Common Knowledge session:
Aleph collaborative testing

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Aims

• Assess the quality of the release
• Assess the quality of Ex Libris testing
• Assess the utility of the collaborative testing process
• Provide suggestions for Ex Libris on how future testing can be improved
• Provide suggestions to all on making collaborative testing more effective
ALEPH testing v19 Dec 2007 Outcomes

• Version very stable; course reserves met Focus Group requirements in the main; Staff permissions needs improvement
• Ex Libris testing: unable to assess this.
• Collaborative testing process very useful: repeat it!
• Suggestions for Ex Libris on improving collab testing:
  • Much better information in advance
  • Sight of Ex Libris scripts
  • Include major Sis and other issues raised by customers
  • Provide off-site access to testers, after on-site testing
  • The latter to allow upgrade process testing, data conversion, record loading, EDI
• Suggestions to all:
  • Preparation, preparation, preparation: what is to be tested and by whom; prioritization of tests
  • Better timing of testing: not so close to release