

## VALID OLS Implementation Taskforce – VOIT Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2012-2013

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The VALID OLS Implementation Taskforce (VOIT) is charged with investigating specific issues, devising specifications, and operationalizing the policies developed by the VALE OLS Steering Committee including but not limited to software, hardware, and networking, as they relate to functioning of the VALE OLS and migration of institutional data from existing individual integrated library systems to VALE OLS.

### Part 1: Roster of Members

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| Grace Agnew          | Rutgers University                 |
| Guy Dobson           | Drew University                    |
| Ann Hoang            | New Jersey Institute of Technology |
| Christopher Sterback | Rutgers University                 |
| Kurt Wagner (Chair)  | William Paterson University        |
| Yongming Wang        | The College of New Jersey          |

### Part 2: Summary of Achievements

- The Committee met 8 times this year.
- The Committee selected Amazon Web Services as the hosting platform for the VALID project and immediately installed Blacklight, VUFind, and the supporting and prerequisite applications. AWS charges (through LibraryLinkNJ) are as follows:

| Month        | Cost            |
|--------------|-----------------|
| OCT12        | \$0.62          |
| NOV12        | 5.48            |
| DEC12        | 2.90            |
| JAN13        | 3.23            |
| FEB13        | 5.31            |
| MAR13        | 99.98           |
| APR13        | 347.28          |
| MAY13        | 357.12          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$821.92</b> |

- Sterback, Wagner and Wang attended the 2012 VUFind Summit at Villanova University, during which they attended presentations by several library consortia and were encouraged by the VUFind's flexibility and the extent and supportiveness of the user community.
- VOIT met with Rutgers library staff members Gracemary Smulewitz, Bob Warwick and Marybeth Weber on December 5, 2012 to discuss serials format integration and display and particularly the issue with how RU has done format integration, which differs from most VALE libraries' practice. The group decided to recommend formation of a Serials Control and Display Committee to review the issue and suggest best practices.

- Wagner sat in on a teleconference on October 19, 2012 that included OLE project members Robert McDonald and Michael Winkler along with participants from The Bloomsbury Colleges, University of London and HTC Global Services (programming). During this conversation HTC confirmed that OLE will function well using VUFind (being used by Bloomsbury) as a user interface.
- Dobson created and commenced working with a Perl-based bibliographic utility to generate a merged/composite set of “VALID” records from (initially) the Alpha libraries’ bibliographic databases.
- VOIT selected VUFind as the user interface for the VALID project and presented the AWS/VUFind combination at the 2013 VALE User Conference.
- VOIT’s work in 2013 received the NJLA College and University Section 2013 Technology Innovation Award, presented at the NJLA Annual Meeting on June 5, 2013 in Atlantic City, NJ.

As chair, it has again been my pleasure to coordinate the efforts of VOIT. I remain convinced that this group is without peer and that each member brings an abundance of talent, energy and imagination to our work. The committee members asked that I include myself in these accolades, and I believe that our recent award speaks for itself.

### **Part 3: Issues to be Considered Further**

- Complete full bibliographic load of Alpha (then Beta) libraries’ and perform merge/composite. We will, in cooperation with the BCMC and CCM subcommittees, be able to draft recommended database cleanup and collection management practices based on this work.
- Further involvement of RSC once a full set of Alpha records are loaded for a more in-depth optimization of VUFind to improve the users’ experience.

### **Part 4: Recommended Objectives for Next Fiscal Year**

- Complete full load of Alpha and Beta records and refine database merge/composite protocols.
- Fully examine OLE 0.8 and 1.0 (when available) and report on functionality, capabilities, shortcomings, and performance.
- Explore and interact with NJEDGE as directed and appropriate to realize increased capabilities and opportunities through this potential partnership.

### **Part 5: Statement of Resources Desired/Needed**

- Consultation and involvement of server administrator personnel may be required to adequately configure and assess our OLE+VUFind implementation.

Respectfully submitted,



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