Voyager 7.0 Feature List

Please note that this list documents planned features for Voyager 7.0.

Ex Libris reserves the right to add to or modify the feature set during the development process.

Feature	Description	Module
Re-link bibliographic or holdings information on a Purchase Order	Acquisitions staff will be able to change the links on purchase orders to re-link bibliographic or holdings records in order to accurately reflect the items received on an order. This feature allows staff to correct errors on order records when incorrect or duplicate records have been linked during the order process. A history of the changes will be recorded to maintain a proper audit trail.	ACQ
Suppressed record indicator in search results	With Voyager 7.0, staff members will be able to set a preference in the staff clients to differentiate suppressed titles when displayed in a results list. This customizable and time-saving setting will allow users to know instantly when specific titles are suppressed from OPAC display without having to view individual records.	CAT
Delete incorrect bib record attached to a Purchase Order	This feature builds on new functionality in Voyager 7.0 to relink bibliographic and holdings records used on purchase orders and the suppressed record indicator in the search results list display. Authorized users will be able to relink bibliographic records attached to a purchase order and subsequently delete the incorrect bib record from the Voyager database. The new bibliographic merge feature also provides an option to remove duplicate records from the database in a single step. In order to retain a proper financial audit trail, a correct bibliographic record that is no longer needed must still be suppressed in the database, but will display in a results list as a suppressed record by using the new preference settings in this release.	CAT

Merge existing bibliographic records	Voyager 7.0 will allow a cataloging operator to select another bibliographic record in the database to merge with the active record. This record may be selected using a bibliographic search, by bib ID, or by selecting another record open in the client. All holdings and item records associated with the deleted bib record will be relinked to the active bib record. Voyager will also keep an audit trail of the merge in the record history log.	CAT
Item to bib record navigation	This feature will provide an easy and direct way to move from an open item or holdings record directly to the bibliographic record via menu options, keyboard shortcuts, or a toolbar icon. This enhancement will provide catalogers with a convenient way to navigate between records, streamlining workflows and increasing productivity.	CAT
Validation of ISBN/ISSN numbers	Voyager will automatically validate ISBN and ISSN numbers whenever a MARC record is saved to the database. The validation process will handle numbers with and without embedded hyphens and suffixes. Subfields that fail validation will be presented to the operator for review and correction. Both 10- and 13-digit ISBN numbers will be validated. This new feature will help to ensure that only valid numbers are being stored and indexed in the library's catalog.	CAT, ACQ, CIRC
Use Pick and Scan to suppress/unsuppress bibs and holdings records	Pick and Scan functionality allows operators to make bulk changes to specified item records. With this enhancement, Pick and Scan is now able to suppress and unsuppress the bibliographic and holdings records that are linked to the items being scanned, thus making batch changes quicker and easier. This new functionality will be available in both Cataloging and Circulation.	CAT, CIRC
Edit a hold or recall request	Patron hold or recall requests sometimes need to be edited to change the pickup location, expiration date, comments, location group, or even change from a title-level request to a copy-level request. With this release, staff members will be able to edit these fields through the Circulation client, providing a more efficient option for updating requests in Voyager.	CIRC

Copy and paste of barcodes	Circulation staff often navigate between several records and transaction screens. To make staff more efficient and reduce typographical errors, library staff will be able to copy and paste patron and item barcodes from one screen to another. Both menu options and shortcut keys are provided for this new feature.	CIRC
Fines and Fees Batch Forgive [This feature was introduced in Voyager 6.5.3]	Three new circjobs will allow library staff to forgive patron fines and fees for multiple patrons in a single step using library-specified criteria that includes a combination of patron expiration date and one or more selected patron groups, or simply by using the create date of the fine/fee. Fines and fees are converted to historical charges, and will allow the library to take advantage of patron purge functionality to remove the patron records from the library database after the fines and fees are forgiven.	CIRC
New look and feel for WebVoyáge	A major enhancement in Voyager 7.0 is a new look and feel for WebVoyáge. With this release, the out-of-the-box design for WebVoyáge will provide a clean contemporary display for the library catalog. The new interface includes user-focused search screens, improved navigation and labeling, and a re-designed Quick Search option. The redesigned interface is based on the results of usability studies and library focus groups conducted during the past three years.	OPAC
Redesigned titles summary list display	As part of the overall redesign for WebVoyáge, the titles summary display will be updated. New features include citation-style catalog entries, alternating background colors for items on the display, a "Filter Your Search" box on the titles summary display, new positioning for the print/save/export actions, and a reorganization of the "Edit Search", "Save Search", jump bar, and sort menu options.	OPAC
Redesigned record display layout in the OPAC	As a result of focus group testing and usability studies, the new WebVoyáge provides updated bibliographic displays that include easily-understood labels and the most-commonly-used fields. A new feature, the Action Box, will be prominently displayed on the page to encourage users to place requests, download or print the record, and access additional information about the title. A jump bar located above the Action Box provides easy navigation within the record set and to the search results.	OPAC

