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Overview

• Why use a third party product?
• How is it done?
• What is important?
Why use a third-party product?

• Best solution for our institution
• Affordable/Available now
• Competition yields better products
• The Dean wants it
Approaching the Problem

• What do we want?
• What do we have?
• How do we get there?
What Innovative needed from us

Data dictionaries
- Locations mapped to collections
- Item types
- Call number types
- Circulation Statuses

Initial database extract
- Bib records
- Holding records
- Item records

Daily database update extracts
- New records
- Edits to records
- Deleted and suppressed records
Voyager bibliographic data

MARC bib record – Black’s Law Dictionary

MFHD
Young Library – Reference

Item c.1
Circ Status: Available
Circ Status: Damaged

Item c.1
Circ Status: Charged

Item c.2
Circ Status: Available

Item c.3
Circ Status: Charged
Circ Status: System Lost

MFHD
Law Library

Item c.1
Circ Status: Charged

Item c.2
Circ Status: Recalled

MFHD
Medical Center Library

Item c.1
Circ Status: Available

Item c.2
Programmer work on Voyager end

1. Create queries to build extract for base Encore database

2. Create queries to build extract for daily updates for new and edited records

3. Create queries to pull ID's for OPAC-suppressed and deleted records

Use marcpm from SourceForge to manipulate MARC

Use Pmarcexport to pull files for extracts
Where we are now

Voyager Server in Kentucky
Extracts generated

Encore Interface
- Search using discovery tool
- To show location, call number and availability – link to Voyager

FTP data files for Encore database daily

Use structured search for link – Opens a new browser window

Encore Server in California
Extracts processed and loaded

WebVoyage Interface
- Check availability
- Place requests
Voyager with Encore up front!

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Encore 1.1 -- Results List

Search Box
Facets
Recently added on topic
Tag cloud
Encore 1.1 – Good changes and bad

- Link to Voyager for location, Call # and circ status
- Syndetics content added
- Move through results list here
What is important?

- Know your data and ILS architecture
- Know your resources and limitations
- Honor your vendors
- Consult your contract
- Understand the service culture