison with the previous version of the main page. Below are proposed questions for spring (changes in red):

1. What will the hours for Mullins Library be on [specific day]?
2. Where is Special Collections? What materials does it collect?
3. What is the phone number to text a librarian?
4. Where would you look for research guides on Communication?
5. Which librarian can provide in-depth assistance for architecture questions?
6. Show me where you would look to find out if the library has a particular book.
7. Show me where you would look to find books not in our library?
8. Show me where you would look to find journal articles on a general topic.
9. Show me where you would look to find journal articles about psychology?
10. Where would you look to determine if the library has any issues of the Journal of Advanced Nursing?
11. Where would you go to obtain books from another library?
Beth will ask University Relations if they would like to include a small number of questions on the main University home page.

**Eresources Remix**
Beth distributed a draft layout for electronic resources by subject (attached to end of this document). The layout is based on the 3-column layout in LibGuides. Juhl reported on a requested change to the tab and box colors in LibGuides (suggested scheme is here: [http://libguides.stanford.edu/orgchem](http://libguides.stanford.edu/orgchem)) and the group discussed various alternative schemes that would be a little less pale without being overwhelming. **Juhl will experiment with the colors at a time when classes are not being taught – done.**

The group approved the eresources draft, **Juhl and Morgan will work on this as soon as the LibGuides colors are set.** They also still need to add a better alphabetical index to subject list.

Juhl asked about librarian photos vs. cartoon avatars. Most agreed that actual photos would better accomplish our goal of increasing recognition of subject librarians. **Web Services will work with Jennifer Rae to get photos in the personnel database for all the subject librarians.**

**Inquiry Undergraduate Research Journal and WordPress**
Juhl and Ganson reported on meeting with Professor Marcia Shobe, the incoming editor of *Inquiry*. The Libraries have offered to partner with Shobe to develop a web presence for the journal, which will now be online only. The project consists of several parts: the immediate need is for a better public site by mid-January, when student submissions will be invited. Secondary needs are for a back-end editorial management system (submissions, review, author communication, etc.) and a digitized archive of back issues.

The site is currently on the campus WordPress platform: [http://inquiry.uark.edu/](http://inquiry.uark.edu/) and before moving it to our server and rebuilding it, Juhl plans to investigate WordPress more thoroughly as an appropriate platform.

Juhl asked about using WordPress as an integrated news platform for the entire library, eventually replacing our in-house system and manual, static pages. There could be several benefits to WordPress: easy creation of calendars and rss feeds, and easy to pull content into the library sites by using channels (that is, Special Collections news cold be flagged for automatic inclusion in Special Collections headlines). **The Tuesday Times could also be migrated to the local campus WordPress installation.**

The group agreed to investigate these projects more thoroughly in the new year.

**Other Projects**
Boyd and Ganson mentioned that a faculty member on the library advisory board had suggested that users have a function to create "my databases" or a custom database / widget page. This is something the group has discussed before; it would be relatively easy to allow users to create a list of resources based on their UARK username. Anything more expensive would require specialized portal software. Ganson suggested that this was just one query and not a priority project at this time. Might be good to survey users about the desire for such a function before proceeding.

Juhl suggested that updates to the widgets page, emphasizing tools that could be dropped into Blackboard, might have a higher value to faculty at this time. One she is looking at currently is LibX - [http://libx.org/](http://libx.org/).

Next meeting: Friday December 2nd  9am
Respectfully submitted,
B. Juhl
Types of Resource

Best Bets

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