

PubPac Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2006

In attendance: Laurie Lessner, Anne Klegraeffe, Bonnie Mendes, Amy Sheperdson, Chris Dargelis, Denise Briody.

Website of the Month. Librarians and webmasters are always looking for new ideas for inspiration for their websites. . If you find a website of particular interest for its navigation, design or just for certain features, email it to Laurie for inclusion in the SAILS newsletter. These websites can be library sites, corporate sites or retail sites. If there is something you like about it – share it!

Alternate OPACs. Laurie demonstrated some alternative OPACs which use a product such as Aquabrowser that runs on top of your OPAC. For an example look at <http://www.tlcdelivers.com/tlc/default.asp> which describes Aquabrowser and Guided Navigation:

AquaBrowser Library transcends the limits of conventional OPACs, offering an exploration of knowledge associations that span your library's catalog.

This new OPAC offers interactive, "intelligent" searching. AquaBrowser Library finds items using associations, stemming, and spelling alternatives within your existing metadata - helping patrons who aren't quite sure how to best approach a search.

Guided navigation: Endeca solves a long-standing OPAC issue- a non-navigated search interface that only goes so far.

Endeca combines traditional multi-word querying with "Guided Navigation," exposing a multitude of related terms, headings, formats, and other dimensions that equip patrons to find what they are looking for

We also took the opportunity to look at Sirsi/Dynix Portal and Search products such as EPS and ROOMS. Check it out at <http://www.sirsidynix.com/Solutions/Products/portalsearch.php>

SirsiDynix Rooms™ 2.1 is a sophisticated Web solution for enabling library users to discover information. How does SirsiDynix Rooms do this? By providing libraries with a strikingly effective and efficient means of (1) gathering high-quality information according to subject areas and (2) then presenting that content in virtual spaces we call "Rooms

Enterprise Portal Solution (EPS) Users once needed help finding information. But today users actually need help coping with all the information that fairly gushes from a variety of information resources. This is why library professionals are needed now more than ever before – to help create a true, one-stop interface that serves as an information management platform for libraries to use in dealing with our increasingly virtual world.

Tixkeeper. For libraries using Tixkeeper, a link can be put into the Library Information section of iBistro regarding your Museum passes. Have your technical services librarian contact cataloguing support for information on inserting 856 tags into the cataloguing record.

User Services meeting. Discussion of the upcoming Users Services Meeting on April 11th. It was decided to change the name of the meeting to Customer Service Roundtable. Items suggested for the agenda include:

- Virtual Catalog
- Overdrive and download stations
- Envisionware
- Forthcoming iBistro enhancements
- Any other items participants wish to discuss.

Web 2.0 / Lib 2.0. A discussion of how libraries are implementing Web 2.0 took place. Take a look at Wikipedia for a description of Web 2.0

...applications often use a combination of techniques devised in the late 1990s, including public web service APIs (dating from 1998), Ajax (1998), and web syndication (1997). They often allow for mass publishing (web-based social software). The term may include blogs and wikis. To some extent Web 2.0 has become a buzzword, incorporating whatever is newly popular on the Web (such as tags and podcasts). A consensus on its exact meaning has not yet been reached.

To see how the Ann Arbor Library District is using it look at <http://aadl.org>. Amazon is using Web 2.0 – take a look at customer tags and A9 web searching on their site.

For blogs and wikis take a look at <http://www.pubsub.com/list/librarian.php>