

**Quarterly Report of the  
TSPC Authorities Subcommittee  
February 2009**

The Authorities Subcommittee, over the past three months, continued to make recommendations to FCLA on various indexing issues to support the indexing for production databases across the SUL. Based on the recommendations for indexing changes, FCLA rebuilt the bib indexes on DEV18 to link to local authority files and the DEV18 versions of LCA10 and MSH12. The Subcommittee participated in the extensive testing of the indexes in the DEV18 client and provided important feedback so FCLA could fine tune the detailed coding that defines the structure of an index. The re-indexing schedule is being set up and there are assigned dates for the re-indexing of the first three libraries. The process for the first library has already started. This directly relates to authorities work because after the indexes are regenerated, controlled access points will be linking to headings in a current authority file for the first time since the migration to ALEPH.

On January 21, 2009, the Subcommittee met in a conference call. The purpose of the meeting was to assess progress made on the 2008 Action Plan and to articulate any new objectives and activities to be included in the TSPC Action Plan for 2009. The meeting was very productive and resulted in a consensus in action items that would go forward to the TSPC.

In addition, the Subcommittee discussed what authority work was being done in the current environment and how the current Aleph and ARROW authority reports were being used. As a result, we agreed to conduct a simple survey to determine the status of authority work among the SULs. The survey will provide valuable input for future discussions about existing authority reports, and the need for additional ones, based on an up to date authority file.

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