

## **Koha-Users (Melbourne) Minutes of the Meeting held at the Athenaeum Library, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Meeting opened at 5pm by Siobhan Foster, new convenor.

Thanks to Moyra McAllister for setting up the Melbourne Koha-Users Group and to the Athenaeum Library for continuing to host the meetings.

Welcome to all present.

Present: Kerrie Stevens (Harvest Bible College); James Baker (Melbourne Athenaeum); Rose Blustein (Melbourne Athenaeum); Clare Murayama (Melbourne Athenaeum); Moyra McAllister (Melbourne Athenaeum & Brotherhood of St Laurence); Belinda McDonald (FKA Children's Services); Pat Miller (Melbourne Athenaeum); Lynn Pryor (Independent Consultant); Namoriki Tebatei (Tangintebu Theological College, Kirabati); Deborah Decru (St Athanasius Library); Elizabeth Webb (Emmaus Bible College, Sydney); Kathleen Fitzgerald (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, Vic. Branch); Jill Bartholomeusz (Photography Studies College, Melbourne); Siobhan Foster (Divine Word Missionaries and Redemptorist Libraries); Irma Birchall (Calyx); Bob Birchall (Calyx).

Apologies: David Cook (Prosentient Systems).

### **AUTHORITY CONTROL**

Siobhan introduced Bob to talk about authorities. Authority control enables an efficient, fast search on a database on searchable points e.g. authors names; subject headings; series; geographic names. These headings can be generated within one's own database or imported from elsewhere e.g. Libraries Australia service for a fee according to the size of the library.

The process involves:

1. Set up the Koha system.
2. Check the MARC frameworks.
3. Set Libraries Australia as a Z39.50 target.
4. Import the Authority records (1.8million in the LA file).
5. Run a linker to link the authority and bibliographic records.
6. Quarterly updates (no duplicates or breaking of existing links).

Linking success rate will vary for each library, higher if we use mostly Z39.50 downloads.

As we start typing e.g. author's name a string of suggested matches appears and we click the one we need.

Question on notice from David Cook: "As the author of the Z39.50 search for authorities in Koha, I would love to know if people are using it and any ideas they might have for improvements."

People present expressed interest in using it but are not using it at present.

## RDA

Siobhan introduced Irma to speak about RDA. This new cataloguing standard was introduced in 2010 and is slowly rolling out. By 2013 Koha was ready for a hybrid database of non-RDA and RDA compliant records; key fields from each are indexed. For new Koha installations the Default MARC Framework is up to date. Existing implementations will need to update their frameworks and possibly do some database cleaning. Irma showed some examples. David Cook is working with other Koha developers and service providers on better ways of keeping frameworks current when downloading Koha or updating to newer versions (especially in terms of making sure MARC fields added by RDA are present) and is interested in feedback/input.

## BOOTSTRAP OPAC

This exciting development enables a computer OPAC to be accessed and used on our smartphone or tablet as the presentation of the OPAC can be shrunk width-wise to phone size, but expanded lengthwise to allow all the information to be viewed on the smaller screen.

Irma demonstrated: Chris Vella at Calyx has designed a tool with 12 boxes (of finite width but with a non-finite length) to assist librarians to develop OPAC layouts for the Bootstrap theme. This Bootstrap facility can be implemented for free if one has the time and aptitude to do it oneself, otherwise consult your support company.

The existing 'Prog' theme will be removed from a future release of Koha, so all libraries will need to update their OPAC at some point.

## PLAY MEDIA

The meeting ended on an exciting note with a quick demo of videostreaming using HTML5. Requires extra cataloguing in the 856 tag. 'Play media' enables the streaming of videos, similar to YouTube: available immediately on demand without the need to download large files. For audio files as well as video. Available on Koha 3.12 and later. Particularly useful for teachers, corporations etc .

The meeting thanked Siobhan for her organisation and facilitation.

The Meeting ended at approx. 6.30pm for some social talk and several people adjourned for dinner at Il Pomadour Italian at Federation Square.

Suggestions for future meetings (date of which will be advised on the Koha Forum):

1. Commence meetings at 5.30pm.
2. Allow time for people to introduce themselves to the group and say what they hope to gain from the meeting.

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