What’s New Pussycat?

Whoa, whoa, WHOA! It’s Aleph Version 21!
New Features in Aleph v.21

- Acquisitions / Serials
- Items
- Cataloging
- Circulation
- Interlibrary Loan
- Aleph OPAC
New Features in Aleph v.21

Acquisitions / Serials
Acquisitions – Automatic update of the item’s arrival date

- Based on tab100 setting ITEM-DATE-FROM-ORDER
- When a monograph order is ‘arrived’ in acquisitions, the same date will automatically be updated in the arrival date field of the item record
- Works with manual arrival, arrival when invoicing and bulk arrival
- Presumption that item is created during order process
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Acquisitions – Automatic update of the item’s arrival date
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Item record, tab 4:
Acquisitions – Automatic update of order to Closed upon arrival

- Based on tab100 setting CLS-ORDER-UPON-ARRIVE
- When a monograph order is ‘arrived’ in acquisitions, the order status automatically is updated to closed
- Beneficial only to libraries *not* using budgets or invoicing
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Acquisitions – Automatic update of order to Closed upon arrival

[Image of screen showing order list and status details]
Acquisitions and Serials – Renewing serial and standing order encumbrances based on last paid amount

- Fiscal year rollover acq-06-b
- V.20 only allows for renewing encumbrance
- V.20 allows the choice of basing the renewal on encumbrance, or the invoice paid amount from the previous year
- When the Paid Amount option is selected, Aleph will total ALL the invoices from the previous year for the order and use that total for the new encumbrance
Acquisitions and Serials – Renewing serial and standing order encumbrances based on last paid amount
Serials – Order Information Tab Added to Group Node

- Group node groups like issues together
- It provides the ability to arrive, unarrive, or delete a group of items
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Serials – Order Information Tab Added to Group Node

- Version 20 offered options to group by All Items, Sublibrary, Sublibrary/Collection, Vendor/Sublibrary and Vendor
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Serials – Order Information Tab Added to Group Node

- Version 21 contains an added Order Information tab
Serials – New Field in Print Claim Letters/Report Service

- Print Claim Letters/Report (serial-44) facilitates the claiming process by providing letters or a report of issues to be claimed.
- A new field has been added to the service to filter by acquisition method.
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Items
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Items – Item Change Alert

- Currently, if a user changes an item record and neglects click ‘Update’ before moving to a different record, the changes were lost and the user was taken to the other record.
- Version 21 displays a message requesting confirmation that the user wants to go to the new item without saving changes made.
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Items – Item List Filter

- Two new buttons have been added to the bottom of the item list – Filter by… and Clear Filter
- The Filter by… button allows the item list to be filtered by Year and/or by Sublibrary
- The Clear Filter button clears the filter and refreshes the list to display all.
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Items – Item List Filter
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Cataloging
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Cataloging – Edit Menus

- A new configuration option has been added to allow for defining of hot keys for Catalog Record Edit menus
- Currently, the only way to open these menus is to right click for the Edit Actions menu and shift+right click for the Edit Text menu
- Version 21 allows the ability – by individual computer - to reverse the hot keys for these menus

- Note: this ability exists currently using a macro. Details are outlined in a Did You Know video (CATALOGING: Edit Text Menu – Remapping the Right Mouse click) and a document on the Cataloging Training page (Edit Text Button – Remapping the Right Mouse click).
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Cataloging – Edit Menus

- The setting is defined in the \catalog\tab\catalog.ini file

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[Editor]
RightClickMenu=EditActions
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[Editor]
RightClickMenu=EditText
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Circulation
Circulation – Hold Request Refusal

- A new option enables hold requests to be Refused.
- Refusal is conducted via the menu bar – Requests | Hold Requests | Print Letter – Hold Request Request Refused
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Circulation – Hold Request Refusal

- Enter item barcode
- Choose request
- Enter refusal reason
- Confirm refusal
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Circulation – Hold Request Refusal

Request Refusal letter is generated and refusal shows in Circ Logger.
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Circulation – Zero Fine Handling

- A tab100 parameter – ZERO-FINE-HANDLING – has been replaced by a new ‘Z’ parameter in tab18.eng

