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# Voyager 7 upgrade experiences

**Monash University Library** 

## **Outline**

- -Upgrade timelines
- -New Architecture
- -Customisation
- -Screen shots / feedback
- -Questions / discussion

# Monash Staff

- Stephanie Foott Web Manager
- Lynette Hinton ILMS database administrator
- Gary Kosmopoulos Systems Officer
- Allan Thorne Central ITS staff member
- Simon Huggard Systems Manager

# Time lines

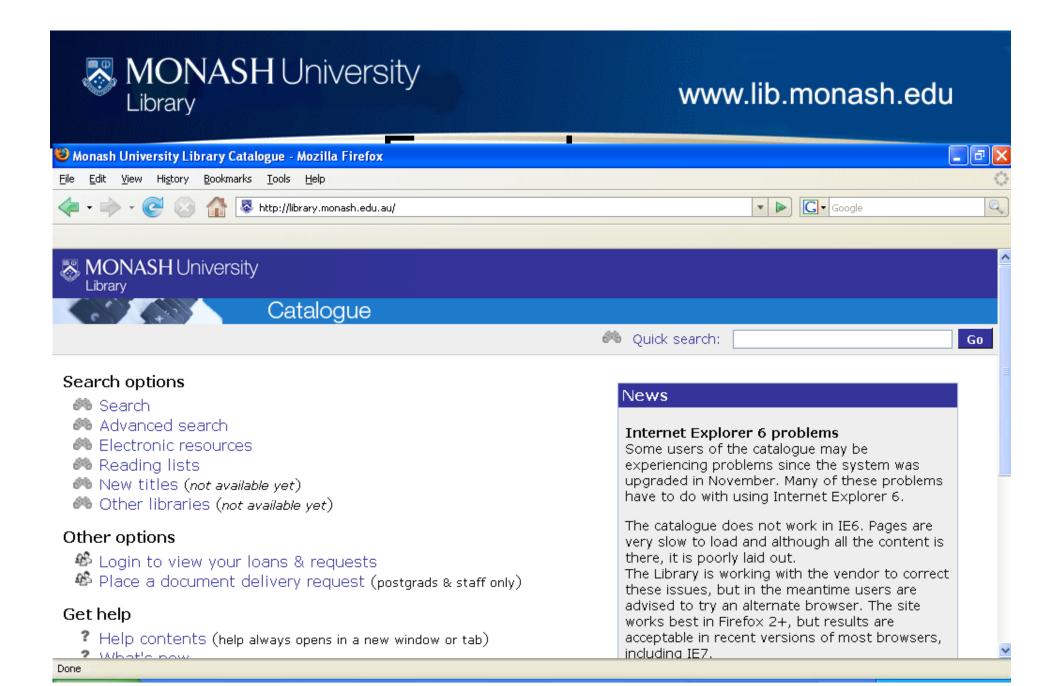
- Preview server released July 2008
- Customisation of preview db with new skins setup 15 Sept 2008
- Ongoing customisation work
- Upgrade performed by ExL 19-21 Nov 2008
- One week of instability (due to new architecture – more on this later)
- Ongoing customisation

