Metadata Subcommittee
Quarterly Report
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The Metadata Subcommittee spent a lot of time working on issues involved in transferring records from NOTIS to the Aleph DLU01 library. The decision was made to exclude records marked "inzprocess" from the transfer. Each library needed to look over the records that were in LTQF and LTQC to determine which records and collections should be in DLU01. Libraries should also determine what should be in DigiTool. This is an opportunity for libraries to reassess treatment of certain digital projects.

FCLA loaded some visual collections into DLU01. The subcommittee members reviewed those records and found only minor issues. Visual collections are being loaded first. The textual collections are being examined for loading afterward. Work continues to be done on character display issues and diacritics. Once the diacritics are fixed, FCLA will reload data into DLU01.   At that time, the DLU01 library will be considered live.

Discussions were begun concerning future directions. An important area is the question of how traditional and new metadata end up in Endeca.   Minimum requirements for MARC and non-MARC records need to be considered. Data from different sources will need to work well together. We will need to look at what Endeca does with that data, and how well the different sources blend. There was also a great deal of interest in how data will work in the environment that will be created by developments beyond Endeca such as those that will be discussed at the upcoming OPAC Visioning Summit.