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Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the November issue of Library IT News. This month’s newsletter has dates for upcoming Library IT events and project updates.

*Michael Dula, CTO*

**Staff News:**

- Please welcome George Ouellette, currently the Senior Programmer Analyst at the Lewis Walpole Library, who will join Library IT as Information Technology Project Manager beginning on Monday, November 11, 2013. George’s new position was announced in an email last week.

  George’s contact information: email: george.ouellette@yale.edu, phone: 432-9657, office: Manuscripts and Archives

**Library IT News:**

- Michael Dula will begin holding bi-monthly **CTO office hours** beginning in December. The dates and times will be announced in this newsletter and by email. The December dates are December 4th and December 18th from 11:00-12:00 in Michael’s office, SML room 510. This is a walk-in time to discuss Library IT issues with Michael.

- Mark your calendars for the **Library IT open house** on Thursday, November 21st from 2:30-4:00. This will be an opportunity to see and ask questions about current Library IT projects. The tour will begin with refreshments in SML room 510.

- The Workstation and Technology Services group is currently reviewing the Expert User Program and is planning a re-launch soon. According to the new IT Infrastructure and Client Services Manager, Greg Blasko, “during initial conversations with various Library department heads and staff, it’s quite clear the Expert User Program once showed a lot of potential and deserves a thorough review.” If you are interested in providing feedback on the Expert User Program or joining an upcoming advisory group that will help shape its future, please contact Greg at gregory.blasko@yale.edu or 432-0640.
IT Project Updates:

- **Website updates.** We have continued to migrate YUL web pages to YaleSites and Libguides. Because we’ve been able to migrate many of the most used and most frequently updated pages, we have been able to turn off the old Cascade web management tool, saving $9000 annually (YaleSites is provided by the Office of Public Affairs and Communication and ITS at no charge to the Library). We can still edit material even if it has not yet migrated. If you have material not yet migrated, contact Andrew Predmore about how you can get that process started.

- **Summon Update.** The newly formed Summon/360 Link User Group is hard at work wrapping up the initial implementation of Summon at Yale. In addition, many of the group members have been working with staff across the library to assist with public services support and training. Short term priorities include: enhance the new database A-Z list, determine next steps regarding Yale’s OpenURL link resolver, and develop a plan to sunset Ex Libris Metalib by the end of the fiscal year.

- **Aeon Update to 3.4.** Library IT in conjunction with the vendor, Atlas Systems, and the Aeon Users Group upgraded the two instances of Aeon from version 3.1 to 3.4. The upgrade includes two new modules, reference request and photo duplication management, which the Aeon User Group is actively investigating. The project provided us the opportunity to remove several locally created enhancements in favor of vendor solutions.

- **Blacklight Search Team.** A new Blacklight Unified Search implementation team has been formed to work on interface design and integration of records from Orbis, Morris and Summon. The team includes: Mike Friscia, Lakeisha Robinson, Kalee Sprague, Katie Bauer, Bob Rice, Jenn Nolte, Scott Matheson and Arcadia Falcone.