

Migration Update

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- MeLCat – due to CARL development issues that had to have higher priority for go-live and post go-live, the re-entry into MeLCat has been pushed back until September 5.
- MeCat Users – In Symphony each library has a MeLCat user (XXXX-melcat) for use in checking out items to send to other libraries in Michigan via MeLCat. In CARL.X, all user barcodes must be numeric. On Friday, May 25 TLN staff will change all existing MeLCat users (e.g. redf-melcat, garc-melcat) to a specific barcode number (29082xxxxxxxx). We will post a list of these new MeLCat patron barcode numbers on the CARL migration page. You will also be able to pull up your library’s MeLCat patron record in CARL with a Name search (e.g. novi melcat patron).
- Unique Management (Collection Agency) – CARL has some development work to do in order to allow our libraries that use Unique Management to have the ability to set different collection parameters. They expect this work to be completed by the end of June. We will submit the last new accounts to Unique from Symphony on the night of May 24.
- Hold Wrappers – CARL.X does not currently have functionality to print hold wrappers (used on self-service hold pickup shelves). We are still gathering information from CARL and other CARL sites as to possible options.
- Default Price – In CARL.X the default price is set at the institution (shared system) level, and so will be standard for all libraries for each Media Code (item type). The default price is used to bill a patron when an item is lost and there is no price in the item record.
- Balance Due notices – or fine notices, are notifications to patrons who owe over a certain amount. In CARL.X all notices parameters are set at the Institution (shared system) level. Since there are several libraries who currently sent balance due notices, in CARL we’ll send balance due notices on behalf of all libraries. Minimum amount owed will be \$5.00 or more, for fines other than lost. Sent via email.
- Item Categories 1 and 2 – There is nothing equivalent in CARL.X to the Symphony Item Categories.
- INPROCESS, DISCARD, MISSING, DAMAGE Users – In Symphony, TLN created these “users” for each shared system library. There will be no such users in CARL. Instead there will be Statuses. Items that are checked out to these “users” at the time of migration will be migrated without the circulation transaction (in other words, they will no longer be checked out) and will instead be given the relevant Status – INPROCESS, DAMAGE, MISSING, WITHDRAWN (for the items checked out to Discard). Going forward, libraries will simply change the Status of an item to INPROCESS (it will display in the Discovery catalog as Being Acquired), Missing, Withdrawn, or Damage instead of checking the item out to a “user.” Instructions for this process will be posted on the CARL migration page. If an item with a Status of INPROCESS has been received or an item with a Status of Missing has been found, simply scan the item in the Return (Discharge) function to clear the Status.