

## **Quarterly Report of the TSPC Authorities Subcommittee August 2008**

The Authority Subcommittee has continued to use the authorities list serve for discussion, collaboration with FCLA, and to communicate decisions. The LCA10 direct indexes were refined and approved by the Subcommittee on June 11, 2008. The Subcommittee participated in the discussion of the draft document for moving to a single bibliographic record and is also participating in the review of the BIB keyword indexes. There has been some off-list discussion about sharing documentation for global changes and using the AUT Recheck function to update a heading in multiple bibliographic records in one step.

FCLA has been very good about explaining the re-indexing process and keeping us posted: why we are doing it, the new parallel indexing process, where we are in the overall process, issues that come up, and when and what the Subcommittee needs to review in DEV18. Currently the Subcommittee is reviewing the LCA10 heading (ACC) indexes paying particular attention to the General Index (GEN) which is used for linking to bibliographic records. Posting information to the TSPC swiki is also very helpful.

### **Authority Reports:**

FLCA has stopped loading updates for the NOTIS authority file. The last NOTIS authority report was for week 21 of 2008 (June 5, 2008). There will be no reports for name updates until the ALEPH authority file (LCA10) is up to date and all indexes have been regenerated based on the new index specifications. The time saved will be used to speed up the re-indexing process. Before the final re-indexing begins there will be an opportunity to test new authority functionalities and the new indexes with an up to date LCA10. Currently institution specific reports for updates to series and subject headings can be run using the ALEPH ARROW authority reports developed by FCLA. There is an 'Authority Load Before and After' report that can be run for either an update or delete status. There is also an 'Authority COR Comparison' report that identifies changes to the established heading. The Authorities Subcommittee is very pleased with these reports and looks forward to testing/using them for names with an up to date LCA10.

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