New Directions Retreat Notes
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Library’s Role in Discovery
- **Starting point:** Start discussion on what’s the role of local OPAC give new ILS
- **Starting point:** Investigate pushing our data to other services our users use: Google, Flikr, etc. Implement and try out. Incorporate this as part of Discovery team. Make sure you implement – try it! Helps build ownership. Could have membership rotate on and off so doesn’t get boooed down. Authority to make changes – experimentation to try and fail.
- Change the way things are done organizationally
- Re-design library websites. Need a search box (Melvyl will have this)
- Need class-specific webpages – recommended resources
- Embrace Google- get our content into Google, don’t compete. Also need to get content back out; be able to search in our own website
- Provide vertical search – look on a particular subject. Federated search model
- Opportunity for Google – Berkeley. Every class already has its own website; how do we work with that? Old websites are going away
- Library part of B-space; work with this group
- Best practices to cut across Library websites
- Web 2.0 – aggregation is king. Do we need a local catalogue? Keep proper delivery systems intake. Need to figure out where to push our collections out: Google, WorldCAT, etc.
- Include hidden collections – ebooks, etc.
- Drive traffic back to Library
- Make Discovery team permanent? Operational/organizational issue? Perhaps start 2-5 years and re-evaluate
- Tension between single box and innovative ILS
- Ability of new ILS to enable customization and ability of users to mash up content. Enable young scholars to do this. . .delicious
- Lots of Library teams are doing cool things, but others don’t know about it. Need to market it out
- Do we need Library-wide R&D team devoted to this? “Discovery” team isn’t R&D – really nitty gritty based on all systems involved
- Hire people on contract for 2 years – venture capitalists for specific R&D function
- Need assessment first
- Make our holdings accessible