



Final Report on the New Library Website

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Introduction

Good progress has been made regarding the new Library website during the past month. The work by bSOLVE has been completed (all hours were consumed), and Content Editors were able to commence with populating the web with content. Any web should be seen as work in progress, and the same applies to the new Library website. There is room for improvement, provision should be made for our Library IT staff to get to know Sharepoint better in order to further improve on the web, more development work needs to be done, and more content needs to be added. Libguides (a separate project by Delene Pretorius) needs to be incorporated as well.

Technical Issues

Wouter Klapwijk has been requested by Reggie Raju to compile a report on outstanding technical issues that needs to be addressed in future. Forms etc. for which Wouter took responsibility, will be completed by the 31st of October 2011.

Content Reviewing

Content Reviewing will be completed by the 31st of October 2011. Natasja Malherbe is responsible for overseeing content population and content reviewing.

Mobile web

Marc-Allen Johnson and team is almost done with the mobile web, accessible from m.library.sun.ac.za. Some minor changes still need to be added, which will be completed by the 31st of October 2011. JQuery was used to design the mobile web, due to a lack of expertise on the mobile component of Sharepoint. The mobile web can be accessed from the platforms listed at:

<http://jquerymobile.com/blog/#platforms>

Recommendations

1. That the Library investigates collaboration with IT in terms of development work (Java/Web 2.0) that needs to be done.
2. That the web be released as a Beta version.
3. That a comprehensive and well coordinated usability study be conducted of the web, following the launch.
4. That an analysis of Piwik statistics be conducted, and that most used web pages be made accessible from the landing page.
5. That funding be made available to complete the photo project for the Library web. There are still photos outstanding.
6. Input is required from Library and IT Management as to when they want to go live with the website. It is recommended that we postpone it following the exams.
7. Consider moving the mobile web to Sharepoint sometime in future (new project).
8. That sufficient time be allowed for the development of Sharepoint skills.
9. That a Service Level Agreement be negotiated between the Library and IT.

Conclusion

The web will be available at <http://author.bib.sun.ac.za> for review by Library Management, on 1 November 2011. The live URL for the web will be <http://library.sun.ac.za> once it has gone live.

I want to convey my thanks to all involved in working very hard to get the Library website up and running in such a short period of time:

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