

## APPENDIX F - Statement from Ginny Moon, Head of Deposit Services, NRLF

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Hi Aija,

I use Pathfinder quite frequently while problem solving to isolate records for individual libraries, including the Berkeley affiliate libraries and other campus libraries who have stored material at NRLF. Pathfinder has the best search engine of any catalog I've used -- MUCH more flexible and precise with a significantly larger number of search choices than Melvyl. For example, one can search by keyword in a URL field. I use the ability to keyword search in note fields quite frequently. I really like the ability to create a list and then narrow it down by using the modify feature.

NRLF has users other than the UC Berkeley General libraries who use Pathfinder. NRLF's brief records (n-level) are loaded to Pathfinder; therefore making them available for a type of searching not available on telnet Gladis. The other campuses as well as UC-Berkeley Affiliate Libraries use Pathfinder to view their records since they can limit by an individual library. It's also a fast way to get a count of titles held at NRLF for these libraries. We give them the item count in our statistics, but this is the only way to get a bib record count. Although your group is not recommending a replacement, if that were to be the choice, I do want to point out that Melvyl has some limitations in comparison with Pathfinder: One can search Melvyl only by the campus, not the individual library; the advanced search capabilities are more limited; and, there is a minimum standard bib format required. NRLF's n-level records do not fit that standard. Only Pathfinder offers dynamic searching capabilities on our low-level inventory records.

I'm copying Scott Miller, Operations Manager and Jutta Wiemhoff, Head of Access Services here onto this e-mail so they can add any additional comments.  
--Ginny Moon,  
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