Lightning report to ANZREG on IGeLU Aleph Product Working Group

The IGeLU ballot for enhancements to Aleph Version 22 closed on February 1st and Carmit from ExLibris has agreed to work on and hopefully implement the top 7 – which is very good news because they need not have accepted the 7th.

Personally, I find this year's IGeLU winners a bit underwhelming but there they are :

1. Improve the RESTful API to support PUT as well as GET/DELETE. This will allow the RESTful API to create new photocopy and acquisition requests.

2. Alert when navigating away from a form like an order or item. Any changes in any form (e.g. items and orders) are cancelled when changing the tab in the left frame (e.g. from 'items' to 'search') without saving the changes first. At least the user should receive a warning message: "Your changes have not been saved. Continue anyway?". This one has been watered down a lot because the architecture didn't support what was originally wanted.

3. There will be more columns available in print_08 (current limit is 6) will be at least 10 hopefully unlimited.

4. Total price of an item in acquisitions will be able to be automatically recalculated   when the user has changed something underlying the original calculation. This will be an optional flag.

5. All Bib details in an ILL request will be able to be edited while in the ILL tab (at the moment you have to go to cataloguing to do some of them).

6. EDI process will be able to add an item record to the one bib record for every copy ordered with embedded order data.

7. Search "FIND" function will retain search text when search base is changed.

ELUNA the North American group run their own ballot and this year there was no overlap between our list and theirs. (and yes I like their list better)

The 5 developments Carmit has agreed to develop for them:

1. Add holds information to the circulation log – This will help library staff to track holds without sufficient information as to when the hold was placed, deleted, arrived or picked up.

2.Add a report only mode for EDI10 invoice import – this will let libraries check an invoice load before committing to it. If there are errors in the invoice format they can be fixed more easily in the file

3. Duplicate borrowing request bibliographic data – will help when a borrower wants multiple volumes of a set

4. Create 86X tags on Aleph holding records when items are added

5. Combine overdues and fines in a single notice -

One "interesting" statistic is that only 18% of the IGeLU member libraries voted (62 out of more than 340 possible). This is still a bigger pool than the ELUNA group.

Version 22 is due at the end of this year.

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