

TSPC Authorities Subcommittee
Quarterly Report
August 21, 2006

The TSPC Authorities Subcommittee is gearing up to turn their working outline into a detailed agenda for the Nov. 2/3 workshop scheduled to be held at the University of Central Florida. The Subcommittee expects to send out the agenda in early October so that people can arrange to attend.

Mary Ann O'Daniel reports the following on the authority file loads that she has been doing:

- The weekly **subject** updates are up-to-date and they are loaded as they are received.
- As of 8/16/06 the **series/title** subset of the name update files have been loaded through 2005, week 50. These updates don't have a very large impact on indexing in the universities' bib libraries. Mary Ann is loading an average of 2 files per day. At this rate, the backlog of series/title updates should finish loading around mid-September. From then on, the weekly series/title authority updates will load the same day as the weekly subject updates. *Nancy Williams* and *Gerald Langford* are helping with the post-load cleanup.
- Mary Ann is finding that the retained **delete** records can get in the way of linking to the active records. She will be looking into remedies for this. One possibility is to add \$7 DELETED to 1xx, 4xx and 5xx fields in deleted authorities. This proposal will be presented to the subcommittee for discussion before implementation.
- The **MeSH** resource authority library is nearly three years behind on updates. Mary Ann will do some test loads to determine how complicated the loads will be and the impact they will have on local indexing queues. Whether the MeSH loads should be done before starting the loading of the names backlog will be presented to the subcommittee for discussion in order to help Mary Ann with her workflow planning.
- In September *Donna Alsbury* and Mary Ann will work on creating a **report** for each library that lists the bib records associated with the LCA10 records created or updated by a load. These institution-specific reports need to be functional before the remaining names files are loaded. Donna and Mary Ann hope to have some version of these reports in place by October.

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