

Ever Greener at Laurentian University

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Evergreen at LU

- Laurentian University has committed to migrate to Evergreen
 - Press release currently in translation en français
 - Target migration date: summer 2008
- We run a consortial ILS for 10 libraries:
 - Academic (university, college, university college)
 - Special (health, corporate, community)

Project Conifer

- Bigger news: three Ontario universities (Laurentian, McMaster, and Windsor) have agreed to implement a consortial Evergreen system
 - Systems-level opportunities for resource sharing, collaboration, cross-training
 - Eases our ability to offer enhanced services such as a single borrower card across institutions
- “Conifer” is, of course, a high-falutin' academic term for an evergreen

Why?

- Allan captured the primary reasons pretty well
 - We need to migrate off of our DEC Alpha hardware
 - We are dissatisfied with our current vendor's support
- We have an Evergreen developer in-house
- Robust and extensible Evergreen infrastructure
- Resource-sharing and collaboration opportunities
- Options for commercial support

Challenges

- Requirements before going live:
 - Pervasive bilingual support
 - Laurentian will provide the bulk of this
 - Academic reserves
 - Acquisitions
 - Serials
 - Documentation and training
- Limited resources: 80% of my time + student(s)

Further resources on Conifer

- Now available through <http://coffeecode.net/>
 - Business Readiness Rating for Evergreen
 - Report on assessing Evergreen for use in a bilingual academic library
 - This presentation
 - Occasional rants

Reducing our environmental footprint

- Process for fulfilling ILL requests from other libraries removes photocopying step
 - Saves a rough estimate of 15,000 pages / year
- Process for fulfilling ILL requests to our patrons removes the printing & hold for pick-up step
 - Email PDF (no DRM!) directly to patron
 - Saves a rough estimate of 85,000 pages / year
 - Saves hundreds of hours of researcher time / year
- Get independent legal advice!
- Get terms of usage in patrons' faces!