Migration Update- MeLCat January 29, 2018

TLN staff is discussing the implications of our migration with the MCLS staff now. Tentatively, we are planning to suspend service on April 1 and resume service on July 1 if all goes well.

As you know, we have to create a brief record for every MelCat item received and we also have to have a mechanism to remove the record when the item is returned. Our procedures are well established in SirsiDynix but we don't know how the record removal will work in CARL. We would like to take as few of these records as possible with us and the bibliographic database will be frozen and extracted on May 11, so the majority of the requests need to work their way through the system before that date. Our tentative plan is to stop MelCat participation on April 1 in order to allow up to two weeks for delivery and a three week loan. We will disable the patron's ability to renew items in SirsiDynix but we cannot control renewals in MelCat.

We think we will resume participation on July 1 but there are several milestones that we and the MCLS staff will need to meet. New procedures for handling incoming and outgoing requests will have to be developed and documentation written. MCLS has to make the connections to our new servers since they will have different IP addresses and we are also the first CARL system in the state, so they cannot tell us for sure how long all of this will take. We will have to provide a test data extract in early May. Because all of our item types are changing to the CARL format, we will have to be reprofiled and our entire bibliographic database will have to be reloaded into the Mel catalog.

At this point the suspension date of April 1 is firm. We hope to resume service around July 1 but we have to work with the MCLS staff on this and we will keep you posted as we work through the issues.

When service is suspended, the TLN shared system libraries will be removed from the drop down list. Your patrons will not be able to select your library so they will not be able to log in and place a hold.

We will continue to update you as we have more information. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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