

Technical Services Planning Committee

Monthly Conference Call

September 25, 2008

Attendance:

FAMU	Emmett Denny	Michele Newberry	FSU-Law	Pat Bingham-Harper	
FAMU-Law	Linda Sobey	Mary Ann O'Daniel	NCF	Tom Tharrington	
FAU	Teresa Abaid	Jean Phillips	UCF	Lyn Case	
	Maria Berenbaum	FGCU		Jeanne Piascik	
	Janice Donahue	FIU		UF	Betsy Simpson
	Deb Hoban				Priscilla Williams
	Helen Laurence	FIU-Law		UF-Health	Cecilia Botero
FCLA	Ellen Bishop	FSU		UNF	Jeff Bowen
	Daniel Cromwell				Barbara Tuck
	Josh Greben			USF	Susan Heron

The agenda was approved with a minor correction.

TSPC voiced support for inviting Ben Walker to attend the next meeting.

Announcements:

- Bob Sun is retiring at the end of September. TSPC members expressed appreciation for his contributions to the Authorities and Metadata Subcommittees and wished him the best in his retirement.
- CSUL will meet with current and incoming committee chairs on November 14. The agenda is forthcoming.

Single Bibliographic Record:

Emmett Denny and Michele Newberry attended the CSUL meeting where TSPC's single bib report was discussed and commented that it was well-received. As mentioned by Amy Weiss in her posting on TS-PLAN, CSUL did not take any action on the report other than to request that FCLA provide additional technical information. Jean Phillips said that FCLA is researching options for unmediated borrowing.

440 Field:

Betsy Simpson pointed out that MARBI approved a proposal to make the 440 field obsolete and asked for input from TSPC regarding the conversion of existing 440 fields to 490/8XX fields and the need to update the Aleph validation tables. The Authorities Subcommittee will investigate further. Mary Ann O'Daniel said it would be best to delay any action until spring after reindexing is done.

Aleph v.19:

Jean said CSUL would like input on a possible upgrade to v.19 and asked TSPC to consider if v.19 offers sufficient benefits to justify the necessary time and energy. Although expected to be a smooth process, Jean explained that FCLA and the SUL would have to begin immediately to plan for a summer 2009 upgrade to v.19. Alternatively, the SUL could opt to wait and upgrade to v.20 in summer 2010. TSPC members agreed to poll their libraries and share reactions on TS-PLAN.

Elaine Winske questioned if v. 19 improvements in the Admin Module, particularly related to batch processes, might offer advantages applicable to a single bib environment. The use of OWN codes on holdings was raised as a possible mechanism for managing records from multiple libraries. According to Daniel Cromwell, this is a current feature of Aleph not being used by any of the libraries. Daniel also said that it is possible to have multiple OWN codes in a bib record and to associate multiple OWN codes with an individual operator's permissions.

Sue Wartzok mentioned that UF has instituted a single bib across its libraries and FIU is investigating moving in this direction. Sue encouraged other SUL libraries to consider this and to share experiences.

Aleph authority indexes:

Mary Ann reported that the direct and headings indexes have been rebuilt, and FCLA is loading the fresh retrospective LC authority files. Next week FCLA will conduct a timing test for parallel indexing.

Liaison and Subcommittee Reports:

OPAC Subcommittee: Betsy gave highlights from the 9/11/08 OPAC Subcommittee meeting - location mapping is underway, partial updates will be in test soon, a data load date has been added at the bottom of the debug records in Endeca/Mango, and the inclusion of item-level digital object records in Endeca/Mango will be addressed if it becomes an issue. On the latter point, Jean Phillips pointed out that Endeca/Mango already includes DLU01 and Digitool records with plans underway to include 1.3 million Center for Research Libraries' (CRL) records as well as other large sets. When asked about progress with loading government documents records, Jean said she would check with PSPC about the status of the project and report back to TSPC. Betsy also mentioned that she will post to TS-PLAN details about a clean-up project to fix faulty URLs, a problem reported to the OPAC Subcommittee.

Authorities Subcommittee: Priscilla Williams said that the Authorities Subcommittee is actively involved in reindexing activities and thanked FCLA for generating useful maintenance reports.

Metadata Subcommittee: Emmett Denny announced that the Metadata Subcommittee is going to revise the CAGER Guidelines in coordination with the Digital Initiatives Subcommittee. Salwa Patel, DISC Chair, will attend the October 8 Metadata Subcommittee meeting, and Emmett will update TSPC at its next meeting.

FCLA Update:

Aleph's Digital Asset Module (ADAM) allows digital objects to be embedded in bib records. Before it is used, it needs to be licensed and Endeca/Mango configured to accept the data. Lyn Case explained that UCF had done some experimenting with it but has stopped.

FCLA plans to survey TSPC regarding the use of STA fields on bibs and holdings. The input will be helpful background for configuring the data warehouse and processing OCLC reclamation projects. Currently, OCLC is offering reclamation projects free of charge, which is attractive to CSUL. FCLA has learned a lot working on USF's reclamation project.

FCLA is using BIRT for internal reporting purposes and has begun to convert ARROW reports to the BIRT platform, beginning with Acquisitions reports.

CSUL directed FCLA to load the CRL records into Endeca/Mango. FCLA is in the process of working out the details and asked for volunteers to assist them with a data review. The records will display in the union catalog and selected institutional catalogs.

FCLA staff duties have been adjusted as needed to assure all tasks are covered.

Next meeting:

October 30, 2008, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST
Hosted by University of Florida-Health Sciences

Recorder for September:

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University of Florida