



MnPALS Progress Report

April 2007

Topics

- **Version 17 Upgrade Update**
- **Work Plan Update**
- **Version 18 Upgrade**
- **ELUNA**
- **LaSSSI**

Version 17 Upgrade Update

- **Test upgrades done after Fall User Group meeting**
- **In production on January 3, 2007**
 - **Many problems encountered**
 - http://www.mnpals.org/sections/News_MnPALS_Update_Feb2007.html
 - Memory problems encountered
 - Are all the programs current?
 - **Many Support Incidents (SI's) sent to Ex Libris**
 - <http://www.mnpals.org/aleph/syslibs/v17si.pdf>
 - **New features being implemented**
 - <http://www.mnpals.org/aleph/syslibs/v17newfeatures.pdf>

Version 17 Upgrade Update

- **Features already implemented**
 - **New architecture**
 - **New client software**
 - **Summary holdings display in OPAC**
 - **Came broken**
 - **Received rep_change in February**
 - **Web Training session was held to explain the feature in early April**
 - **Looking for libraries to help test**
 - **My e-Shelf feature in OPAC**
 - **Among many others**

Version 17 Upgrade Update

- **Features not yet implemented**
 - **In testing**
 - Patron features
 - New batch services in acquisitions
 - **To be scheduled**
 - Booking
 - Inventory management
 - Upload holdings information to OCLC
 - SDI in OPAC

Version 17 Upgrade Update

- **Other issues to be addressed**
 - **Programs the most current?**
 - **New fix routines for holdings**
 - **Services in shared files**
 - **Transfer of fine information to business office**
 - **Maintenance agreement with Ex Libris**
 - **Test ISO ILL between Aleph and VDX**
 - **Test ISO ILL between Aleph and OCLC**
 - **Aleph Reporting Center**
 - **Investigate/implement consortium wiki**
 - **Plan version 18 upgrade**
 - **Equipment needs for version 18**

Work Plan Update

- **Revised version of Work Plan on PALS home page**
 - <http://www.mnpals.org/pals/devcharts/wp0704open.pdf>
 - **Operations/Support remain highest priority**
 - **Other issues worked on as time allows in priority order**
 - **Let PALS know if an issue on the Work Plan becomes more urgent**

Version 18 Upgrade

- **Server requirements**

- **'20% more'—what does this mean?**
 - **Memory?**
 - **Disk storage?**
 - **Processing?**
- **Oracle 10 (database software)**
- **Solaris 10 (operating system software)**

Version 18 Upgrade

- **Upgrade plan**
 - **Resolve hardware issues**
 - **Create project plan**
 - **Request Aleph 18 installation**
 - **Use Upgrade Express to convert data**
 - **Prepare & distribute GUI client**
 - **Customize Web pages**
 - **Create, schedule, conduct training sessions**
 - **Test**
 - **Production**

Version 18 Upgrade

– Major new features

- **Authorities enhancements**
- **ILL2**
- **Privileges maintenance enhancements**
 - **Setting password policies**
 - **Staff description fields added**

– Some other new features

- **RSS feeds, including OpenSearch RSS**
- **Improved NCIP**
- **Ability to translate Aleph cataloging records to Dublin Core XML**
- **Patron local privileges stored in xxx50; patron global privileges stored in SYS50**

Version 18 Upgrade

- **New print utility for controlling headers/footers**
- **Item process statuses can automatically change when an item is circulated**
- **Templates added for patterns**
- **Ability to disable/enable various elements of the system without stopping the entire system**

Version 18 Upgrade

- **Table changes**
 - Tab100 has several new variables
 - Many Aleph tables have minor changes
- **Version 18 documentation available through Ex Libris Documentation Portal**
(<http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/docportal/logon.php>)
 - Your systems librarian has userid and password

Version 18 Upgrade

- **Additional information at**
<http://aleph.exlibris-usa.com/version18.html>
 - **Overview of Changes (Excel)**
 - **Changes to Client Setup (PDF)**
 - **Version 18 Table Changes (Excel)**
- **Uncertain if forms need to be manually updated**
- **Production date not yet set**
 - **Survey sent to library directors**

Ex Libris Users of North America

- **ELUNA annual conference**
 - **Will be held in Spearfish, SD**
 - **June 4 & 5: Technical Seminar (presented by Ex Libris)**
 - **June 5: Pre-conferences (1:30-5:00 pm)**
 - **SQL Reporting and Custom Services Workshop**
 - **MARC21 Holdings Workshop**
 - **June 5: Opening reception (6:00-8:30 pm)**
 - **June 6-8: ELUNA conference**
 - **For additional information, go to**
<http://www.sdln.net/eluna2007/?mode=eluna2007>

Large Scale Shared Systems Initiative (LaSSSI)

- **Met with Ex Libris staff on October 31, 2006**
 - Meeting focused on recommended Aleph Shared System Model
 - Ex Libris preferred model same as MnPALS
 - Many ideas were discussed
 - Version 19 may see some changes specifically related to shared systems
- **LaSSSI has had follow-up conference call**

- **Questions?**