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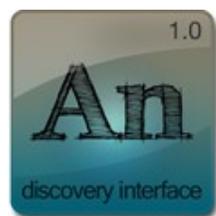
Andornot Newsletter - June 2013

Summer Greetings!

It's been a very busy spring and we have lots to share with you in this newsletter. We enjoyed connecting with many of you at conferences in the past couple of months. In between, we've completed many projects that we hope will inspire you, and have news from Inmagic as well. We hope everyone has a relaxing summer.

Recent Projects to Inspire You

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Updates Library Catalogue with Andornot Discovery Interface

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has updated its library catalogue with the Andornot Discovery Interface (AnDI).

As with another recent AnDI project for the Canadian Conservation Institute, the CRTC library needed to ensure its library catalogue interface met current standards for web accessibility, as well as incorporating the Government of Canada's common look and feel for websites, and offering an interface in both official languages.

The Andornot Discovery Interface was the perfect choice for meeting these requirements with a new search interface. It offers:

- Fast, relevancy-based keyword search results;
- spelling corrections and did-you-mean suggestions of alternate terms;
- faceted browsing to easily narrow down results;
- hit-highlighting showing search words in context;
- full-text indexing and searching; and
- tools for saving and sharing records.

The CRTC library continues to use DB/TextWorks to manage the collection. Data is automatically exported with the Andornot Data Extraction Utility for indexing in AnDI.

You can try out the new catalogue at http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/Library/

If you access it from a mobile device, you'll notice the display reformats automatically for smaller screens. This magic happens thanks to a responsive web design based on the Bootstrap framework.

Contact us to learn how AnDI could improve your web search interface.

Andornot Helps Metro Vancouver Library Redesign Intranet Pages

Metro Vancouver has an extensive SharePoint-based intranet with detailed team sites for the many departments and groups within the large organization. However, the library's presence was small, with a large amount of information crammed onto a few pages, and library staff, as in many small libraries, had more urgent priorities and an intranet redesign never quite made it to the top of the daily task list. This meant that the website was stale, visually unappealing, and lacking a lot of useful information that staff had been accumulating over the years.

With Andornot's assistance, the intranet was re-imagined and re-built into a showcase of the library's services and resources.
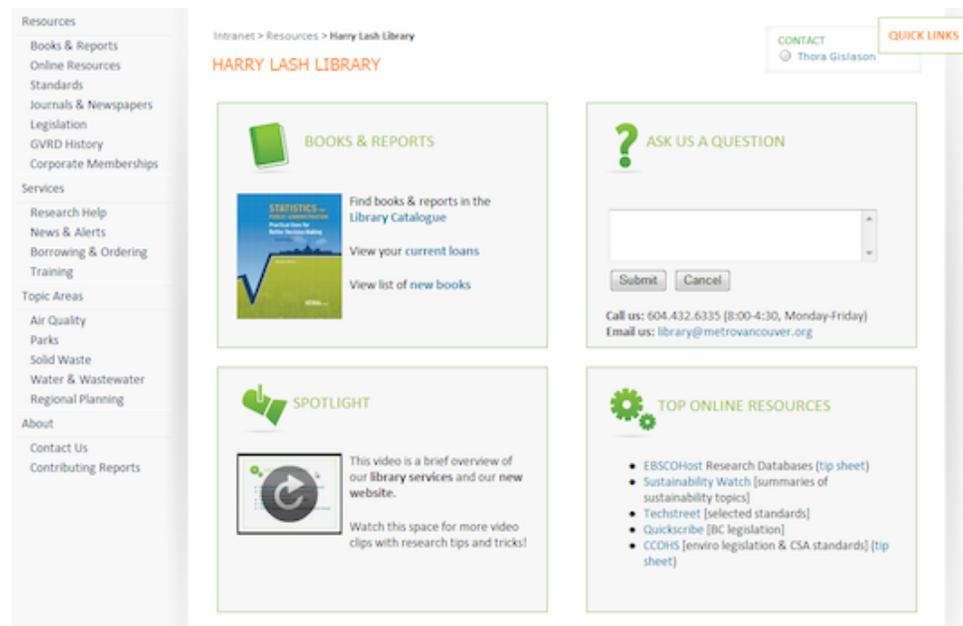
A new, two-level, 15-20 page site describes who and what the library is, the many print and electronic resources it manages, and the services it provides to Metro Vancouver staff. The site also includes topic pages for specific departments within Metro Vancouver to guide staff to resources of greatest use to them, including materials within the library's Inmagic Genie catalogue.

Learn more about this project and be inspired to re-vamp your own intranet in this blog post.

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A New Website for McGill Universities Health Centre Libraries

Check out the new McGill Universities Health Centre Libraries website! A fresh new design launched earlier this year.

http://www.muhclibraries.ca and http://www.bibliothequescusm.ca

The image below shows the earlier site on the left and the newer one on the right, with a more modern, clean look (click to enlarge).

Andornot has hosted MUHC Libraries' books and journals catalogues for many years, as part of our managed hosting service. Both catalogues are stored within an Inmagic Genie system, with a search interface built from the Andornot Starter Kit. Google book covers appear for many records, and the interface is available in both English and French.

