

Aleph Working Group

May 21, 2008

Agenda:

The topic of the May meeting that I would like us to discuss is a follow up to our January 2008 report on the duplicate barcode issues within MALC. Following the report, you may recall that I was invited to meet with the MALC Library Directors to answer questions regarding the proposal, and Aleph functionality and services that this would enable MALC to potentially implement. The MALC Directors expressed interest in two strategic areas:

1) increasing the utilization of the physical collections within MALC, thereby increasing the circulation of the Libraries and also redirecting some ILL traffic internally within MALC; 2) Improving resource discovery across the consortium, by providing a union catalog of holdings across the MALC libraries and also the Notre Dame Law Library;

The first area above has led to activity within the MALC libraries to speed up deduplication of barcodes in Bethel College, Holy Cross College, and Saint Mary's College. This will enable us to implement Patron Direct Queue (PDQ), which the MALC Directors are also very interested in, to advance the first goal, above. The target goal to have all of the physical collections rebarcoded in the colleges is January 2009.

The second goal, above, will be accomplished by adopting either Aquabrowser or Primo. We in Systems have been working on discovering more detail on how customer sites have implemented Primo, and defining and specifying the computing infrastructure required for this. We have spent some time with colleagues at Iowa to learn about their technical infrastructure for Primo, and we are scheduled to speak with Minnesota on May 16.

Administration is naturally going to want us to be able to meet both goals above as soon as possible, of course. It is our task to investigate, plan, and recommend what schedule we think is feasible, given all of the other projects and activities we all are involved with in our respective areas.

1. Follow-up on barcode de-duplication

On May 9th, we ran some updated numbers on progress towards converting duplicated barcodes (those beginning with '00'). Here is the comparison against January 2008, and percentage progress since then:

Institution	Jan. 2008	May 2008	Progress
Saint Mary's	200,326	189,597	5.36%
Bethel	60,157	23,189	61.45%
Holy Cross	12,173	10,815	11.15%

2. Patron Direct Queue

We are postponing this work until the foreseeable future, due to 1) being too far away from our deduplication goals for an implementation by January 2009; 2) the higher priority identified need to incorporate Law Library catalog records into the NDUxx database in Aleph. See below.

3. Law Library Records Integration into Aleph

Jennifer has asked Library Systems to investigate and implement importing of Law Library records into Aleph,

preferably by Fall 2008.

Pascal, Tom, Mary, Joe Thomas, and Joe Reimers will be meeting at the Law Library at 9:00 am on May 19th to initially discuss this.

4. ELUNA Steering Committee candidates for election

Please take a look at these and be prepared to provide your opinions on who you might like to vote for. There are four open positions and five candidates: [ELUNA Steering Committee candidates' statements](#)

5. Unbound Journal Statistics Discussion

- need to record unbound journal statistics
- originally recorded in an Access database, transcribed from paper recorded hash marks
- pulling in Aleph data into Access and meshing this; worked, but labor intensive
- started using Aleph recording as 'return not on loan'
- Lisa: have we talked to anyone in Current Periodicals? They may be interested in this or have ideas
- not yet, we wanted to bring this to AWG and see if there is broader interest
- we could make an index card for each title with a barcode and make it easier to capture usage that way
- Kitty: what about using SICI code on the journal and adding this to Aleph and scanning these
- we need to see if SICI code is at the title or volume/issue level
- older scanners may need programming to recognize the SICI code format
- newer scanners should recognize the format automatically
- we haven't purchased any new ones, generally speaking, in the MALC libraries for some time; Saint Mary's purchased some new ones; ones at Bethel are from 1993-94
- Kitty will check to see if the new scanners at SMC can read SICI codes properly and report back
- we also need to confirm SICI format at title or volume/issue level
- it does look like this represents information at the issue level from the [Wikipedia entry for SICI](#)
- we will check in with Ex Libris on this; we can't have been the first to think about this
- Aaron reports that the Engineering Library would ideally like to start recording unbound issues starting July 2008, but can wait if SICI is a cleaner option

6. Service Pack Schedule

- going forward, Ex Libris will release service packs for Aleph 18.01 on quarterly schedule, starting April 2008
- check with Ex Libris to see if rep change for OPAC sort problem is available; if it is, we will schedule this in test as soon as possible
- next service pack is available in August, usually first Sunday in month; we would like to wait until September or October to apply this, unless another high priority problem is discovered that will have a separate fix released for it

7. Other issues

- Lisa asked about the process for determining what is implemented in a SP; Systems goes through and skips functionality we do not use: ILL, Union Catalog, ADAM, etc. but generally implement everything else
- we can implement manual changes after a SP has gone to production; in Lisa's case, she is interested in a couple changes to claim forms; we will implement these in test ASAP
- Lisa gave us an update on the report she wanted to run this in NDU10; Justin copied this from USM01

and we can customize it to some extent

- Kevin is interested in implementing Serials functionality at Bethel; they have current subscriptions to around 400 titles, but this will be reduced with electronic subscriptions; they would like to start playing around with serials this summer;
- we will start a small workgroup with Sue W., Lisa S., Kevin B., Justin R. and Pascal C. to start discussion on this; Justin and Pascal will go through documentation to identify the tables that need to be customized

8. Next Meeting

- we will meet next in mid-September 2008; have a great summer, everyone!

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