Subject: Re: ELUNA debriefing and a reminder about travel reimbursements
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Brief notes and descriptions for things I attended at ELUNA.

Using the SFX API:

Texas A&M is using this from their Endeavor catalog to have the OpenURL
display conditionally.  They use javascript , the SFX API, PERL, and
some MARC fields to determine when an SFX link should display in their
catalog.  Pretty slick.

CDL is using this in a more traditional way, although they are looking
behind the scenes to see if fulltext is available before displaying
their button in some cases.


uberating our openurls:

Ross Singer from Georgia Tech demo-ed how they are using the SFX API
mashed with services like Google API, Amazon API, etc.  The system runs
a bit slowly right now but that is largely because of their catalog.
Basically, in this instance the SFX API becomes one of many data sources
to drive users to content.


X-Service Interest Group:

This group just discussed business items like coordinating X-Services
across all ExLibris products.  There was a brief discussion of security
issues related to X-Services.  We will likely want to limit access to
X-Services to particular, secure machines, i.e. like Alexandria, etc.


Metalib Update:

Mainly they just talked about the new structure for Metalib.  They will
be creating an upgrade express which seems useful.  Some items of
interest are that they are working on keyword vs. phrase searching as
the default.  They are also working on clustering which will be a big
deal/value for us and our users.  Clustering will be done using vivissimo.


SFX MARCIt!:

Nettie talked a bit about some potential enhancements to MARCIt, namely
things that our modification program does, conditional manipulation,
etc.  This is probably a ways off yet, but coming soon will be the
ability to choose what types of records you would like, namely print or
electronic when both are available.  This helps with institutions who
use different approaches to cataloging, i.e. single vs. multiple record
approach.


Rethinking Metasearch for a Better User Experience

Rochester is doing some really interesting things with SFX that we will
likely want to look at when we go into the FindText overhaul this next
year.  Namely they have created some techniques for getting users to
full text in better ways.  Their usability results are informed by an
ethnographer who studies research behavior.  This data could inform our
own choices on metasearch.
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As a last note, I volunteered to chair the SFX/Metalib Products Group
Steering Committee. I am looking forward to this and it should position
Notre Dame/MALC well with regards to these products.

--Mark

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Pascal V. Calarco wrote:
> That sounds fine. One of us can aggregate all of the Aleph
> comments/notes for whatever open forum we have. Phil, could I ask you
> to take responsibility for that? Thx!
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> I attended all of the Digitool sessions, the Shared System IG, and the
> Aleph and Digitool Product Working Groups, so I will take
> responsibility on writing those up.
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> If everyone who attended could write up a short summary paragraph for
> each of the sessions they attended, and send this out to all of the
> group, we may be able to do the planning for this virtually.
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> We ideally should also have one or two folks responsible for putting
> together information for each of the product areas. Here is a
> suggestion:
>
> Aleph -- Phil & Kate
> Digitool -- Pascal & Tom
> Metalib -- Mark & Ben
> SFX -- Ben & Mark
> Verde -- Carole & Joe
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> Feel free to change this up as you see fit.
>
>   - pascal
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> Mandy Havert wrote:
>> I was planning to send my notes on Aleph programming out to AWG and the
>> information I had related to circ, cataloging and reserves to the
>> individual groups. I won't be able to participate on the 18th as I'll be
>> in Indy, but that shouldn't stop folks from meeting.
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>> Mandy
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>> Pascal V. Calarco wrote:
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Hi folks --

*Ben suggested that we get together at some point and debrief the rest of
the Libraries/MALC on ELUNA. I agree; we've traditionally done this
within AWG, but we've grown in scope since then.*

*How about we look for a date/time the week of June 18th, discuss what we
should highlight from each of the product areas, and then set up an open
forum debriefing after ALA, which would also invite folk from Saint
Mary's, Holy Cross, and Bethel.*

*I am going to be out all of next week, so does anyone have any time to
look for time that we could all meet the week of the 18th? I know
that's around ALA, so we may have to do the planning via e-mail if
there's no good time to do this. Thanks!*

*   - pascal*