

TSPC Conference Call Minutes Nov. 29, 2006

1. Attendance and introductions; volunteer to take the minutes. UF-HSCL Cecilia Botero (chair-elect), FAMU Law Linda Sobey; FSU Music Sarah Colen; UF Betsy Simpson, UF LIC Jean Bostwick; UNF Vicki Stanton; UCF Jeannette Ward; FAU Janice Donahue; FIU Sue Wartzok, Nancy Hershoff (guest); USF Susan Heron, USF-Med. Alison Howard; FGCU Catherine Gardiner; FCLA Mary Ann O'Daniel, Daniel Cromwell, Charles McElroy

2. Planning and Testing Aleph V. 18: A message will soon be coming out about opening up the V.18 client to people for review. Currently V.18 is on the Development Server. The LMS project list and coordinators will be asked to begin the process of reviewing test data. We will be using the same subset of 75,000 records used for the initial conversion. A full set will then be loaded and we will have it for a few months to review. Problems found will be sent to an upgrade queue rather than by functional area. May through August of 2007 are being targeted for upgrades for all universities. Data will be migrated as is, if there's any need for clean up it will need to be done manually either in v.15.5 or v.18.
FCLA has purchased training videos from Ex-Libris. These will be made available to us for review and we will determine from that whether or not further training will be required.

Impact Endeca will have on Technical Services: Implementing Endeca will mean that consistency of headings across databases and all institutions will be even more important. Records will not show up in Endeca immediately, will probably be overnight. However, holdings items and circulation information will be in real time. Endeca bibliographic records will be merged records showing separate holdings. This is something to consider and discuss with the group looking at Endeca implementation.

3. Metadata Summit: In general people found it useful and productive. Seven recommendations were sent forward to the Directors as a result of the summit. The seven recommendations are as follow:
 - a. Increase communication between digital and cataloging personnel.
 - b. Increase communication between institutions
 - c. The dissolution of DDAC was very unfortunate and they urged the directors to create a group of digital staff.
 - d. The group recommends that LTQF become a separate Aleph Library.
 - e. Strong consensus for Endeca to be the user interface for combined searching of the OPAC.
 - f. Asked for approval to convene a working group to draft new digital library guidelines for electronic collections creation, description and access.
 - g. Would like to keep the MetaSumm-L discussion list for continued discussion.

4. Authorities Meeting: Daniel is working on loading MeSh. The question was asked if it would just be easier to load them in V.18 rather than spending time trying to figure out how to get them in v.15.5. Daniel will look into this.
UF and UNF have carried the burden for centralized authority control thus far. V.18 should have some improvements for authority control. There's a need to improve Aleph reports before NOTIS is completely closed down.

5. Data Warehouse: Aleph Arrow is currently very rudimentary. If people have suggestions for improvement put a report in RT (Report Tracker).

Next meeting Jan. 11 at 1:30 pm. I'll e-mail you all after the first of the year with specifics.