

Aleph Working Group

October 20, 2010 Meeting, 248 Hesburgh Library

Agenda:

Aleph Service Pack: further discussion

- discussion of any further problems/needs post-SP
- Mary remarked that indexing seems much faster when exporting from OCLC; this could be the improvement in the indexing daemon that we were expecting
- we had an update to the font.ini file this time, so staff having font size problems should look for an existing /alephcom/tab/font.ini.regular, delete that file, and then run the font change utility in the library applications menu
- alephcom.ini overwrites due to unexpected client configuration changes; Justin copied these files back
- any other xxx30 issues? No, and seems resolved at Holy Cross
- item status issues -- resolved? YES! There likely is some cleanup to do, however, because items are on course reserve already for the semester; Justin can provide reports if you are having issues
- every Monday Aleph does version check; Aaron is aware of this problem and will get with Tom and Justin; Aaron and Justin plan for the end of the week to resolve this
- MARC validation tables: a rep change that implemented the outstanding MARC field changes; we have added a lot of local changes to this table; there are a couple of long-standing changes that currently throw errors but should not;

Other problems:

- intermittent slowness, particularly at Saint Mary's; Tom has talked to network folk at both ND and SMC and there are no obvious areas; 3:00 pm has been resolved
- browse problems in web OPAC; click on next resets the starting point in the index; Kevin reports that sometimes the Next and Prev buttons are absent; faculty and collection librarians have commented on this as well; we checked this today, and it appears working but if you see other issues please continue to report these

Aleph Service Pack changes (Pascal)

- Ex Libris will likely be releasing Aleph 21 in Q4 2011, so will reduce number of SPs between now and then

Materials booking (Aaron)

- Classroom services has been using Aleph for inventory of their equipment
- they are interested in using Aleph's booking functionality for advance booking; eg. book a video camera for next Tuesday for two hours
- Aaron copied 2x item statuses to 3x and is using these for booking
- like items booking works; if camera 2 is booked but unavailable, Aleph will pick another available camera
- can make items not alike by using serials enumeration and giving them different alphanumeric values; description field does not impact the match algorithm
- Hesburgh A/V is interested in using this, and will start using this to book an Apple iPad, then possibly expand this

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