Attendees:

Emmett Denny (FAMU); Linda Sobey (FAMU Law); Teresa Abaid, Deb Hoban, Helen Laurence (FAU); Daniel Cromwell, Mary Ann O'Daniel, Jean Phillips (FCLA); Catherine Gardiner (FGCU); Nancy Hershoff, Sue Wartzok, Elaine Winske (FIU); Ruth Ziegler (FSU), Patricia Bingham-Harper (FSU Law); Carolyn Klatt (FSU-MED); Kimberly Montgomery, Jeannette Ward (UCF); Betsy Simpson (UF); Cecilia Botero, Chair (UF-HSC); Ya'aqov Ziso (UNF); Susan Heron (USF); Allison Howard, (USF-Health); Dan North (UWF)

Chair for Next Year

Ya'aqov Ziso of UNF will be the TSPC chair beginning in January 2008. Ya'aqov spoke of collaborative initiatives between TSPC and PSPC, including the OPAC Subcommittee. The Directors need to sign off on Ya'aqov's nomination. The Committee did not choose a Vice Chair; this can be done later.

PSPC / TSPC Joint Meeting

Nancy Hershoff of FIU attended the last CSUL meeting. Discussions are underway for TSPC and PSPC to hold a joint meeting concerning the OPAC. The Committee feels a meeting in January 2008 would be a good idea, preferably sometime after the ALA Midwinter Meeting. It was suggested a speaker be asked to address the meeting. TSPC members will talk with PSPC about making arrangements for the meeting. Ya'aqov Ziso and Dan North volunteered to serve on a small task force to plan the agenda and logistics of the meeting with members of the PSPC committee. Kim Montgomery of UCF and Susan Heron of USF will also serve on the task force.

New Titles / UF and FCLA programs / RSS

What constitutes a good definition for a "new title?" The answer to this question is a problem most libraries will encounter. A new titles database can be set up in Aleph. To this end, UF and FGCU add a special date field to the Aleph holding record. The "new" titles with the special date field are gathered into the logical base for a defined number of days and are automatically cycled out at the end of the defined period. USF has a locally developed program for its New Titles List. For FGCU, UF, and USF, after a search is completed in Endeca, a facet category appears that limits by New Titles when they are available.

 The Endeca RSS feed works by reissuing a saved search on a later date. Capturing and defining the search saved through the RSS feed is dependent on

the patron and not the library. This requires little work by the staff, but of course this list is not as precise. The RSS feed is supported in a browser or aggregator. New titles are picked up when the search is re-executed. Depending on the reader, these may be marked in some manner. The number of hits displayed in the browser may be limited.

Betsy Simpson of UF spoke of a macro from MacroExpress that is used to gather statistics on the cataloging process. The macro is run based on a set of questions about the item being cataloged. When the queries are answered, data is collected and a trigger is placed in the holding record and a tickler is placed in the bibliographic record.

Jean, Ya'aqov and Betsy will prepare a detailed description of both the RSS and the New Titles (and its macros) options, and send both to the TSPC and OPAC Subcommittee.

Dan North asked if a macro could be implemented centrally so that this task would not need to be repeated at each institution. Daniel Cromwell of FCLA "sees no means implementing a macro centrally. There is the possibility of an institution that has already created a macro sharing the details of how to set it up, but it would need to be implemented locally with tweaks for local procedures and hardware.

New Indexes in dev18

Mary Ann O'Daniel reported that little progress has been made. The upgrades to PROD 18 are taking time. New indexes are being set up first for LCA10 on dev18. Mary Ann will also be working on the Browse index to LCA10.

Update on ARC 2.0

Jean Phillips, Dan North, and Ya'aqov Ziso have held discussions concerning ARC 2.0. They have had contact with John Straw, the vendor representative for this product. There have been Webinars on ARC 2.0 and there is a documentation guide (76 pages) on the Ex-Libris web site. Dan reports that ARC 2.0 can create many different types of useful ad hoc reports. Jean, Dan, and Ya'aqov will talk again on September 14. John Straw will visit Jean next week at FCLA. Information about ARC 2.0 will be placed on the FCLA wiki for discussion.

Other

Ruth Ziegler asked Mary Ann about ghost entries in the bibliographic index. Mary Ann stated that FCLA has been working on this problem. This will be corrected by FCLA in test. Mary Ann speculated that re-indexing will remove the ghost index entries.

Dan North inquired as to why Endeca was not bringing forward all records that have been added to Aleph ver. 18. Daniel explained the updates include extracting the data, merging the data, and then transforming the data into Endeca records. That process currently takes about two and a half days. New Endeca records should be available Friday and Monday mornings respectively.

Next Meeting

The next TSPC teleconference call will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

The teleconference call ended at 3:30 PM

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