

VALNet Circulation Meeting
September 13, 2011
Prairie River Library - Lapwai

Attendance: Vicki Johnson, ACL; Bonnie Holland, CHS; Lynn Johnson MVSD#244; Edie Lustig, GCL; Colleen Olive, KHS; Ana Smith, LEW; Tina Sperry, LMS; Darlene Drishinski, LPE; George Williams, MOS; Carol Robinson, OHS; Millie Wimer, PHS; Lisa Curnutt, Claudia Jones, Matthew, RIV; Juliana Schiweck, WEB; Karen Willis and Ellen Tomlinson, CMP.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Curnutt. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Fees for the new system (KOHA) are based on patron and item count. It will be to our advantage to purge patrons who have been inactive for at least 3 years and have no fines or fees. Reports can be run based on institution ID, i.e. Moscow patrons start with Z, Clarkston High School patrons start with B. George from MOS can run a report for each agency so those patrons can be deleted. Please let him know within 2 weeks if you want him to run that report for you. He may also be able to do the purge.

Each agency will need to decide what it wants to do with inactive patrons with fines and fees. You might want to look at forgiving fines/fees under a certain amount or, as Vicki suggested, over a certain amount.

Since VALNet fees will be based on item count also, it would be a good time to weed and delete items that don't circulate, have a lost status or missing status.

VALNet will be subscribing to Overdrive, an online resource for e-books and e-audios. Music and movies are also available in Overdrive, but VALNet will not be purchasing those formats at first, but will wait until the e-book and e-audio collections are built up a bit. It will replace EBSCO/ NetLibrary. An upcoming webinar will teach how to place holds, etc. Details will be coming.

The move from Voyager to Koha will take time. VALNet should be live with Koha by April 30th. At that time we will no longer be affiliated with WIN and there will be no WIN borrows. Our new group will be INLG – Inland Northwest Library Group which includes all of VALNet and CIN. Initially, our patron and item databases will be kept separate as they are now. Eventually, though, VALNet and CIN may be one database.

If you want to familiarize yourself with Koha you may go to the Bewater Solutions website and look at the training videos (demos) for the OPAC and Circulation. Our test database will not be available until the end of February. Training for the new system modules will be available, but how and where is yet to be

determined. Please email George at Moscow with how many people you plan on sending to training so arrangements can be made.

With the move to Koha on the horizon, we all need to be thinking about how to train our patrons on the new system, because it **WILL** look different. There are several possibilities. If you have some good ideas or creations (such as bookmark type instructions or information sheets) please come to the next meeting and share them.

Packets will be sent to each agency, via mail, containing 4 documents that confirm VALNet membership agreements. Be looking for this. It needs to be signed and returned to the directors ASAP. You should have received an email from Lynn Johnson on this issue.

Elections took place. George, LCD, is our new chair, Colleen, KHS, vice chair, Ana, LEW, secretary, and Lisa, RIV, will be the liaison between the directors and circ.

The next two meetings were scheduled :

Tuesday, November 15 at 9:00 Lapwai
Tuesday, March 13th at 9:00 Lapwai

Respectfully,

Bonnie Holland
Clarkston High School