

## **VALNet Circulation / Core Mentor Meeting**

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Troy Community Library

Attendance: George Williams, LCD; Karen Willis, CMP; Edie Lustig, GCL; Lisa Curnutt, RIV.

Since everyone in attendance is part of the mentor group, this was a combined circ/core mentor meeting, called to order by Lisa Curnutt, circulation president, in the absence of Vicki Johnson, core mentor group president.

We voted to have all future meetings at RIV unless otherwise indicated, including the September 13, 2011 meeting previously scheduled to be held in Winchester.

Koha issues were discussed at length, and we went through the circulation portion of the draft System Functionality List to be submitted as a Request for Information to potential ILS vendors in advance of VALNet's migration to a new system in May, 2012. George expressed concerns about preparation prior to our data being put into the new system.

Numerous Koha demos are available on the web, so anyone can Google Koha and take a look.

The issue of which agency "owns" which patrons was discussed. Most agencies go by stat category; however, if the stat cat is missing or incorret the result would be an inaccurate or incomplete list of an agency's patrons. Each agency should make an effort to clean up their patron database prior to the migration, for a cleaner migrated database, and because VALNet's fees will be bases partly on the number of patron records. George stressed the importance of preparation prior to migrating to a new system.

Lisa gave a report on the status of VALNet combining with CIN (now officially Inland Northwest Library Group, or INLG), and the current timeline for migrating to the new ILS.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Lapwai Library

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