

## **Library Application Collaboration, Development Tools and Resources September 2011 Update**

We re-instantiated the previously-virtual abcd-library Working Group; approximately 60 people attended the June and July meetings (lunch was provided); only about 20 people attended the brown-bag August meeting. The first meeting was dedicated to a facilitated discussion on the topics that are of concern in the proposal:

1. Connecting and collaborating
2. Ongoing support and sustaining engineering
3. Specialized support services

Excellent note taking on the part of some HCL volunteers enabled us to capture details of this meeting.

In addition, we met with 5 relevant library/library tech groups (total of 17 people), and with Jim Waldo, new University CTO.

We presented our preliminary findings at the sparsely-attended August abcd-library Working Group meeting.

During the course of our work, we broadened our original focus on the concerns of software development to the concerns of project development in general, thus including the library staff that works with them to propose, implement, and use the software.

Chris Jeris has left the University; Bobbi Fox hopes to interview more groups around Harvard (including meeting with the Medical School Library folks, which we were unable to schedule during the summer months).