

ME Cataloging meeting notes

06/13/22 11:00am

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Cataloging Committee news

1. Regional trainings

a. Dates and locations:

~~April 21st at Sikeston Public Library - Sikeston, MO~~

~~April 28th at Heartland Regional Library - Vienna, MO~~

~~May 5th at Polk County Library - Bolivar, MO~~

~~May 26th at Livingston County Library - Chillicothe, MO~~

~~June 9th at Scenic Regional Library - Union, MO (canceled)~~

June 16 at Trails Regional Library - Warrensburg, MO

The in-person trainings have been very positively received.

2. Certification Progress

a. 60 basic certifications

b. 32 advanced certifications

We are in the process of sending out certificates of completion to everyone who has successfully passed either course.

Gregg Whitmore reminded everyone again that all MEC catalogers have a deadline of 31 August 2022 to complete this certification process.

3. Committee changes:

a. Nate Beyerink and Quincy Young have left Missouri Evergreen to new jobs outside of the consortium. We wish them well.

b. Gregg Whitmore will be the interim cataloging committee chair until the end of August. He will be working part-time – mostly nights and weekends – starting June 27th.

c. Nancy Rowden has joined the Cataloging committee. Welcome!

d. We are actively recruiting 2 other catalogers to join the committee, as well as looking for a new chair for the committee who needs to start September 1st. If you'd like to join the committee, please email Gregg. You should be familiar enough with MARC and the MEC cataloging module to be able answer questions via email efficiently.

3. 3.8 Known Cataloging Bugs

(Previous issues)

a. Discussed workaround for saving holdings template

i. Administration>Local Administration>Holdings Template Editor

ii. Log out and back in may be required before it is in the holdings editor

b. Primarily experiencing issues with holding templates and some of the extra features in the holdings editor (item alerts, item notes, stat cats)

c. List of known cataloging bugs will be shared with listserv

d. Any other issues following the upgrade?

i. Kate Coleman mentioned there is still an intermittent issue with the holdings template creation and that the problem is very intermittent. This is a known bug and Equinox is attempting to address it. Kate offered to pull some numbers and see how extensive the problem is.

ii. Ben Campbell mentioned in the chat that the digital bookplates are not working when creating a holding and this causes the system to freeze. But it works fine when editing. Gregg will look into this and see if Equinox is aware of the issue.

4. Evergreen issues:

a. On May 23rd, a cataloger noticed that when her supervisor went into the OPAC to pull a video list using a generic search strategy (All Videos), the list was severely truncated – 69 items instead of 4521. The issue was brought to the attention of Equinox, who “reingested the records into the system.” The fix took an hour from Equinox’s end. The takeaway here is that as catalogers, it’s a good practice to look at the OPAC and be aware if a search doesn’t return expected results for some reason.

b. On June 7th, a cataloger noticed that choosing a shelving location on the OPAC advanced search in Chrome and Edge was not displaying correctly. The checkboxes to choose the shelving locations don’t load completely. This is a known bug with Evergreen having to do with a Chrome update. There is a patch close to being signed off on, and hopefully Equinox can apply it as soon as possible. Until then, if someone desperately needs to do an advanced search on the OPAC, Firefox is the only option. Staff may have to use the employee side of the OPAC until the patch is applied.

5. The next meeting will be on July 11, 2022 @11:00 am on Zoom.

6. Other matters

a. Kate Coleman also reminded everyone to use the cathelp email if they have an issue they don’t want to share on the MEC catalogers email.

b. Gregg Whitmore also mentioned that he too has a dedicated MEC email: cataloger@moevergreenlibraries.org

c. Sue Lightfoot-Horine – the incoming MEC president -elect– mentioned the bug that Ben Campbell noticed in the chat. She also wants small libraries to be represented on the cataloging committee. She will be reaching out to some smaller libraries to actively recruit some new members to the committee.

In addition, she requested a list of libraries that have completed certifications to see which libraries haven't submitted any certifications. She wants to know what the committee can do to help these libraries meet that August deadline. Gregg Whitmore mentioned that the certifications are job description dependent. Sue suggested that Gregg and Mickey Coalman – the MEC Executive Director – touch base to address the libraries that may need additional help.

Sue also suggested possibly extending the deadline if needed. Kate mentioned that was the reason that a 6 month deadline was originally implemented, to give smaller libraries plenty of time to get through the certification process.

Gregg also mentioned that he's always offered to do ZOOM meetings in addition to being accessible via email. Kate mentioned as the deadline gets closer – say the middle of July, beginning of August – we will actively reach out to the libraries that haven't responded to see what we can do to help them.

Please contact for questions, clarifications, or additions:

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