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Roland Samieske opened the meeting with an extremely informative introduction to SFX.

Barbara Bonous-Smit raised the question of how to proxy item-specific urls, in order to eliminate a double/multiple login, specifically whether it is possible to link on a persistent url in Blackboard, and not have to reauthenticate. Kevin and/or Roland will look into this: if there is an immediate need to access material it is necessary to enter the proxy prefix.

Marsha Clark discussed (and recommended) the OCLC/Serials Solutions Interface which can automatically add and maintain holdings for electronic serials (3 or 5 letter code only); it is a free service. The url will be put in the technical services wiki.

Marsha also discussed serials holdings (LHR’s) in OCLC. A few libraries still maintain local holdings in OCLC for print titles. There is an online tutorial for adding LHR’s: a link for this will also be placed on the wiki.

OLS is moving toward a reclamation project. Marsha reminded us that all new bib records are entered into OCLC four months after being entered in ALEPH, regardless of whether or not the material has been received by the library. In addition, when an edition other than the one ordered is received, OCLC may receive the incorrect information. She suggested that, in preparation for the reclamation project, each library should review its procedures for deleting records, from both ALEPH and OCLC, so that errors won’t begin to creep back in once the project is complete.

CUNY will soon be sending out invitations to ERM vendors. It is hoped that we will have an ERM within the next year.

Marsha reminded us that the state serials contract has expired and is not likely to be renewed before the end of June. It is possible that some invoices can be paid, e.g., if the money has been encumbered, if the invoices are small (we can ask EBSCO to break up larger invoices), or with purchase orders, but it is advisable to check with the Business Office first.

Susan O’Leary (EBSCO) stated that EBSCO is not accepting new orders at this time. She spoke about the merger of the Tenafly Office with the Redbank office. Some of our customer representatives will be moving, but some libraries will be given new representatives. She also announced that Lesley Lloyd has resigned; CUNY will be getting a new sales representative.
EJS will disappear, probably by the end of the year. The information will be moved to EBSCO’s A-Z service, and access will be available only through the publisher’s site. EJS enhanced will then become EBSCO Publishing’s database.

Two possible dates have been chosen for our next meeting – Oct. 13th and 14th. Larry will let us know which is preferable.