ExLibris Aleph Enhancement Process

Ver. 21

Enhancement items voted in during 2009, and coming in Aleph 20.2, are:

1. Improve interoperability between Aleph and OCLC Interlibrary Loan
2. Arrive monographs via EDI (to be developed as an improvement to the version 20 batch arrival tool)
3. More information on WWW OPAC request forms.
5. Enhancements to cash functionality (coming with version 21, due to Oracle changes).
6. Set item temporary location via batch global change.

Enhancement Process for 2010, and coming in Aleph 21

1. As a consortium, PALS would like to see all the requests going from MnPALS so the PALS office will submit them on your behalf. The requests are due to the PALS office by May 1, 2010 at this Forum link:
2. Type requests in this format:
   Module:
   Problem Description:
   Concise Description of Functionality Desired:
   Concise Rationalization of Request:
3. PALS module specialists will read through the enhancements, check that they haven’t been submitted already, and then submit them to the ExLibris Commons Wiki by May 3rd.
4. There is a special institutional logon to get to the EL Commons Wiki. PALS in an institutional member and can submit requests for any MnPALS
Library. If you are a library who has your own ExLibris institutional membership, you may add enhancement requests directly to the EL Commons Wiki Page. The Wiki website is http://www.exlibrisgroup.org/display/ElCommons/Home

- Login with the PALS institutional login
• Username and Password

New to EL Commons? Enter your Documentation Center log in details.

If you wish to contribute to EL Commons, follow the system’s instructions to create a personal account.

Username:  
Password:  

Note: (fields are case sensitive)  

Remember my login on this computer  
Log In

• Create a Personal Account. This is to allow you to make edits, additions to the Wiki. Otherwise, one can continue without signing up, but you will only be able to read the enhancement requests and not write to them.

• If you have already created a personal account, then click Log In

Create an account to access Confluence.  
Already have an account? Log In

Personal details

Create a personal account to access and contribute to EL Commons.

Your password will be sent to the e-mail address that you specify below. You can change your password by changing your Preferences profile.

Your personal details will be used to identify you as you contribute to EL Commons. Any notifications from the system will be sent to this e-mail address. If you lose your password, a new one will be sent to your e-mail address.

Continue Without Signing Up
Now you are at the EL Commons Wiki. Click on Aleph.

Click on ELUNA 2010 enhancements.
- Click on ‘Cataloging and Authorities 2010’, Last Author – Daniel Cromwell.

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• The Cataloging and Authorities 2010 page. Midway down the page under the header “Page Attachments”, there are Children (3). These are the 3 that I submitted on behalf of MnPALS libraries so far.
This is the verbage from the 3 requests that have been submitted.

- **Add From Copy Number – To Copy Number to the manage-62 Service**

  Within the p_manage_62 item record global update form, there is no copy number information. When an item record is created, the Copy Number parameter is left blank unless it is manually input. To change all item records to Copy Number 1, a global update could be done with p_manage_62 leaving From Copy Number blank and To Copy Number = 1. Request that ExLibris add to p_manage_62 From Copy Number To Copy Number.

  Received from Mary Ann Greenwald - PALS

- **Cataloging Edit Menu**

  1. Edit Menu Loss of Functionality. In Aleph ver. 19, the edit menu is no longer in the right-click menu, rather is now in the shift-right-click menu. The change to split the edit actions and edit text functions into two menus has caused functionality for use of Aleph cataloging to deteriorate. Staff must now use the shift key to access the right-click menu that contains the edit text functions most often used. (Additional NOTE: This could be a disability and ergonomic issue as well. SUNY library reports they have a particular problem with a staff person who has one arm and finds this additional shift-right-click to be problematic.) Request that ExLibris create one click for both Edit menus.

  Submitted by: Mary Ann Greenwald, PALS (Minnesota)

  Right-click Edit Actions menu [See edit_actions.jpg attachment]

  Shift+right-click Edit Text menu [See edit_text.jpg attachment]

- **Default Copy 1 in Item Record workform**

  Upon the creation of an Item Record, the Copy Number parameter is left blank. It would be useful if there were a default of 1 for copy number hard-coded into the item record workform. This would eliminate many individual key strokes. NOTE: One can create a NEW dummy Item Record and Save the Defaults. But, there is only one default item record that can be created. To use the “Save Defaults” for just the purpose of Copy Number seems not a good use of this functionality. Request that ExLibris add a default of 1 for Copy Number to the Item Record workform.

  Received from Mary Ann Greenwald - PALS

5. The planned schedule for this year is:

- **MnPALS libraries contribute enhancements by May 1, 2010 to the PALS Forum at this link** [http://forums.mnpals.org/index.php?topic=1201.0](http://forums.mnpals.org/index.php?topic=1201.0)

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• Members add new enhancements via the EL Commons wiki until the ELUNA conference – May 10, 2010.

• ELUNA module coordinators verify and clarify enhancements as necessary, and discuss during Special Interest Group (SIG) sessions at the conference where applicable.

• During the ELUNA conference, or online the week after, top 5 enhancements from each module are agreed upon by those who participate through the wiki or SIG discussions. ELUNA module coordinators submit final list to overall enhancements coordinator, Christine Moulen (MIT), by May 21, 2010.

• Submission to Ex Libris of top 30 requests on June 1, 2010.

• Ex Libris assessment and allocation of development points for these requests by August 31, 2010.

• Voting – on the 30 evaluated requests, in September. Exact dates to be determined.

• Submission of final list of enhancements to Ex Libris – that is those with highest score up to 120 development points, by October 1, 2010.