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Present: R. Pike, KB (co-chair); M. Berger, NY; M. Borries, Central; M. Butt, GC; J. Chao, BB; B. Chiang, QC; M. Clark, Central; L. Franklin, CC; R. Gomez, QC; D. Grande, JJ; M. Helgesen, CC; M. Iskenderian, BC; M. Kandel, JJ; C. Mavergames, NY; W. Scott, BCC; W. Tan, HC; E. Wallace, LE; P. Young, Central.

1. There are problems exporting authority records from OCLC to Aleph because Aleph ignores the various endings of the 400 tag. Experiment with getting around this by not setting to automatic update or typing some prefix before the tag, three letters, etc. After the record exports, this extraneous information can be removed and the record can be saved to the server. This procedure may be followed for records which are not subject heading records or juvenile subject headings, the latter of which should not be loaded. Aleph will not change indicators. The use of the correct button in the GUI OPAC will make global changes to many headings possible. An additional problem with authority records is that those which were marked for deletion are not yet being deleted.

2. OCLC Connexion training will be given to approximately 80 people, 20 people in a session. Additional staff members will be trained in additional meetings. OCLC has not yet announced a final date for Connexion implementation. The soonest would be mid-September. CatMe, Connexion and Passport can all be on the PC simultaneously but they cannot be used at the same time. Connexion users say that it is easier than Passport, with the ability to usefill in as well as derived searches. The newest version was released Mar. 1. The same port and host numbers should be used.

Addendum from Marsha Clark: I wish to correct the information for training for the Connexion Client. Although there are about 80 people who desire training, at this time only one person from each campus will be able to attend the one training session that we have arranged with NYLINK for CUNY. NYLINK has promised to add more Connexion Client session in NYC for the July-December period and anyone from CUNY may attend those. Additionally, OCLC has a tutorial on their web site that people are encouraged to use.

3. A Web version of Cataloger's Desktop is now available in beta version. Access is free. The url to register for the beta version is <http://desktop.loc.gov>. There is no online tutorial for the web product. LC subject headings are included but AACR2 is not. A paid subscription is needed for Cataloger's Desktop CD's. New ones must be installed every quarter. When the web version becomes a fee-for-service product in June 2004, libraries will have the option of cancelling the CD subscription and transferring remaining funds to the Web product. Cataloger's Desktop is not a free service.

4. LC is participating in EZB, The German based Electronic Journals library. The free journals selected for LC are being cataloged using the single record approach with multiple holdings records to represent holdings in the various other formats. LC is working with Deutsche Bibliothek to convert current records to MARC format. These serial records will be available for CUNY libraries. There is a trend in LC policy to put e-serials on the record for the print copy. A base ISSN and an ISSN for the media type has been suggested. An aggregator neutral record has been suggested to enable libraries to put their own URL's in. There are plans to update AACR2 in Summer 2004. However, work is in progress for AACR3. Latest entry serial cataloging now seems like a more preferred option than it was in the past. This and other highlights from the Committee to Study Serials Cataloging meeting at ALA can be found at <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~rd13/comm/2004midwinter2a31.htm>.

5. Problems with loading records into Aleph, backups, and the delayed appearance of records in the OPAC were discussed. Records which were deleted will not display in the union catalog in Patch 7. They will be suppressed in the OPAC. Patch 7 may be installed during Spring break, the first week in April. There are problems when records merge for the union catalog because the system picks up differences in punctuation. This affects the proper merging and makes records display more than once. Central Office can load records for local libraries. Sublibrary, collection, call number, material type, item status, and item

processing status all must be supplied. It is desirable to load less than 200 or 300 records locally.

6. Miscellaneous problems were discussed. These included how to deal with multiple holdings records which are duplicates. It was felt that these may be best deleted as they come up, on a case by case basis. These holdings records transferred to Aleph but they are not needed. The question of when to suppress a record and when to delete it was discussed. Specialized collections which apply only to individual libraries that were tagged 440 create problems when other libraries derive them and fail to delete this tag. The question came up as to whether it is desirable to change these tags globally to 590, which would be noticed more easily by persons deriving these records. Unlike Notis, item records do not show on holdings records in Aleph. Temporary locations create problems with item records. It is better to use Regular Reserve and Stacks or to have temp locations on item records and permanent locations on holdings records. Two different displays create confusion. It is important to never delete an ADM record before deleting everything that is attached to it. Once links are broken records can no longer be retrieved to delete. The item processing status suppresses the item status. This can be done globally.

7. It was suggested that there be a cooperative lab session with catalogers to demonstrate Aleph tips and short cuts. The Office of Library Services home page (ols.cuny.edu) shows the status of ongoing projects and progress with Aleph.
Roberta Pike