Aleph Working Group, March 2008 Meeting

222A Hesburgh Library, 10:30 am - noon

Agenda and Minutes:

1. Aleph service pack frequency changes (Pascal)

- quarterly service packs starting in April;
- examine what is currently in SP now; download and send out (Pascal)

2. Authorities processing: status and next steps (Tom)

- outsourced MARCIVE authorities for Notre Dame;
- tweaking loading and data change, some manual cleanup and overlays will be required
- implementing COR field to store previous version of authorized form
- goal ultimately to fully automate authority loading as much as we can, mostly due to lack of personnel in CADM
- Subjects, names, etc. will all be updated through this process, and carry over to "flip" the authorized form in the bib record as well
- we will need to reindex at the end of this as well as implement some of the enhancements to solve conflicting (Haddock as personal name and as topical subject) and ambiguous (more than one 'see' reference) headings
- What reports are available for review when a new authority record comes into the system, for example when a personal name is updated with a death date? There are unauthorized headings reports. The reindexing will build the links for the 'orphaned' records
- much testing and work still required; we will eventually make this available to the other MALCs as well

3. Resource Discovery Assessment WG: status (Pascal)

- Pascal updated the group on the work and status of this Working Group
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4. Updates (all)

- Lisa: Serials Acquisitions looking at batch claiming and EDI; copies of tables from Maryland;
- Mandy: this can likely fold into monographic EDI work; Mandy spoke with Natasha along these lines; Pam is working through entire workflow
- Mandy: we are doing data cleanup with Acquisitions data; renaming and consolidation of budgets that will reduce the number of budgets over the next three years
- Mandy: increasing number of licensing requests; identifying workflow for using triggers for reports for these, as they don't have as much in place to deal with these in Monographic Acquisitions; some of the licensing restrictions will impact circulation so we may need new item statuses for restricted materials (for example, those that can only be used in classroom settings); JudyConnor ? is working on this
- Mandy: also determined when end of ordering and processing for this fiscal year
- Tracey: has all circ monthly statistics; we will get her a Contribute key from Elaine; Tracey will train Jason;
- Kevin: starting to think of doing more with serials, investigation stage; coming close to having bound serials collection barcoded; interest in check-in for individual issues, etc.; Bethel is also interested in

implementing SFX because they are reallocating serial cuts with electronic resource
- Pascal: close to offering for the Aleph Support Analyst position
- Phil: catching up on deleting patron records; CWG meeting tomorrow

- Set special topics for future meetings to make meeting more dynamic and useful

-- PascalCalarco - 12 Mar 2008

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