- Tab18.eng contains cash transactions. Column 5 (Activate) now has three options – Y, N and Z
  - Y – activate the transaction type and charge accordingly
  - N – do not activate the transaction type
  - Z – if the setting previously was Y, and the ZERO-FINE-HANDLING in tab100 was set to N (meaning ignore zero fines) the setting is changed to Z; this allows for zero fines to be ignored
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Circulation – Email Validation Check

- Functionality has been added to check the validity of a patron’s email address
  - Existence of only one ‘@’ symbol
  - Existence of a dot after the @ symbol
  - Email address contains no spaces
  - Domain existence check

- On patron record creations, the warning will display, but the address record is created with the invalid email address
- On an email address update, the warning will display and the email address is not updated
- Check is implemented with tab100 setting EMAIL-VALIDATION which is set to Y or N
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Circulation – Email Validation Check

Address Details

Name: Email Validation
Address: 2222 Street St.
Mankato, MN
Zip Code: 56001
E-mail: eval@googie@net.com
SMS Number:
Telephone (1): 
Telephone (2): 
Telephone (3): 

Remote Service Error (c0125 replace...)

Email address is not valid

OK
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Circulation – Loan Session

- The number of loans performed has been added to the loan session tab
- A call number column has been added to the loan session window
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Circulation – Loan Session
A new service – Patron Record Log Changes Report (cir-27) has been created that allows the user to see some changes made to a patron record.

The service does not include previous or current data – only which fields were changed, when and by whom.

The service is located via the menu bar Services | Patron Records | Patron Record Log Changes Report (cir-27).

Actions tracked include:

- Update of global patron record – details, blocks
- Update of local patron record – details, blocks, privileges
- Update of patron addresses and ID’s
- Creation of global or local patron record, patron address or patron ID
- Deletion of global or local patron records, patron address or patron ID
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Circulation – Patron Record Changes Log

Patron Record Log Changes Report

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Circulation – Waive cash without entering note

- A cash transaction can now be waived without entering a note in the Waive Text field
It is now possible to add a note to a cash transaction from the cash list, and view it as part of the cash details window.
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Interlibrary Loan
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ILL – Borrowing Receive Form Change

- The borrowing Receive form for returnable (loan) requests has changed to contain two tabs – Request and Items
- The change allows for multiple items to be received as part of one request in tab2 Items
- A change implemented in minor release 21.1 includes an item barcode field on tab1 Request that can be used for typical, one item requests. Tab2 is used only in the case where more than one item barcode is included as part of the receive procedure
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ILL – Borrowing Receive Form Change, tab1 Request

Receive Returnable Material

- **Date Received**: 03/21/2013
- **Media Arrived**: Printed (loan)
- **Expected Return Date**: 02/15/2013
- **Item Status**: Normal ILL Item (91)
- **Item Barcode**: [Empty]
- **Supplier Currency**: USD
- **Supplier Cost**: 0.00
- **Supplier Local Cost**: 0.00
- **Patron Local Cost**: 0.00
- **Circulation Note**: [Blank]
- **Note**: [Blank]
- **Shelving**: [Blank]
- **Send Received Letter To Supplier**: [Off]
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ILL – Borrowing Receive Form Change, tab2 Items

[Image of the Receive Returnable Material window with highlighted options for Add, Modify, and Delete]
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ILL – Borrowing Receive Form Change, tab2 Items
The borrowing ILL unit can add a lending unit that responded to a request again.

This can be beneficial in the case where there is a long list of suppliers, or if it is noted that a lender who previously unfilled a request now has the material available.

Only lending units who are re-added should be altered; other units who also indicated unfilled should not be removed from the request.
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ILL – Borrowing Add Supplier – Unfilled (v21.1)

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ILL – Push to Patron Button (v21.1)

- The borrowing ILL request list screen now contains a Push Patron button
- When users click on this button, the circulation module opens and the patron record ‘List of ILL Requests’ is displayed
Additional Documentation

Full Aleph 21 Release Notes can be found on the Library Staff page of the ODIN website.

http://www.odin.nodak.edu/lib_staff