

Catamount Cataloging Group
Minutes (Draft)
June 5, 2018
GoToMeeting

Present: Susan Alan Craig, (McCullough, N. Bennington), Jill Chase (Waterbury), Janet Clapp (Rutland), Rene Cressy (West Rutland), Mary Lemieux (Morristown), Jennie Rozycki (McCullough, N. Bennington), Wendy Sharkey (Bennington), Jill Tofferi (Fletcher, Ludlow)

Not present: Ainsworth; Brooks, Brattleboro; Deborah Rawson, Jericho; Guilford; Morristown; Norman Williams, Woodstock; Reading; Royalton; Springfield; Starksboro

Minutes of February 20, 2018 meeting. Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Jill T seconded. Approved unanimously.

Review of April Tech Unconference. Wendy reported that there were 13 attendees, all from Koha libraries. Two were from Catamount, eight from VOKAL, and three standalones. Both public and college libraries were represented. They discussed duplicate records, which are a problem for all, and Wendy demonstrated the ByWater dedup plugin. During the unconference discussion of merging records, it was pointed out that when we merge records, we're editing, so we should put our code into the 040 field when we do a merge. Other topics included whether or not to use genre labels, discussion of street dates, training new catalogers, and diacritics. There was talk of the general material designation (GMD), subfield h of 245. Many libraries like because it shows up in OPAC, but if libraries use RDA, the GMD shouldn't be in the record. Subject headings and Z39.50 targets were covered also.

Status of ticket on search results showing current and home library in staff client. The search results list in the staff client shows the library where the item is currently located. If a Bennington patron borrows a Rutland book, the results page indicates that Bennington has the book but Rutland does not. You have to open the bib record to actually see who owns the item. Janet had asked in July if we could have the owning library listed. Wendy had posted on Basecamp in September what can be done to show the owning library on the results list and what it would look like. Software would have to be written for it to happen, at a cost estimate of \$4000. There wouldn't be a separate column for current and home (owning) libraries as the catalogers requested, but the screen would list both libraries in the location column where we have library names and call numbers now. Wendy said that for an item owned by every library, the screen would look busy. If we decide we want this, we have to take it to the CLN board, and if the board approves, it would go on ByWater's crowdfunding page to see if others would help pay the development cost. Catalogers present agreed that it was too much money for something that is not precisely what we want.

Owning tab on OPAC development. This was discussed on Basecamp in October 2017. Janet explained that we want a separate tab for the owning library in the OPAC, like there is in the staff client. Currently the OPAC lists all holdings, so patrons have to scroll through the list to find the location for the copy at their library. We would also like to clean up the long list of owning libraries and call numbers that

appears on the OPAC search results screen and confuses patrons. It was believed VOKAL has “click for availability” rather than the list Catamount has. The Jills suggested highlighting and bold-facing “click here for details.” Jill T says that in the staff client the first tab names the home library and suggests we use the same column headings in the OPAC. All present agreed we would like a separate tab in the OPAC for our own library’s holdings, and we would like to remove the list of libraries on the search results page in the OPAC.

Empty bib records. Many of us have been finding empty bib records, including for new books. Janet found an empty bib for the large print copy of *The Family Gathering* by Carr and added Rutland’s copy. The next day the McCullough library added their copy. There was discussion about the process McCullough uses, first importing the vendor records, then cataloging the item the next day. There was confusion why the imported records don’t go into the reservoir, like other libraries see happen when they import vendor records. Jill T says after she catalogs she types the title into the catalog to make sure there are no empty records. McCullough will look into their system, and other libraries will continue to look for examples of empty bib records so we can try to figure out the cause.

Koha upgrade 17.11. Let Wendy know if you find anything that you like the look of in the test server. No date known yet for the upgrade.

Next meeting. Cataloging meetings were originally set for the third Tuesday so all libraries could plan ahead to attend. In order to alternate months with the loans group meeting, we will meet July 17 at 10:30. The following meetings will be held on the third Tuesdays in September and November at 10:30. Jennie reminded Jill C to put this on the GoToMeeting calendar on Basecamp. It was suggested the CLN board needs to make remind directors that it is important for catalogers to attend these meetings and ask that directors make it possible for catalogers to do so.

Adjourn. Janet made a motion to adjourn. Jill T seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.