

Catamount Cataloging Group
Minutes DRAFT
May 17, 2016
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Attendees: Jill Chase (Waterbury), Janet Clapp (Rutland), Leah Gessner (Guilford), Catherine Goldsmith (Starksboro), Holly Hall (Deborah Rawson, Jericho), Leslie Markey (Brooks, Brattleboro), Constance Murphy (Deborah Rawson, Jericho), Mary Lemieux (Morristown), June Osowski (Rutland), Wendy Sharkey (Bennington), Greg Tisher (Royalton), Jill Tofferi (Fletcher, Ludlow)

Minutes: Jill T made a motion to accept the April minutes as posted on Basecamp. Wendy seconded. Motion approved.

Bakersfield: Wendy reported that Bakersfield has been trained on the test server and has entered 58 items onto the production server. Neither Bakersfield or Reading will be ready to go live for six months or so. Reading has not yet put any items on the production server.

Koha 3.22: The upgrade to 3.22 occurred May 14. Some catalogers have successfully merged records. Wendy did a batch item delete that was successful although it had not worked in the test server. Nobody has tried the advanced editor. Wendy had trouble with it in the test server. If somebody uses it, please post on Basecamp.

Janet reported that a Bennington patron was able to place a hold on a new Rutland item. Wendy checked and found the Bennington and Rutland circ rules are fine so unless more details are available, Wendy can't check further. Catherine said she has also seen outside patrons with holds on new items. Wendy suggested if we see something weird to let the owning library know. It was agreed that library staff are not supposed to override in order to place holds on another library's new items.

Deduping/merging: Wendy and Jill C had success merging records. We wondered how Jess used to count merges. Leslie reported that when she merged two records into one, it counted as two. When she merged three records into one, it counted as three. We agreed to keep track of the number of records we merge by counting every original record, like Jess did. We agreed we should only merge records that are exactly the same. If one record has too little information to determine if it is a match, we should direct the question to owning libraries so they can look at the item in hand.

Janet had posted instructions on Basecamp about how to merge records but they are now slightly out of date due to the Koha upgrade.

Fixing material display via record change: When the material type displays incorrectly, for instance the little symbol of a book appears although the record is for an audiobook, this can be corrected in the bib record. Janet posted directions on Basecamp how you can edit the 000/fixd MARC field. This symbol is not governed by item type, it is governed from the MARC record. In a discussion about this on Basecamp Wendy had mentioned editing the 008 field. Wendy said that changing the 000 seems to change the 008 field. Janet pointed out that this affects searching because if you use an advanced search with a limit by format, and the material type is incorrect, the search results will not be correct. For example, if the

material type shows the book symbol instead of the speaker symbol then you search with a limit to format "cd audio," the item will not appear in the search results.

New items: Not all libraries are able to keep up with routinely removing items out of the new status according to consortium policies. If you are trying to place a hold on a new item that has an accession date indicating it should no longer be marked as new, contact the owning library.

Oddities: When you have a question or notice a cataloging oddity, post a screenshot with explanation on Basecamp.

Next meeting: There is the June 6 cataloging workshop starting at 10 at Rutland Free Library, in the Fox room. Please bring a laptop or device since there will be hands-on stuff. Let Wendy know if you plan to attend. We will have an online meeting of the catalogers group on Tuesday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m., unless we determine it is not needed.