In the new site template, the option to search the books and journals catalogues is provided on every page in a band across the middle, along with searches for PubMed, the McGill University Library catalogue, and MUHC's e-journal subscriptions.

For this project, Andornot updated the layout and design of the hosted books and journals catalogues to match the new MUHC Libraries website and co-ordinated with MUHC Library staff so both their new site and the updated catalogue launched at the same time.

Contact us for updates to your catalogue or for help with a redesign of your website or search interface.

Providing BC Educators with Alternate Format Materials for their Students with Perceptual Disabilities

The Accessible Resource Centre - British Columbia (ARC-BC) is a collection of alternate format materials of recommended resources for the British Columbia K-12 curriculum that serves every school district in the province.

ARC-BC is managed by the Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired (PRCVI). Educators in all school districts are able to search this online repository to find and download alternate format resources related to the BC curriculum.

Andornot worked with ARC-BC staff to specify, design and develop the first version in 2008. Numerous changes and enhancements have been made every year since, to improve workflow and resource access for users and ARC-BC staff.

The public face of the site gives participants a fast and flexible search, a shopping cart for downloads, and a personal area to manage their account profile, search alerts, and download history. Digital resources can be downloaded in a variety of formats for students with perceptual disabilities, and participants have the opportunity to improve the collection through the submission of new or improved material.

On the admin side, the site features online data entry with advanced file upload, user account administration, and site activity reporting.

Contact Andornot to discuss development of custom applications such as this.
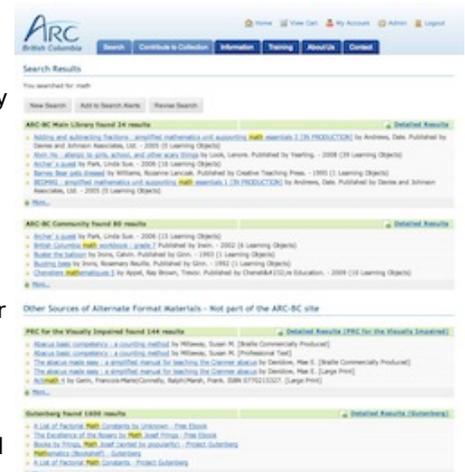
Inmagic News

A New Corporate Identity

SydneyPLUS, the leading global developer of knowledge management solutions, announced this month that SydneyPLUS and all of its affiliated companies, including Inmagic, will now operate as one company under a new name: **Lucidea Corporation**.

"The creation of a consolidated corporate structure allows Lucidea to more effectively leverage combined resources to support strategic initiatives in product development, sales and marketing, and implementation services. Innovation and growth in these areas will enable Lucidea to more quickly deliver exciting products and enhancements to its rapidly expanding global customer base."

Andornot will continue to be your Inmagic reseller and it will be "business as usual" with the same contacts, emails and phone numbers.

More information is available in the customer FAQ, the press release, a new corporate overview, consolidated product information, and at the new corporate website, www.lucidea.com.

Please contact us with any questions about this news or your Inmagic software or maintenance subscription.

Faceted Search Coming to Presto for DB/TextWorks

Faceted search is a key feature in discovery interfaces such as VuFind and the Andornot Discovery Interface, allowing users to "search first, refine later."

Inmagic has announced that Presto for DB/TextWorks will include faceted search in the next release! A preview of this powerful new feature was provided in a webinar in May and will be seen in version 4.2, due out soon.

Tips and Tricks

How to Use the DB/TextWorks Runtime Version for Read-Only Searching

The DB/TextWorks runtime version is a free, search-only version of the non-SQL DB/TextWorks. It's a useful tool for providing access to a textbase just for searching. Originally it was a popular way of distributing a textbase on a CD, but now it's often used in these scenarios:

- Archives or library reading rooms with no internet or network access.
- Very small law firm libraries without an intranet for staff searching.
- Prisons or correctional institutes where the inmates have no internet or network access or there is concern about tampering with the data.
- One time anniversary projects to distribute searchable copies of a textbase.

Although there are multiple ways of publishing DB/TextWorks textbases on the web or intranet, we still regularly get requests for assistance with setting up runtime instances, so we've written up some guidelines and best practices - read them here.

Tweets

As we come across news, projects, resources and other items we think might be of interest to our clients, we tend to post a quick tweet on our Twitter page, rather than a longer blog post. We've included a selection of recent tweets in this newsletter, but encourage you to follow us on

Twitter or [subscribe to the RSS feed of our tweets](#).

[Enormous Museum Collection of Insects Needs Your Help](#)

[How Users Search the Library from a Single Search Box](#)

[New Research Tools Kick Up Dust in Archives](#)

[Filing Cabinets and Metadata, the "M" Word](#)

[The Power and Relevance of Libraries](#)

[The Odd Collection of Books in the Guantanamo Prison Library](#)

[In The Rijksmuseum's Digital Archive, Old Masterworks Inspire New Designs](#)

[Internet Archaeology: Behold the Most Hilarious Abandoned Websites](#)

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