# **OPAC**

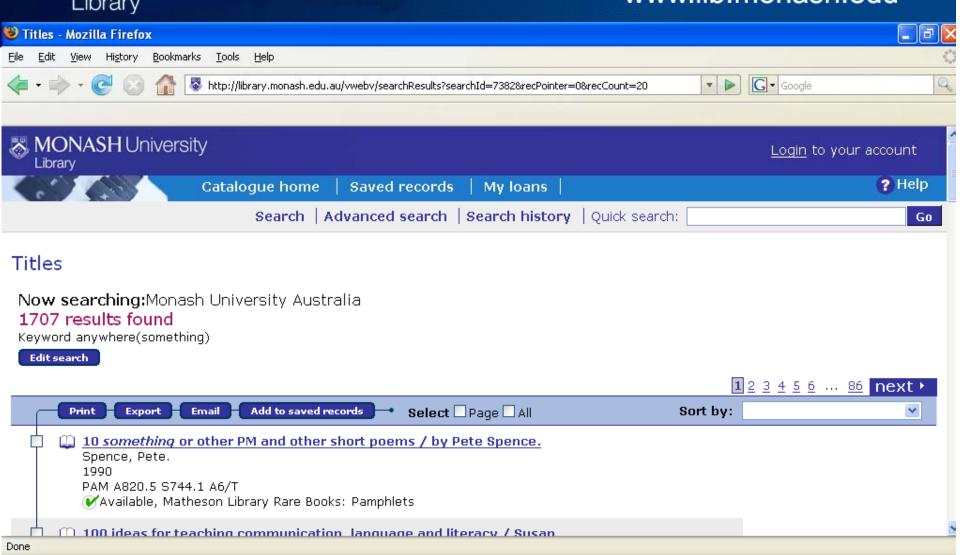
- New interface is a modern, flexible new architecture which gives us many options to do this type of work properly.
- Many issues that were identified in our own usability testing in 2003/4 are now finally able to be resolved.
- Accessibility is very good.
- User acceptance generally good (providing not using IE 6)

# Monash Customisation

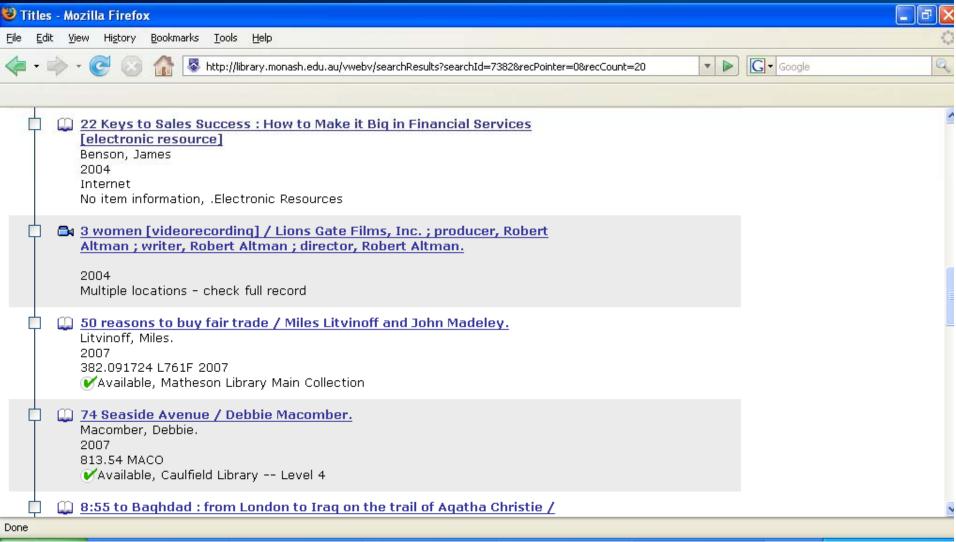
- Customise webvoyage.properties (from opac/search/limits.ini etc)
- Translate cfg files to XML format
- Apply Monash branding requirements
- Select 'recipes' and apply
- Hide limits on the advanced search page
- Display persistent link
- Display cover images



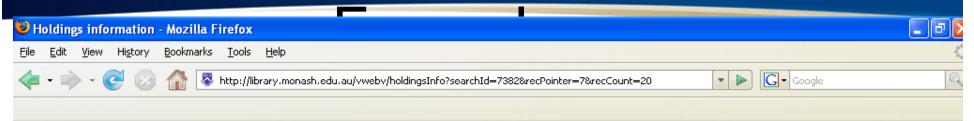












## 3 women



#### Title:

3 women [videorecording] / Lions Gate Films, Inc. ; producer, Robert Altman ; writer, Robert Altman : director, Robert Altman.

#### Publisher:

 $[{\sf United \, States}]: {\sf Criterion \, Collection} \; ; \; {\sf Chicago, \, Ill.} \; : \; {\sf Distributed \, \, by \, \, Home \, \, Vision}$ 

Entertainment, [2004]

Material type: [videorecording] /

Description: 1 videodisc (124 min.): sd., col.; 4 3/4 in.

