



The Future of Voilà: Our National Union Catalogue

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Outline

1. Background

- Voilà in Worldcat: The value proposition

2. A New Vision for Voilà

- Roles and responsibilities
- New guiding principles for Voilà

3. Library Participation in Voila Policy Exercise

4. Next Steps

- On-line engagement

Voilà in Worldcat : The Value Proposition

Amicus

- Over 20 years old
- Freely available copy cataloguing and ILL
- Not sustainable:
 - Lengthy processing times
 - Unable to keep up with technological advances and requirements

VOILA

- ILL Improvements
 - More advanced infrastructure
 - Double the Canadian holdings
- Copy cataloguing
 - Ten times the bibliographic records
- Increased, global awareness of Canadian library collections
- Reporting and analytics capacity

Voilà & Small Libraries

- With the implementation of Voilà in February 2018, libraries in Canada began paying for copy cataloguing, ILL and loading of holdings.
- Funding for ILL and Copy Cataloguing Services are provided to small public and academic libraries
 - Criteria
 - Small Public Libraries: populations of less than 50,000 people
 - Small Academic Libraries: collections of less than 60,000 items
- In 2018-19,
 - 32 academic institutions were found eligible and 34 public libraries
 - -63 copy cataloguing subscriptions and 42 ILL

Small Public Libraries - One Year Transition Funding

Through various conversations we learned about concerns:

- Affordability
- Pricing model based on individual collections vs regional networks
- Locating Canadian content
- Need for communication on direction for VOILA, and policy

Transition Strategy:

- Transition funding for 1 yr only;
 - Criteria developed with PTPLC
 - Most small public libraries participating through their regional networks
 - Copy Cataloguing / Holdings registration or, ILL / Holdings registration
- Co-creation with Canadian library community of first NUC strategy and policy

Vision for Voilà

- A National Union Catalogue that is comprehensive, inclusive, sustainable and meets the needs of Canadian libraries and their patrons.
 - **Comprehensive** – Reflecting the diversity and entirety of the Canadian published landscape. (Goal: include library holdings from all of Canada).
 - Canadian Libraries have access to more up-to-date information on unique library holdings in Canada
 - **Inclusive** - Canadian libraries are able to participate.
 - **Sustainable** - Sufficiently resourced to endure
 - **Responsive** to the needs of Canadian Libraries and their patrons –.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **Library and Archives Canada**
 - Manage the Voilà interface and fund small public and academic libraries yearly.
 - Engage the library community participation in developing a new policy and strategy for Voilà.
- **Libraries**
 - Contribute bibliographic records and holdings information in support of copy cataloguing, ILL and resource sharing.
 - Participate in policy conversation and problem solving

Guiding Principles for Voilà Policy



- **Avoid duplication of services**
 - LAC will not duplicate or replace existing regional library services but instead leverage existing regional library networks and consortia in Canada.
- **Leadership and Collaboration**
 - LAC will provide a leadership role for Voilà working in close collaboration with the Canadian library community.
- **Shared Funding and Governance**
 - LAC and the library community will share the funding and governance of Voila

Key Questions for the Library Community



1. Do you agree with LAC's current Vision for Voilà?
2. Do you agree with the guiding principles and roles and responsibilities for Voilà?
3. What are some of the challenges to achieving this vision?
4. What strategic directions and actions do we need to take to overcome these challenges?
5. What are some practical solutions we can adopt to address these challenges?

Next Steps

- LAC will engage with every region in Canada on Voilà policy development during 2019-20
 - **Progressive and participative** policy development
 - **Place Speak** – Online citizen participation forum
 - <http://placespeak.com/LACvoila>
 - <http://placespeak.com/BACvoila>
 - Social media updates

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