Technical Services Planning Committee Quarterly Report
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At the end of September, Becky Donlan notified the group that Catherine Gardiner would be replacing her as the FGCU representative. Since Becky had been serving as chair, we discussed her replacement scheduled during our conference call Oct. 21. I agreed to act as chair through the end of the year. At that time, we will recruit again.

Other discussion included:
- updates on Aleph implementation progress in the Phase 2 libraries,
- problems with getting Authority file updates loaded into Aleph for Phase 1 libraries.
- problems with integrating the SUL electronic resources catalog (LTQF) and keeping it current now that some libraries are in Aleph, some in NOTIS. Aleph libraries will catalog digitized materials in NOTIS, then these will be periodically migrated to their Aleph catalogs.
- MARCIVE loads have been delayed as specs and loading parameters have been developed.

Subsequent to the conference call, Priscilla Williams and Gerald Langford from UF met at UNF with Linda Smith, Verna Urbanski, Lee Richardson and Angela Randtke to discuss priorities for Aleph Authority file reports and updates and corrections. Their report will be shared with TSPC and all those on the Authority subcommittee. They agreed the number one priority is to get the Aleph shared Authority file (LCA10) loaded and updated regularly on a weekly basis.

Action items;
- In discussing the question of assessing catalog record packages offered in conjunction with electronic databases, TSPC recommends referring these questions to its CAGER group which has responsibility for cataloging guidelines for electronic resources for the SUL. To enhance communication, it was recommended that a member of CAGER serve as a liaison to ECC and that ECC designate a liaison to TSPC.
- TSPC is planning to schedule a meeting to include members of the subcommittees and other interested staff. This is planned for Jan. 7, 2005 at UCF. The agenda will include opportunities for all to share experiences in migration and implementation. In addition to the subcommittee reports, topics identified so far are: reports and services, use of macros, local enhancements to Aleph.
- TSPC members generally felt the annual Joint Meeting provided a good opportunity to share and network with colleagues. We recommend that the Joint Meeting be put back on the calendar for 2005. In the meantime, the committees could help better define the issues and agendas with FCLA to reduce the overlap, and possibly the length of time, the Joint Meeting has previously required.