Subject(s): Hero worship--Drama.

Nursing homes--Drama.

Video recordings for the hearing impaired.

Feature films.

Thrillers (Motion pictures, television, etc.)

#### Credits:

Director of photography, Chuck Rosher; art director, James D. Vance; editor, Dennis

Hill; music, Gerald Busby; wardrobe, Jules Melillo.

Author(s): Altman, Robert, 1925-2006.

Duvall, Shelley, 1949-

Spacek, Sissy. Rule, Janice. Fortier, Robert. Nelson, Ruth, 1905-

## Record views

#### Detailed

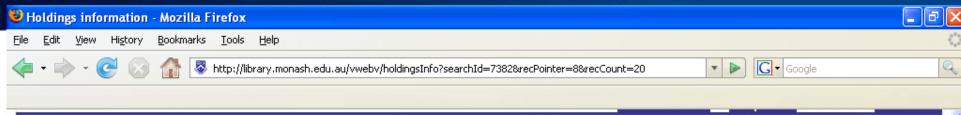
Librarian

#### Actions

- · Request this item
- Print
- Export
- Email
- · Add to saved records

More about this item





## 50 reasons to buy fair trade /

Author: Litvinoff, Miles.

Title: 50 reasons to buy fair trade / Miles Litvinoff and John Madeley.

Publisher: London; Ann Arbor, MI: Pluto, 2007.

Description: xvi, 240 p.; 20 cm.

Subject(s): Free trade.

International trade.

Consumption (Economics)

Restraint of trade.

Price maintenance--Developing countries.

Developing countries--Commerce.

Developing countries--Economic conditions.

Author(s): Madeley, John.

Other details: Includes bibliographical references (p. 187-202) and index.

**ISBN:** 9780745325859 (hbk.)

0745325858 (hbk.) 074532584X (pbk.) 9780745325842 (pbk.)

Table of contents: 1. Back a system that benefits the poor

2. Pay small-scale farmers a fairer price

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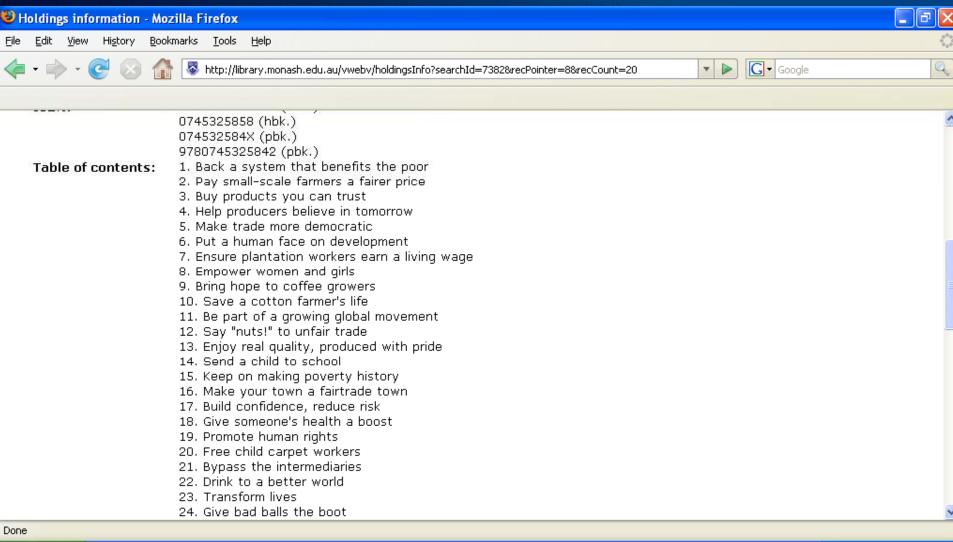
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Google Books:

"About This Book"

