VALNet Bib Standards Meeting
November 15, 2011
Asotin County Library

In attendance: Terri Summerfield (WPL), Millie Wimer (PHS), Marjean Riggers (ACL), Jeannie Haag (LCD), Marcia Player (CMP), Nancy Lee (RIV), Lynn Johnson (MVSD), LeeAnn Nilsson (LDO), Colleen Olive (KSD), Debbie Urquhart (GCL), Bonnie Holland (CHS), Karen Pell (LMS), Tina Sperry (LMS), Randy Smith (LEW)

Old Business

The new and updated Catalogers Contact List has been posted to the VALNet Staff page. Notes from past meetings are also posted there. If you don't have access to the staff page, please let Randy know and he will send you the link. Also, if you know of any catalogers not on the Bib Standards email list, please direct them to Jennifer Ashby (jashby.acl@valnet.org) at ACL to be added to the list.

Training/mentoring for new catalogers is still in the hands of the directors. If you are a new cataloger, or still feel you have questions, please ask the help/advice of the more experienced catalogers.

New Business

KOHA Discussion

Randy shared a few items from the conference call on November 3. Firefox and Google chrome are the preferred browsers. Internet Explorer sometimes has trouble with cataloging scripts. Our current GO Live date is April 30 and CIN is May 7, but these may change. There was a brief discussion of how the training will be done but the details have not been worked out.

There was a discussion of how to proceed in preparing for migration and it was decided that the more hands on we can be, the better we will be able to do a good job. Lynn reported that the Koha test server with VALNet data will be ready the first week of January. So, it was decided to do three things:

1. Randy will send out a list of elements that are global issues with cataloging. Please take a look at this list and let Randy know if there is something you think might need changed or won't work for your agency. Also, email Randy with any of your concerns about the migration to the new system.
2. We will meet on January 12 and review the test server as a group, focusing on making group decisions about Global System Preferences for cataloging. This will be an important meeting and everyone will be urged to attend.
3. The Core group will meet on December 14 to check progress.

Lynn mentioned that the old NetLibrary bib records will need to be deleted before migration. Paula will be asked to do this. Randy will also isolate the LEW bib records with a working 856 field so they are not deleted.

The group took a look at the OPAC for Hartland Library in Vermont. They use KOHA and Randy has been in contact with them. Take a look at their catalog.

Nancy Lee was elected to the Core group by unanimous vote.

Anyone requesting a digital copy of the Bywater Solutions Migration Guide please contact Randy.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be January 12th at 10:00 at ACL. Please look at the test server before that meeting and come prepared with questions.

Respectfully,
Bonnie Holland
Clarkston High School