

TSPC Quarterly Report

Nov. 19, 2007

The Technical Services Planning Committee met in conference calls on Sept. 13, 2007, Oct. 11, 2007, Nov. 1, 2007 and Nov. 15, 2007. There was also extensive discussion on the TSPC ListServe. This report is based on the discussions and recommendations at those meetings and on subsequent email interactions.

1. OPAC Visioning Summit

TSPC members continued to work on Endeca enhancement with the OPAC Subcommittee through their TSPC representative. The extensive discussion was instrumental in the proposal sent to the CSUL for a Visioning Summit to discuss the OPAC of the future. That meeting has been approved and is scheduled for January 2008. Currently a planning Task Force composed of members from the TSPC and the OPAC Subcommittee are working on the final agenda.

2. Endeca display problems

Display issues particularly in relation to the merged view presented to the public are an ongoing feature of our discussions. A cataloging contact list was created specifically to address the editing of records which cause display problems in our current implementation of the OPAC. Overall issues, for example, the display of local subject headings have also been discussed in an attempt to come up with an across the board solution and subsequent policy agreement.

3. ARC

Because so much needed management report information is not available from the existing Aleph modules, a small group of members are investigating pricing and functionality of the new version of Ex-Libris reporting product ARC 2.0. Once they have received information they will present it to the group. In addition, all TSPC members have been asked to send FCLA suggestions on the types of reports we would like to see from the system. They should be detailed and include all the elements which are needed in each report.

4. Aleph Indexing

The TSPC and Authorities Subcommittee are still discussing and planning for future testing of the indexing changes that we would like to see implemented in V.18.

5. TSPC 2008 Action Plan

The TSPC dedicated the last conference call of Nov. 15 to discussion and drafting its 2008 Action Plan for the CSUL

6. Chair elect for 2008

Ya'aqov Ziso was elected as chair of TSPC for 2008. His term will begin in January 2008, although he has already begun his work by taking the lead in putting together the TSPC Action Plan for the CSUL. No vice-chair was selected at this time.

7. Metadata GROUP

They Metadata Subcommittee will be submitting a separate report.

8. Authorities Subcommittee

The Authorities Subcommittee will submit a separate report.