Google™ Book Search link [This feature was introduced in Voyager 6.5.4]	The new WebVoyáge record display provides a default link to Google™ Book Search. Using this new link, library patrons can now enhance their findings with Google™ Book Search features such as full text, book previews, cover thumbnails, and a mashup from Google™ Maps linking pages in a book describing a specific place to its location on the world map. Users will see this link automatically when the title is available at Google™ Book Search.	OPAC
New "Exit" actions in WebVoyáge	WebVoyáge users will be provided with new features that improve their experience with the library's catalog. A configurable countdown timer will be added that gives the user an alert before the session ends. Upon timing out, WebVoyage will refresh to a new start page, ready for another user to begin a new search in the catalog.	OPAC
Redesigned patron information display in the OPAC	The patron information display in Voyager 7.0 will be redesigned to streamline the display and provide new features. New in this release, patrons will be able to view a summary of their account transactions with hyperlinks to the relevant sections of the display, and see additional addresses and telephone numbers the library has on record. These changes will provide patrons with an easier-to-use "My Account" display and offer them a more complete picture of their transactions and account information.	OPAC
Printing, emailing or saving OPAC records	New in this release, the Print, Save, and Email options in WebVoyáge will be enhanced to add a "Select All" option, make the "Retain Selected" option automatically retain records when moving to a new page, allow emails to be sent to multiple addresses, and permit the user to enter comments to be sent with the email. All the new features are designed to make the process of selecting and sending records easier and more intuitive.	OPAC

OPAC Accessibility	Accessibility of the library catalog is an important issue. With the redesign of WebVoyáge, we are incorporating changes to make the OPAC more user-friendly for all library patrons. By closely following Section 508 and W3C Web accessibility guidelines, WebVoyáge includes advanced markup and use of tagging to provide better navigation for patrons using assistive technologies. Specific attention has been given to providing "alt" tags for all image and non-text elements, using style sheets to govern display, limiting the use of tables, minimizing repetitive content where possible, and adding descriptive text to hidden data elements. The result provides a better interface for all library users.	OPAC
Support for Firefox 2.0 Web browser	With this release, WebVoyáge will be supported on the Firefox 2.0 Web browser.	OPAC
Support for Microsoft Access 2007	Voyager will also support MS Access 2007, which is used by Reporter and Voyager ILL, and for management reports generated through Access.	REPORTER, ACCESS REPORTS, VOYAGER ILL
Change location on P.O. without losing receipt history	Voyager 7.0 will now display receipt history details even when the intended location has been changed on the purchase order. In previous releases, the receipt history "disappeared" when the intended location was changed. With this release, the change in location will be propagated to all associated received issues and to any new issues, items, or bindery volumes that are subsequently created.	SERIALS
Close non-predictive pattern/convert to predictive pattern without losing receipt history	Starting in this release, Serials operators will be able to close a non-predictive serials pattern and open a predictive pattern for the component without losing past serials receipt history. This enhancement to Voyager will provide a more complete picture of a library's serial holdings and streamline check-in workflows when publication schedules are changed.	SERIALS
Selecting multiple issues in Serials History using standard Windows™ functionality	Library staff must often make changes to multiple issues in serials history. With Voyager 7.0, staff will be able to use the "Shift" or "Ctrl" keys to select multiple issues when making changes. This change will reduce keystrokes required to complete maintenance tasks and produce faster results.	SERIALS

Unreceive multiple serials issues	Complementing the multiple selection feature, this enhancement to Voyager 7.0 will allow a serials operator to unreceive a range of issues with a single command, unless the issues have item records or have been collapsed. The operator will be warned if any issues could not be unreceived, and will be allowed to update those individual issues manually.	SERIALS
Staff client search defaults	Staff searching options in Voyager 7.0 now include the ability for individual operators to set search defaults in the staff clients. New searching options allow users to select a default search tab, default index, and default index and search options on the "Builder" search tab. These options will be available in all staff clients where searching can be done.	ACQ, CAT, CIRC, MEDIA
Integration with URSA 4.0	Voyager InterCirc-URSA allows Voyager libraries to share resources with other libraries in a consortium using the URSA system. With this release, Voyager InterCirc will interoperate with the newest release of URSA (URSA 4.0), providing support for new options to renew and recall items borrowed from consortium members.	INTERCIRC
SIP2 support for EnvisionWare's PC Reservation® system [This feature was introduced in Voyager 6.5.3]	Voyager's SIP2 messages have been enhanced to include patron group information, providing support to manage computer use based on library policies restricted by patron group categories.	SIP2 INTERFACE
Add copy number parameters to Bulk Import	Voyager's Bulk Import feature now allows operators to specify a default copy number for items created by Bulk Import.	SYSTEM
New client distribution options	Starting with version 7.0, Voyager clients may be installed or upgraded using new client distribution options to push clients out to all staff workstations. The new distribution system allows client upgrades to occur without overwriting all existing client settings, minimizing the time and effort required to update clients when new software is released.	SYSTEM

Voyager Web Services documentation	Voyager provides a number of Web services that can be used by local libraries to more closely integrate Voyager into the campus environment. Voyager 7.0 provides documentation for several of these Web services: • Personal Information Service • My Account Service • Renew Service • Cancel Service • Holdings Information Service • Get Request Service • Get Requests Service • Send Request Service • Get Short Loan Dates Service • Change UB Holdings Library Service • Change UB Pickup Library Service • Change Media Item Service • Change Media Delivery Loc Service • Validate Media Equipment Service • Validate Media Item Service • ACQ Information Service • Bibliographic Information Service	SYSTEM
Support for Oracle 10g	This newest version of Voyager is exclusively supported on Oracle 10g.	SYSTEM