

# ICT Users Forum Group, Trinity Term 2010

## Report from the Bodleian Libraries

### 1. OLIS: The New ILS Project

Good progress has been made with the project and we remain on track to go live with the new ILS in July 2011. The core project team, which includes representatives from the Bodleian Libraries, College libraries and SERS, have now completed their initial systems training. This has enabled decisions on the initial configuration of the new ILS to be taken and applied in preparation for the initial testing.

A significant amount of effort went into mapping the current GEAC Advance data to Aleph data formats, and this has enabled the first test data migration to be run. Work is now underway to test the migrated data and identify any changes required in preparation for the second test run in September of this year.

We also now have access to the beta release of the next version of Aleph (v20.2) which includes the changes we specified to support the Closed Stack Management (CSM) function which will replace ASR. Test data is currently being created in preparation for some early testing of these enhancements, prior to the general release of v20.2 in August.

The project now has a presence on the staff intranet <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/staff/management/projects/ils> where regular updates on progress will be posted. Any questions related to the project should be sent to [ils-project@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ils-project@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

### 2. BSFIS Implementation Project

The contract is now in place with the vendor, Generation Fifth Applications Inc. (GFA), for the supply and implementation of their Library Archival System (LAS) software. Work is underway to configure the software for use in the Book Storage Facility, and to develop and test the interface between the BSFIS and OLIS.

Trialling has been run on a mock-up of the warehouse operations to test operational procedures and understand the support offered by the software. This will inform the final layout of the ancillary block at the BSF, which in turn will determine the inventory of peripheral hardware (wireless scanners, hand-held terminals etc.) that will be required to operate the system.

The project remains on track to be on site early in September with 2 months to fit out the building, test the implementation and train staff in preparation for being fully operational at the beginning of November.

### 3. IT Strategy & Development Project Updates

Development of the SERS Digital Asset Management System (DAMS) continues and a number of projects such as Cultures of Knowledge, Medieval Libraries of Great Britain, Blockbooks and BR11 are now operating in a production environment.

New externally funded projects we are contributing to include:

- Oxford & Cambridge Islamic Manuscripts Catalogue Online (OCIMCO) <http://www.ouls.ox.ac.uk/bodley/library/specialcollections/projects/ocimco>
- SUDAM1H <http://sudam1h.oucs.ox.ac.uk/>
- EIDCSR <http://eidcsr.oucs.ox.ac.uk/>
- UKRDS <http://www.ukrds.ac.uk/>
- The Vocabularies and Taxonomies Project <http://vocab.ox.ac.uk/>.

#### 4. Oxford Digital Library

Funding of £1M towards Phase II of EEBO-TCP has recently been confirmed by JISC Collections Ltd. Work on this endeavour to create an additional 44,500 textual transcriptions of early printed books (c.1470-1700) to complement the 25,000 etexts produced of Phase I, has already been underway for almost a year. Project partners based at the University of Michigan have been actively pursuing more than 100 of the top institutions in the US, to secure their continuing support for the project by subscribing to EEBO-TCP Phase II (at \$50K per institution for a 5-year membership). All those institutions that were partners during Phase I already have access to the texts that were created to use as they wish in their research and teaching, and these materials are scheduled to move into the public domain on 1st January 2016.

The Bodleian Libraries have also been fortunate to receive a donation of £1.5M from Dr Leonard Polonksy (see [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/news/2010\\_jun\\_17](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/news/2010_jun_17)) to support the libraries' digitization programme. Staff of the ODL will be actively engaged in several projects and activities which can now begin, thanks to Dr Polonksy's generosity.

ODL staff are continuing to migrate existing digital collections onto the Luna platform (<http://bodley30.bodleian.ox.ac.uk:8180/luna/servlet/allCollections>), giving priority to those that are currently only accessible via the Greenstone-based beta test site (<http://www2.odl.ox.ac.uk/gsd/cgi-bin/library>). This requires the retrieval of the relevant master images from the OUCS HFS, and we are taking the opportunity to review our data holdings in advance of the ingest of this material into the Bodleian Libraries' DAMS. Luna does not currently have an integrated "page-turner" (although this is promised for the next release over the summer), and so we are continuing to work with "Turning The Pages" software to develop kiosk-style applications to accompany the displays in the Bodleian's Exhibition Room, and also plan to make these materials accessible via the web.

ODL staff have recently attended a number of conferences and training events, such as the AHRC-funded colloquium "e-Research on texts and images" which took place at the London headquarters of the British Academy in 11-12th May. From 7-10th July, our Metadata Coordinator, Alexander Huber, will be attending the Digital Humanities Conference at Kings College London. On 14th July, two members of the ODL will be speaking at the OeRC's Digital Humanities & Images workshop, taking part in a panel session on the contribution that museums, libraries, and archives, can make to the future of digital scholarship.

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