

Catamount Cataloging Group
Minutes CORRECTED DRAFT
January 17, 2017
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Present: Jill Chase (Waterbury), Janet Clapp (Rutland), Jo Coleman (Springfield), Rene Cressy (West Rutland), Ellen Desmeules (Norman Williams, Woodstock), Leah Gessner (Guilford), Holly Hall (Deborah Rawson, Jericho), Mary Lemieux (Morristown), Leslie Markey (Brooks, Brattleboro), Greg Tisher (Royalton), Clare McFarland (Norman Williams, Woodstock), Constance Murphy (Deborah Rawson, Jericho), Wendy Sharkey (Bennington), Dave Sullivan (Norman Williams, Woodstock), Jill Tofferi (Fletcher, Ludlow)

Welcome to new members from Woodstock, Dave and Clare.

Minutes. There were no corrections to the minutes from the November 2016 meeting.

Cataloging eresources. Wendy has been finding records for ebooks in the catalog and there is no way to identify what library the records are from. Wendy said Bennington has never cataloged eresources because they were discouraged from doing so when they joined CLN. The following libraries said they do not catalog ebooks or eaudiobooks: Brooks, West Rutland, Guildford, Morrisville, Royalton, Springfield. Rutland used to before the migration but those records were supposedly deleted and Rutland has added none since. Leslie pointed out there is no way to put library holdings on the bib record which means patrons can't place holds. It was pointed out that there is usually a long holds list for downloadables, so pointing patrons to titles with long wait times could create patron frustration. Leslie said Bywater is supposed to be able to search Overdrive with the OPAC in the future. Wendy said there aren't many Overdrive records in the catalog so they could easily be taken out and she will do so. There is also a question about whether every CLN library subscribes to Listen Up! Vermont (LUV). Wendy said she was looking for a way to put branch identifiers in the catalog so the bib record would only show up for those who subscribe. If somebody wants to delve into the issues regarding cataloging eresources and get back to us that would be helpful. For now we all agreed we are not cataloging eresources and we'll remove the records that are in there.

Deduping. Because we no longer have an outside deduper, we are all supposed to be deduping. There are duplicate records from when all the library catalogs were merged as they joined the consortium. When we find duplicate records we should merge them using the instructions in the manual on Basecamp. Send Jill C your monthly deduping numbers and she will post them. Leslie pointed out that one needs to be very careful to be sure when merging bib records that they are exact duplicates (publication date, pages, illustrations, publisher, size). If all those things match identically then paperbacks and hardcovers can use the same bib record. Some new books have duplicate records so we all need to be careful and search both by ISBN and title when cataloging. Some scanners only do 10-digit ISBNs and some only do 13-digit so if both ISBNs aren't in the record it may not be found. Wendy said the plugin from Bywater to find duplicate records is in process. The plugin will look at all ISBNs in the records as well as the title. When it has sorted out possible matching records, it will look for records that have MARCIVE in them because those should be up to standard. All matching records will be merged

into the MARCIVE records. Ellen asked if it considers the number of subject tracings. Wendy said if none of the records are from MARCIVE the plugin will go to the longest record, on the assumption that the longest record would have more subject headings. The records are not combined automatically; humans have the ultimate choice. We have not yet decided who will do this or how often the process will be run. Perhaps if the plugin is able to target parts of the catalog then the work could be split up among libraries but it would require librarians well-versed in good catalog records and the merging process.

Catamount manual. From different sources, Wendy pulled together the Catamount Library Network Manual, now available on Basecamp. If we want to make changes give them to Wendy so she can delete old versions of the manual when the latest version is posted.

Next meeting. The next meeting will be March 21, 2017.