WorldCat Local at York St John University

Why and How
LIS at YSJ – Library & Information Services at York St John

- Serves 7,500 users, many off-site
- LMS SirsiDynix Symphony, release 3.3.1
- ‘Traditional’ OPAC – out of the box
- Limited budget (no capital available)
- Long term WorldCat subscriber
- Low NSS scores as driver to improve student experience
Our OPAC Is Past Its sell By Date

• OPAC was old and clunky
• Lacked WEB 2.0 features
• Limited functionality – not a ‘discovery’ tool
• No federated searching
• User resistance
• OPAC Makeover – more like Google
The Contenders

- Evaluated various contenders e.g. AquaBrowser, Encore & Primo + SirsiDynix Enterprise
- All required high capital investment and/or high recurrent cost
- Visually appealing, functionality not always to match
Why – What made us choose WorldCat Local?

- Attractively priced with reasonable set up costs and annual subscription
- Synergy with YSJ use of WorldCat as bibliographical tool
- Opportunity to revisit processes e.g. OCLC membership
- Functionality – innovative features such as Central Indexing of databases, links to WorldCat, faceted searching, and general Web 2.0 approach
How – Implementing WorldCat Local – The Plan

• Project Plan led by OCLC
• Load YSJ catalogue records and match to WorldCat.org database
• Exceptions – flagged and amended
• Configuration of web and service interface
• Go live
How – Implementing WorldCat Local – The Experience

- More exceptions than expected – make sure your data is as “clean” as possible
- Issues uploading files – help sought from WorldCat Local community in North America
- Changes to workflow processes – cataloguing via Connexions and downloading records
- Problems with e-books; serials; holds – discussions with OCLC on how to resolve
- Delays in Central Indexing of databases
- Enrichment – now part of the package
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• Opportunity to bid for funding from JISC for case study under Information environment programme Enhancing library systems
• Funding granted April 2010
• Opportunity to carry out in-depth usability study
• Report and blog – http://yocalcat.wordpress.com/
Where we are now and would we do it again?

- Informative experience for YSJ and OCLC; small library – limited resources
- Positive aspects of WCL for YSJ: successful usability; interface well received; federated searching; potential to exploit other features
- Catalogue interface via library web pages – http://library.yorksj.ac.uk/
- WorldCat Local interface – http://yorksj.worldcat.org/
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Triathlon

Author: Joe Baker, PhD, Whitney Sedgwick
Series: Sport psychology library
Edition/Format: Book, English
Database: WorldCat

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