

Technical Services Planning Committee Quarterly Report

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Meetings: The Technical Services Planning Committee met Jan. 7 at UCF in Orlando and on conference call Feb. 9, 2005.

Discussion during the last quarter has continued to include:

- reports from the Phase 1 libraries on their experience with Aleph to date,
- updates on Aleph implementation progress in the Phase 2 libraries,
- Aleph authority file loads (LCA10) for Phase 1 libraries,
- Recommendations from Authority subcommittee on Authority file load priorities and reports,
- SUL electronic resources catalog (LTQF) loads for Aleph libraries are still delayed,
- FCLA development of problem report tracking system for SUL use,
- Need for larger Aleph test region. Members will discuss and give specifics on the TSPC list,
- EDI progress with serial invoices (EBSCO). Dan North will investigate EDI options for monograph ordering (Midwest Library Service),
- Data warehousing and reports. Donna Alsbury will post the Acqclient list with status. Interested staff from each library is encouraged to participate in the discussion,
- CAGER is reviewing ejournal guidelines and will develop guidelines for databases

The consensus of TSPC members is that our face-to-face meeting Jan. 7 was productive and informative. TSPC again discussed the value of the SUL Joint Meetings as an opportunity to get an overview of library systems and operations, and to network and share experiences in system migration.

Phase 2 and 3 Library updates.

- a) FSU - full test load released for review 2/2/05; comments due 3/2/05.
FAMU - full test load released for review 2/7/05; comments due 3/7/05
USF - full test load began 2/1/05; projected date to be available for review is 3/15/05
- b) Phase 2 Permissions Workshop is scheduled for 2/23/05 (at FCLA)
Phase 2 Reports and Printing, Client Management Workshops is scheduled for 2/24/05-2/25/05 (at FCLA)
Phase 2 circ consultations are being scheduled for March (onsite)
Phase 2 GenLoad workshop will be scheduled for late March or early April (at FCLA)(will be scheduled around Phase 3 kickoffs)
Phase 3 kickoffs will be scheduled for April (onsite)
Phase 3 data conversion workshops will be scheduled for July (onsite)

Important dates:

- FSU - STP 5/2/05; cataloging freeze 4/1/05
- FAMU - STP 5/23/05; cataloging freeze 4/29/05
- USF - STP 6/27/05; cataloging freeze 5/27/05
- FGCU - STP 8/8/05; cataloging freeze date 7/22/05

The FSU freeze date is pretty certain; the others could shift a little.

Action item:

Aleph implementation schedule for the SUL

The Technical Services Planning Committee strongly recommends that the current Aleph implementation and upgrade schedules be followed for the SUL Libraries. We feel it should be a priority to get all the libraries migrated to the same version of Aleph, then upgrade all the libraries to the latest version of the system available for production.

Future Action item:

Statewide site license for MacroExpress.

TSPC is investigating consortial price quotes for all the SULs, including possible credits for those institutions that have already purchased copies. With a consortial price break and credit for copies already purchased, the TSPC estimates at this time that the total cost per SUL will not be large, ranging from a few hundred dollars for the smallest up to \$1,000 or so for the largest institutions. The consortial license should be purchased during the 2005/06 budget year as soon as specifics of the terms and the various institutional needs have been identified.