

Catamount Catalogers Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015
via GoToMeeting

Present: Jill Chase (Waterbury), Janet Clapp (Rutland), Lisa Daudon (Starksboro), Leah Gessner (Guilford), Mary Lemieux (Morrisville), Tom McMurdo (VTLIB), Wendy Sharkey (Bennington), Greg Tisher (Royalton), Jill Tofferi (Fletcher, Ludlow)

Welcome: Welcome to Leah from Guilford and Lisa from Starksboro.

December minutes: Wendy made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Approved unanimously. Janet will post corrected December minutes on Basecamp.

942 field and advanced search: When Bennington migrated, all audios got put in with Koha item type “new.” Wendy has been fixing them but discovered that when she did an advanced search she got results showing records that she had already changed. The 942 field “Koha [default] item type” in the bib record needed to be changed. The group has agreed that when importing records the “new” item types should not be used in the 942 and “on order” should be changed as well.

Further searching revealed that an advanced search within a single library’s collection brings up items that don’t fit the limiter if another library has an item on that bib record that does fit that limiter. For example, Wendy demonstrated an advanced search for “on order” books in Bennington library. Bennington doesn’t use the “on order” item type but she got 17 results because Bennington items were on the same bib record that had another library’s item that does have the “on order” item type. Jill T demonstrated an advanced search for “audio-new” in FML. Many of the results were not new items for Ludlow but were for other libraries that had items attached to the same record as Ludlow’s item. Koha searches all the items so if any library has an item with the search designation it is part of the results, even if the searcher’s library does not use that designation. This is another example of how Koha was made for standalones rather than consortiums. Because of this issue, an advanced search limiting to a single item type may not be the best way to find things in one’s own library. Wendy & Jill T will present to the board a development request to improve the advanced search so it limits by item type within each individual library.

Deborah Rawson update: Tom submitted everything to Bywater after catalogers made changes to the problem records. A list of 5000 more records was sent back to Tom for correction. Tom asked why we should change records if this is going to keep happening. He has a meeting with Bywater today and hopefully will get an answer. Tom does not have time to fix thousands of records. He can’t get a clear answer why this is happening now when it hasn’t happened with other migrations. Presumably either something is being done differently this time by Bywater or in the past the records were simply merged rather than flagged for correction. Wendy asked if the test server can be checked after a trial migration to give a head start on any problems. Tom will post on Basecamp what he finds out from his Bywater meeting.

NETSL: Tom recommended that members of the cataloging group attend the April 10 NETSL (New England Technical Services Librarians) conference if possible. Since this year's schedule is not finalized he will post last year's schedule on Basecamp to provide an idea of what the NETSL conference offers.

Next meeting: Waterbury will be moving to temporary library quarters so Jill C will not be able to facilitate a February meeting. She will send out a Doodle poll for a late March meeting. If anything needs to be addressed prior to that we can do so on Basecamp or arrange an ad hoc meeting.