

Voyager Music Users Group (VMUG)  
Minutes  
Saturday, February 19, 2005, Vancouver, BC

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1. Preliminaries: The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Co-Chair, Tracey Rudnick. She welcomed attendees and took a quick poll of the length of time that the various libraries have been on Voyager; a fairly large number had been using Voyager for 2 years or less. Materials from Endeavor were distributed to attendees. 41 persons were in attendance.
2. Presentations/discussion: public and staff user guides for music searching in Voyager

- a. David Gilbert (UCLA) displayed and discussed his online tutorial on OPAC searching. His institution has about 650 music majors, including many studying in the areas of jazz, popular music, and world music. The tutorial, still in draft status, has been used at the reference desk, in one-on-one cases. David has carefully incorporated basic information literacy principles in his tutorial.

David stresses use of the Advanced Search over the Basic Search (showing searches that support his rationale for this) and discourages use of Keyword Searching.

His information is presented in a flowchart structure, starting with format and then presenting next steps, depending on known information.

e.g. If you know the author but not the title, use ...

His main purpose is to get users to find something that meets their needs, and then work with them to find other like items.

When his tutorial is finalized, he will provide more information to the VMUG list.

During the discussion time, other suggestions included:

- Use of “4 ¾” in keyword searching to find CDs, DVDs, etc.
- Use of “compact disc” in keyword searching
- Establish specific locations for formats, to allow location limiting to be useful

- b. Mickey Koth (Yale) distributed and discussed her various staff searching guides (which are on the Yale website, including lots of examples and screenshots):

<http://www.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/> ...

and <http://www.library.yale.edu/cataloging/authorities/> ...)

3. Voyager product update: Voyager release 5.x: Still in development; target date: early release in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 [see Endeavor Website for current info] UCLA will be a Beta tester.

Features pertinent to music:

- Searching: Headings keyword search will be available, with implied “and”; no longer limited to left-anchored searches; will cross subfields; ability to use single characters, dependent on library’s choice for stoplist; cannot apply search limits to these
- Call number search problem (OPAC): should be helped by use of a unified index, but still uncertain
- Keyword searches available in Holdings record (staff side)
- Circulation: will be able to set default pickup location; will be able to set the number of items circulating to a specific user group from a specific happening location per item type; more alerts; better “in-transit” tracking

Questions:

- Can we control how a reference behaves when it’s clicked on? – the ability to customize per institutional decision would be great. [This is perhaps an action item to consider next year, or after 5.x is in wider release. Also, note that Endeavor is planning a major OPAC overhaul.]

4. VMUG enhancements [referring to page, “2004 Formal Enhancement Requests: 2005 Update”]: Tracey led the group in going through the enhancement requests, determining whether a need still remained to present an enhancement again. [“VEC” = Voyager Enhancement Council; and refers to the council’s group determination of enhancements which were then presented to Endeavor]

a. Probably will be fixed; don’t resubmit at this time:

- #1: a fairly high priority in VEC’s 2004 enhancements, so probably will be done by Endeavor
- #6 and #7: also high priorities; wait and see what happens
- #8: not addressed in VEC enhancements, but appears to have been resolved in release 5.x. We can have a Beta tester check this and provide feedback to us, but if still unresolved, will have to be done as an enhancement

b. Resubmit:

- #2-4
- #5: has been determined that the problem remains, in a different form, in the Unicode and 5.x release

c. New:

- Searching: Limiting to specific subformats. We can do this under “Set more limits”, but this is clunky and slow and is a user education issue. Having search buttons for this would help. [This is addressed in VMUG’s current enhancement requests.]

- Circulation: retaining information: we need to test and see if we can retain information by happening location; this probably will have to be system-wide. With 5.x changes in circ, there will be some control over who can view patron information in item circ history. [This is perhaps another action item to consider next year, or after 5.x is in wider release.]

5. Open discussion

- Unicode release problems: contents notes are in block of text and there's not a simple fix; diacritics don't display well in Internet Explorer (but do in Firefox) [action item for next year?]
- The Global Change Task Force's work has been submitted to Endeavor and hopefully will be implemented in the near future. [Later, according to Endeavor staff info: This will be part of Cataloging in Voyager Release 6]

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

--*Jeannette Thompson*