PubPac Committee Meeting

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1 p.m.

Meeting notes

- display back to the patron - wording and next steps for when no results are found

  If no results are found in a scoped search, then give a message and possibly run the same search with scoping elements progressively relaxed. On Laurie's plate to describe what is desired here.

  Committee likes this method

- If there is an active branch, prioritize results from that branch (make first in sort order). - how necessary is this with the pre-scoping that's going to be happening anyway?

For search scoping:
1. if the site is accessed at a kiosk location: scope the search to materials at that kiosk location.
2. else, if the site is accessed via a branch's sub-domain: scope the search to materials at that sub-domain's branch (better: show all, but sort with local results on top. See B-9c below).
3. else, scope the search to materials at any branch.

  Committee would like this scenario. Would also like to know about automatically reexecuting the search to do the above, when no results are found. We are wondering what happens if no results are found in the catalog at all. Can we modify the search engine to return results that are "close"?

- charge history - is there any issue with the SOPAC server caching/storing the history and linking it to a patron, but never displaying it? future enhancement idea is there for patrons to get book recommendations for items that others have also read - someone who checked this book out also checked out... would you be interested in reading it too?

  don't need this now, just display back to the patron their history and we'll worry about this possible future enhancement later

- Kids view - feeds & content under my library
  Tumblebooks, Overdrive kids title, Best seller's list – picture books, chapter books

- Availability - what does this mean and how do we recommend it should work.

  Discussing availability - checkbox next to the "limit to items available at..." drop-down is ambiguous. People won't know to check this. If they don't, the field is ignored completely - bug?

  If search is limited to only available, there can very well be no available copies anywhere in the system and they won't see any results. If you automatically reexecute the search, how many times does the search need to be redone? Is it easier to change what is being searched at the beginning or rerun the search? I don't know what impact it would have on the system vs. programming time.

  - Change label to on-shelf, vs. available.
  - When at home or in the library and defaulting to search the sub-domain's collection, we need to change this to search items **owned** by the library, not available on the shelf at the library. If a library doesn't own the item, then automatically expand the search to all libraries in the system.
  - Keep the facet for "by availability" but change it to say "on-shelf" and have patrons limit by this at will, not automatically.

- Display of facets & search summary –search summary should be moved to the left, where "quick links" is displaying and move "quick links" down a box, either removing the promo or sending it farther down on the page

- Syndetics content & display of full details page
  discussed using a popup window for video content and other things that won't fit on the page. That would be fine. Patrons are used to that.

- Finalize promos for initial release

- Resources - assign category to committee members to get resources together
  o Gale databases - links for geolocation - can committee figure out which of the powerpacks we want to use? Evaluate if they're good or not.

    Committee said that the single power search box is the way to go and not to bother with the individual databases for Gale.

  o Category assignments:
    ▪ Bonnie – genealogy
    ▪ Eden – careers
    ▪ Daisy – tools & widgets
    ▪ Chris – college bound
    ▪ Anne – ask if she'd like to do heath & wellness
    ▪ Amy – taxes
- Other issues

- find out if libraries who subscribe to Book Letters would like to get a list of the best sellers as a feed in their "MyLibrary" page.

- They like that if someone is logged in at home, their login remains unless they click "log out"

- In search summary box, would like to rename/replace the "x" next to selected facet to the word "<u>remove</u>"

- Need to display physical description (300 tag) on hit list

- Need to add 856 tag to full record under item information

- Need to display accelerated reader (526 tag) on full record under item information