

Catamount Loans Group

Minutes for meeting of April 12, 2016.

Meeting began at 10:00 am.

Present: Greg Tisher, Jill Chase, Linda Hartin, Therese Marcy, Tammy Gould, Wendy Sharkey, Constance Murphy

Minutes of March meeting were accepted.

Wendy spoke about the upcoming KOHA update 3.22 :

There will be an availability to send an email automatically to patrons to alert them that their card is about to expire. The wording of the message can be set individually by library. How many days ahead of expiration is set in preferences. Therese asked if we can choose which patrons to send the emails to. She would like to send them only to her patrons who pay for their borrowing privileges. Wendy said that we can block patrons from renewing online. The time frame of 3 weeks prior to expiration was considered because it coincides to check-out times.

The batch check-out in 3.22 is still buggy. Wendy recommended that we only try this in the test server. It is hoped that the check-in and check-out procedures will be speedier with the update. There will be a greater range of "beeps and bops" for the scanners in 3.22!

Also, in the Catamount KOHA home screen, we will be able to tell where patrons requiring modifications are from. There is no date for the update yet. According to Wendy, the only thing that libraries will need to do is clear their cache.

It was reported that W. Rutland is up and running. Did Deb use the check-in procedure in the W. Rutland training?

We are encouraged to create new reports on the test server before adding them to the ever-growing lists of reports.

The next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of May.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Murphy