Ex Libris Customer (1978-2005) Questionnaire – Charles Simpson

1… What is your name and the name of the institution(s) where you worked with Aleph (and/or other Ex Libris products)?

Charles Simpson, Stony Brook University.

2…When did your site install Ex Libris software and when did you start working with it?

2000+

3…What was your job title, or, more generally, what did you do?   Were there particular projects you were involved in?

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4…Were there modules which you felt were particularly good, distinguishing Aleph from other vendors' versions of the same module?

This was a SUNY-wide purchase. I was a member of the selection group consisting of representatives from a number of institutions plus Joe Ford as consultant   Others will have better memories of our criteria and process (e.g., Andy Perry and Mark Ludwig). For sure, it needed a Windows client, some local application flexibility, ability to migrate data from several systems then in use, acceptable functionality in all modules, and the potential for efficient resource sharing among institutions. It is possible that an Oracle based system was preferred. Standards were important. In addition to contacting Aleph users in other countries (Berlin and South Africa come to mind), we visited Notre Dame (Ex Libris) and Northwestern.

http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/sunyergy/1page4.htm

http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/sunyergy/3LMS.htm
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10…Are there particular interesting, fun, or odd things that you remember?

Especially memorable was the user group meeting in Cyprus (2002?).

11…If your library has stopped using Aleph, when did that happen – and what was the successor system?

NA

12…If you moved to a different library, please describe briefly your history since that time.

In 2003 I moved to Adelphi University (Garden City, NY) as Dean of Libraries, retiring in 2013.   I later

returned for 1 year to manage several special projects.   Adelphi was already using III when I joined and it was a good system for an institution the size of Adelphi. We subsequently joined the ConnectNY consortium which uses III's InnReach resource sharing software. Note that III did not have a Windows client in 1999 which was required per the SUNY RFP.