Aleph Working Group: May 2010 Meeting

May 26, 2010, 10:30 am- 11:30 pm, 248 Hesburgh Library

Agenda:

Aleph Post-Upgrade Reports (all)

- apart from what has been reported, are there any other significant issues you are seeing with any current functionality?
- we have several reports of the responsiveness of Aleph 20 client being unacceptably slow; we will follow up with Ex Libris on this to see if there are known fixes for this
- Saint Mary's is still occasionally experiencing time-out errors with the client
- circulation, acquisitions at ND; cataloging at SMC; general slowness at Bethel
- some issues with password length as well; Aleph 20 supports up to 10 characters; University policy is longer than this
- Acquisitions forms issue printing errors have needed to have a minor change in the claims form, also needed revisions to loan receipt form; Aaron will check for "indent=no" in various forms to proactively identify possible problems
- Bethel: LC call number browse; Aaron found line that was incorrect in tab_filing; will test on Aleph 20 test on barnabas when this is available again, need to reindex direct index sometime after 6:00 pm weekdays

Aleph Post-Upgrade Tasks: Indexing Changes

- Mary Lehman has been invited and accepted to join AWG for this discussion
- discuss rationale and specifics for new CAT field indices
- depending upon what is needed, this could instead be added as a field to report on in the Data Mart
- what is the work flow for how the MARC batch loading group would like to use the new indexes and for what purpose
- are there any other expressed needs for indexing changes, to any of the libraries?
- Mary L.: a unique tag is added to CAT field for batch-loaded sets and this would provide a more precise retrieval for reviewing sets that are loaded into Aleph
- Aaron: in each load, we put something unique to identify the load later on for retrievals later on
- Mary L.: there may be value in having this retrospectively applied as well, since we have been only using this for six months or so
- Tom: the issue is that when we reindex this will pick up millions or perhaps tens of millions of CAT fields and create a huge new index;
- Mary M.: what about this value being added to another field such as the 902 to meet retrieval needs? 902 is protected and not displayable; $$a can have any value and is used for suppressing records
- Justin: we could run some global changes to retrospectively add 902 $$a values for the batch loaded sets that are already in place
- Aaron: this could be added to a number of different existing indexes, just need to decision which is best
- Mary M.: 902 $$a was used to identify records to be sent to OCLC retrospective loads. worked well
- group agreed to use 902 $$a

Aleph New Functionality Configuration: Tasks for Summer 2010

- for the items that we were not able to fully configure, test and implement, what would each of you like to

see implemented in time for Fall 2010?

- Mary M.: Jennifer Brcka has asked about an authority change a few weeks ago and there was no response: fix_doc_new_aut_007 configuration and implementation; not time critical, but interested in using this
- Leigh: 1) search keywords in headings, currently receives message "not enabled" when she tries this;
- 2) OPAC request list, new functionality in ACQ module, via order search tabs; Aaron: we currently don't have this enabled at ND, so that would need to be set up; different than requestor ID functionality
- 3) new in v.19 access new vendor information tab on order form; Leigh does not see this tab in the GUI;
- Tracey: booking final setups for classroom services; we need to set up opening hours for the specific sublibraries we are interested in; this was working in 18, need to fix some things in 20 to get it to work; Media Services and Hesburgh AV are priorities; perhaps start with AV folk since they are in-house and then we can work with Amanda & Jason in Media Services;
- Justin reported that there are some problems in running this reliably on Windows 7; installation hung when trying to put files into win32 directories; Dave thinks this may be AD permissions issue that OIT has set up; Bill had to adjust domain rules to allow this to successfully install on DCNS test machine; Tracey will contact Amanda/Jason to find out who Bill should talk to about this; may also require changing specific netid permissions on the domain
- Saint Mary's: 852 $$k in holdings record not currently indexed, and needs to be; in CAT module, /pctab/scancode.dat needs to be updated to allow CNTRL-F3 drop into browse list with bib record will go to appropriate authorized subject or name heading, for example; this is a file that is on the PC, so can be checked out for column alignment; Kitty reports that at some point (Aleph 16?) it was working
- Bethel: opening hours maintenance within GUI needs to be activated;

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