Aleph Working Group

October 2009 Meeting: 10/28/2009, 11:00-12:00 248 Hesburgh Library

Agenda:

Aleph 19 and 20 Feature Review (all; 30 mins.)

- after reviewing the documentation for your area, which features:
 - do you think you need on day one after launch
 - · that which would be nice to configure, test, implement after launch
- Responses in each area:
 - Acquisitions:
 - Mandy and Leigh reported that they have yet to look at the documentation
- Cataloging:
 - there are several items that look to be improvements over existing functionality that we would be interested in; eg. improved split-screen functionality; enhancements to copy notes for item records, not currently used but enables patrons to see particulars about specific copies; we currently use notes fields
- o Circulation:
 - in effort to recruit for subgroup, went through documentation and identified some things to look at; many new people who have not been involved in the past; new subgroup will meet Nov. 10th
- • Serials: * Pam, Mandy and Lisa will get together to parse effort out
- Systems:
 - are there indexing changes we'd like to make? If we can avoid indexing changes, we can speed up process by taking existing index tables
 - Aaron noted that there was a recent change to index a new field; these can be run through p_manage_40 to catch up for this
- Permissions: staff permissions have been redone completely with this new version, so PWG will work closely with each of the other subgroups
 - for ND staff, can we approach these that they are governed by the University's Acceptable Use policy with all of the systems and services that they use

Cleaning up Aleph 18 tables for v.20 (Tom; 5 mins.)

- do we want to clean up tables before we run through the upgrade to version 20 or after?
- how soon will we have tables in subversion and would it be cleaner to then do table changes in that environment?
- Tom: we will implement subversion for Aleph 20, for all three servers;

Building a Project Plan for Aleph Upgrade

• since our last upgrade (2007), we have begun using a web-based project management tool, dotProject

- http://projects.library.nd.edu/
- ND: use your netId credentials to access
- MALC: we will create local users for Kevin, Kitty and Sarah so you can see where project steps are in process
- it would be most helpful if each of you could identify tasks in your areas that need to be done, and in which order they should be done; we will help you with this
- do not worry yet with specific dates on these; we will work on assigning dates as we move forward
- -- PascalCalarco 28 Oct 2009

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