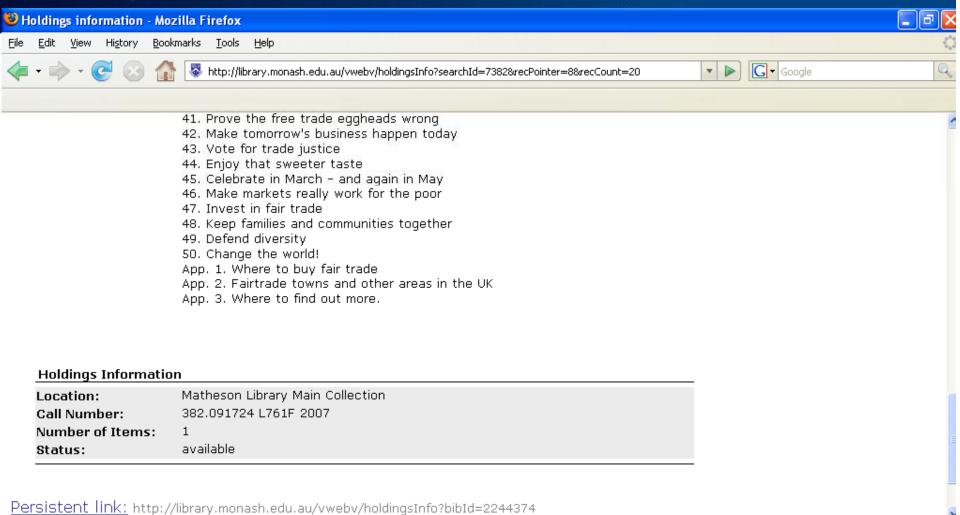
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# Monash Customisation

- Enabled external authentication
- Enable Monash specific enhancements tabs for
  - Electronic resources search
  - Reading list search
  - New title (not implemented yet)
- Set up simultaneous searching (not implemented yet)

# Technical Issues

- Apache and Tomcat can be confusing
- There are 38 predefined tomcat mount URL's which determines when apache hands over to tomcat.
- If you are writing enhancements or serving additional pages via apache you must be careful not to name the file or URL to one the tomcat mount URL's, ie /vwebv/log\*.
- Solaris 10 and SMF

# **Problems**

- We did have a list of 70 or so items which were causing us problems relating to:
- Whole MARC fields or subfields missing or cut-off in record display
- Requests pending display not working properly (in my loans pickup item available)
- URL links have all changed
- Export/print/save of records not working properly (this is a known bug)
- Error pages not meaningful in Tomcat (need customising)
- Item statuses not displaying properly (titles view shows Available when something is not)
- Column widths, white space and funny displays (in IE 7)
- Limit type and drop down box aren't functioning as expected
- General slowness in displaying record page due to long display and browser issues

# Tips

- CSS use Firebug (a Firefox plugin)
- XML/XSL enable 'Show XML'
- Javascript keep accessibility in mind
- Check bugs/issues/fixes (Pivotal & voyager-I)
- Install Classic

# IGeLU issues

- From a user group perspective, the IGeLU and ELUNA groups have recommended improvements to collaborative testing to help with some of these issues.
- We did do collaborative testing of Voyager 7 in January 2008 (Betsy Earl was our local rep) which successfully identified a number of issues which were fixed before Voyager 8 was released.
- The collaborative testing recommendations are at:
- http://igelu.org/files/webfm/public/members\_only/sc/ELUN
   A\_IGeLU\_ExL\_on\_Collaborative\_testing\_Nov\_2007.pdf

# Macquarie – Fiona Burton

- Preview server This was invaluable
- New version v good job esp Google Books & Google Analytics
- Configuration Webinars session very worthwhile
- Experience in configuration of previous versions helps
- Experience in XML helps. Firebug is very useful
- Changed file structure very frustrating
- Different XML coding for some characters
- Bugs or other problems I have found some 'funnies'.
- Look and feel difficult to apply the University template
- CSS experience needed
- Time to configure took a lot longer than I expected.
- Manuals The manuals are not that detailed.