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First two weeks of LibGuides 2 training completed

By Steve Wieda on Jun 19, 2015 08:39 am

Library IT held its first two weeks of LibGuides 2 training from June 9 until June 17. Eight classes were held in four locations and 40 staff members attended training. Training materials are available online at

<http://guides.library.yale.edu/libguides2>

Two more classes will be held in July:

Bass Library L06

Tuesday, **July 14**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Thursday, **July 16**, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes from the 6/15 UXAC

By Steve Wieda on Jun 18, 2015 03:24 pm

Decisions from the 6/15/2015 User Experience Advisory Committee meeting:

- A list has been compiled to determine the next steps for the Subject Specialists pages. The Committee will consider:
 - Including links to the staff directory
 - Indication that the departments being searched are academic departments and not library departments
 - Including a chat widget
 - Inclusion of special collections staff and archivists
 - Inclusion of degree programs from professional schools
- A collaborative session to explore ways to present Quicksearch in instruction will be planned for the first week of August.

- The LibCal project will be postponed to roll out in January; the LibAnswers project will be moved forward to start in July.
- Exhibition-related information on the website will be inventoried, analytics will be reported, and a proposal for increasing exposure of exhibition-related information will be produced.

For more information, see the [full meeting minutes available on the UXAC's SharePoint site](#).

[Yale Joins the IIF Consortium](#)

By Michael Friscia on Jun 18, 2015 09:59 am

On Tuesday [June 16], eleven world-leading institutions agreed to form the IIF Consortium, a member organization dedicated to sustaining and advancing the International Image Interoperability Framework (IIF). The consortium will support the work of IIF by pooling and allocating funding from members for exposing content via IIF; doing outreach, training, and advocacy to grow the community; maintaining and elaborating on the IIF technical specifications; providing catalytic support for IIF-compatible software development; helping coordinate the IIF community, and more.

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[Fedora 4 work at Open Repositories 2015](#)

By Osman Din on Jun 18, 2015 09:56 am

Open Repositories 2015 highlighted some of the interesting projects from different institutions.

One such Fedora-based project demonstrated the application and usefulness of the [Linked Data](#) platform. The project uses graph-based metadata; research data is cataloged using museum specific FRBRoo and CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model (CRM) ontologies, instead of using classic metadata schemes. The project participants [claimed](#) that in comparison to traditional bibliographic metadata schema

(such as MODS), “these vocabularies allowed us to express detailed relationships between digital objects and entities (people, places, events, concepts) in a more nuanced way”. The relationships are described in RDF and persisted in Fedora 4. Fedora 4 speaks and understands RDF natively and acts effectively as a Linked Data compliant server.

The benefit for the project is that the [user interface](#) (based in Islandora) is driven entirely by RDF and researchers and scholars can directly query the metadata graph by entering powerful queries via a [SPARQL endpoint](#).

I also had the opportunity to present a poster exploring the integration of Fedora 4 with Sakai (known locally as Classes v2). Fedora 4 uses a backend technology (ModeShape) that is an implementation of the Java Content Repository (JCR) standard. Sakai offers some support for JCR, making direct integration feasible. Sakai content can be directly accessed in Fedora 4 and Sakai can access Fedora 4 content as if it were a part of its own datastore. Before Fedora 4, custom tools would have to be developed to tackle the linking, making inter-operability harder and less maintainable. Fedora 4 offers a new way, thanks to a modern technology stack. A number of leading institutions that run both Sakai and Fedora expressed an interest in further exploring the integration possibilities via this approach.

[Library and Workday testing results](#)

By clg34 on Jun 16, 2015 01:42 pm

After months of careful planning and testing, the Workday transition is close to becoming a reality. Even though not much has changed for the library, as one of the downstream users, the library played a role in the testing of the patron data extract process. This is to ensure that all of the Human Resources data is carried through into the Voyager patron database correctly. A team of approximately 15 Access Services staff members from Sterling, Divinity and the CSSI devoted some time analyzing patron records before and after text patron extracts for comparison. Between all of us, we analyzed a little over 400 patron accounts for accuracy. Additionally, ‘mock accounts’ that were created by University ITS staff were also examined (ie, new hires, terminations, job changes, etc) and carried through a Voyager patron extract correctly. All in all, with a strong team composed of Access Services staff, Library IT and University IT, we were able to confirm that the data flow will remain unaffected. This change is scheduled to take place on July 1st. For extra measure, the same team who

participated in the testing will also check Voyager patron records for accuracy after the first scheduled patron extract when the Workday transition happens. For questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at cindy.greenspun@yale.edu.

For more information about Workday, please visit: <http://news.yale.edu/2015/06/08/workdayyale-launch-july-1>.

To see the last post about this, please visit: <http://campuspress.yale.edu/libraryitnews/2015/01/12/the-library-prepares-for-workday-testing-with-university-its/>



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