

Voyager Music Users Group

Meeting at the Music Library Association Annual Meeting

Feb. 15, 2003

Austin, Texas

Twenty-eight persons attended. A show of hands by various ranges of years that our libraries have been live with Voyager showed that we had quite a bit of longevity at this meeting.

Tracey Rudnick officiated, in the absence of an elected chair. Jeannette Thompson agreed to take minutes.

Enhancements: Someone will find the most recent list of enhancements and post them to our listserv. Since Voyager membership is institutional, it will help if we try to get VMUG members on Endeavor committees.

Problems: (We were reminded during the following conversation that we can use the “Me too” button in SupportWeb.)

- General:
 - In Cataloging and in Circ, in the Keyword Builder, “and” is not the default, as it is in OPAC – the lack of standardization is problematic
- Cataloging:
 - Scrolling down, espec. in a long contents note, is sometimes impossible [Cataloger’s Toolkit has a work-around]
- Circulation:
 - Patron self-renewal when something has parts doesn’t work in most institutions (does work at Uconn; not at UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, Cornell)
 - Retention of Last borrower info – would be helpful for things with parts that might not be checked when discharged, and missing parts/CD inserts/etc. not noticed until later. [A change in this is not too likely to be made right now because of concerns for user privacy.]
- ILL:
 - OCLC number search in OPAC is a problem because of the varying prefix in the 035 OCLC number; suggestion: do a keyword search; however, this doesn’t usually work because there’s no space between the prefix and number.
- OPAC:
 - Blank screen problem; related to use of navigator’s back button?
 - Call number search: home-grown call nos. can’t be retrieved
 - Call number search: ends up at the call number after the one input [??]
 - Name/Title search not used much because of the resulting paging-down.
NEEDED: A jump-bar ! Temporary work-around suggestion from Tracey: find the author, then copy and paste the name and dates and add the first letter of the title.
- Acquisitions
 - STILL doesn’t retain the last search

Other misc. info:

- How to add the Name/Title search to OPAC – Tracey will post this info to the list.
- Tag table updating: In order to accommodate the recent changes to the 041 field (and other fields), it's necessary to update the tag tables (if you use the MARC validation feature).
- Radio-frequency digital barcodes: UConn is beginning to use.
- Upgrades: Less downtime by most institutions for the latest upgrade. One institution lost data – after multiple attempts.
 - To help users: Mirrored OPACS, FirstSearch, a consortial or other union catalog.
 - To store circ data: Tulane uses handheld computers with software that stores the information, which can be used to quickly update the circ files when the system is back up.

Other business:

- We'll try to get someone from Endeavor to the meeting.
- Jim Farrington will send the VMUG listserv address to MLA
- NEW CHAIR: We elected Tracey Rudnick as the new chair by acclamation. Others promised to assist her in our work.

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