Migration Update   April 23, 2018

As everyone is aware, training begins tomorrow and will continue through May 4. The first person from your library attending a training session will receive a flash drive containing a PDF with instructions and the CARL.X client software to be installed on your staff workstations. We strongly advise you to only install the client on the workstations that you will be using for training because it will have to be updated before the system goes live on May 29. You will just create needless work for your staff if you install the client on all of your staff workstations now.

The best source for information is the CARL migration web page which can be found here:

http://tln.lib.mi.us/dept/shared-automation/migration/

It has been updated with documentation for circulation, serials, and acquisitions provided by CARL. The documentation is generic and we will update it with information specific to TLN after we are live. New information about the migration will continue to be posted on the migration page and sent through the SAS lists. There are also CARL training videos that your staff can watch on the website.

Right now we are focused on our go-live on May 29, but I want to remind everybody that May 29 is just the beginning of a long process. We hope that everyone will be comfortable with patron-facing tasks at their circulation desks and will adapt readily to the online catalog, but there will be a lot to learn about the new system after we are live. TLN staff will have to learn the details and quirks of the new system. New procedures for MelCat will have to be learned and documentation will need to be written to share with the libraries. TLN staff will also have to learn the details of the reporting module in order to prepare and teach classes to the interested libraries. Training for CARL.Connect Circulation will also be developed so libraries can begin to use the new system remotely on tablets and other mobile devices. The monthly user group meetings will provide opportunities for training, so please try to have someone from your library attend the meetings to continue to learn the details of using the CARL system. The user group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 am.

Because of the migration the May SASUG meeting has been moved forward a week to Thursday, May 17 at 9:30 am at the Commerce Library. Please mark your calendars to attend and learn the latest migration updates.

Please contact me with any questions. We have a busy five weeks ahead of us!

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