

Luck isn't enough:
The work librarians can do to make Koha better
AKA - George says something weird

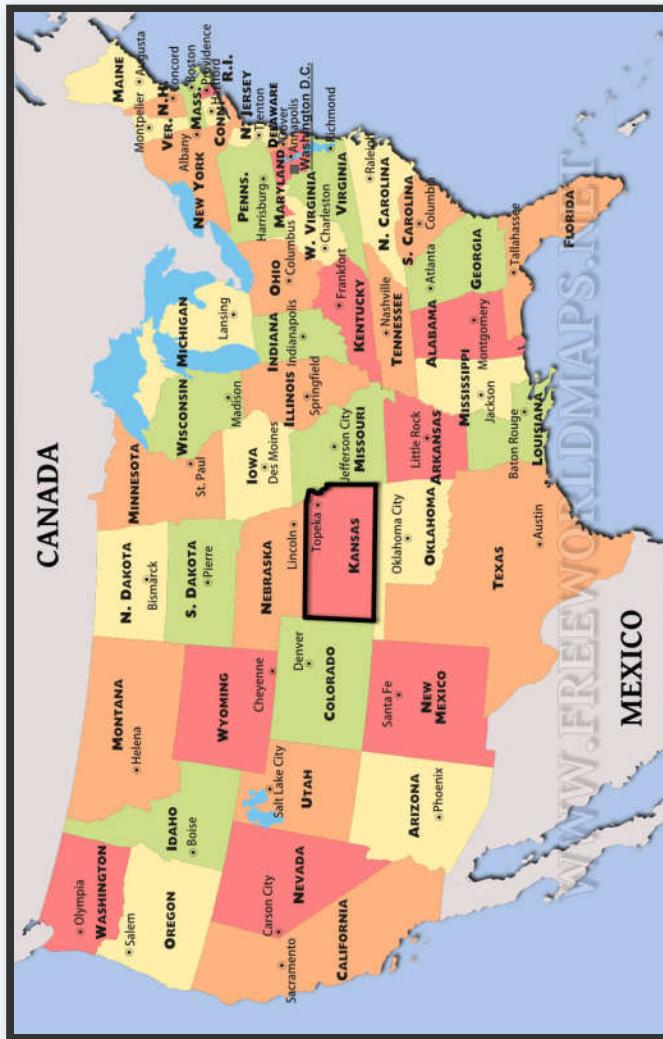
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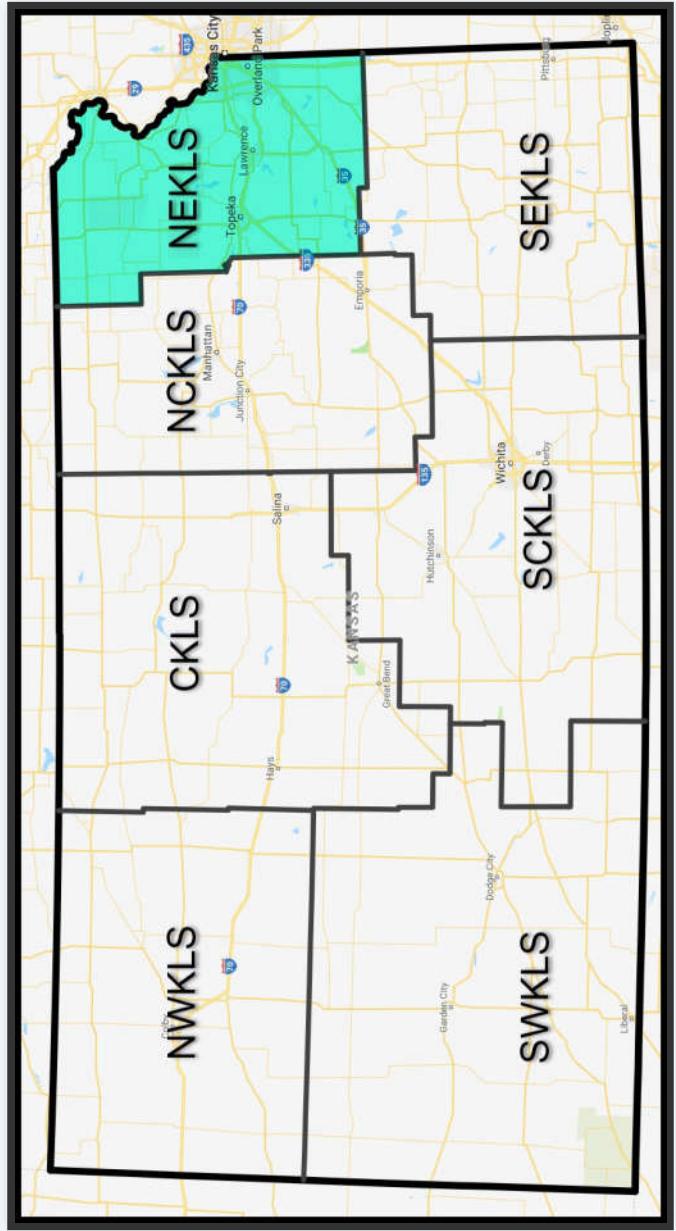
Northeast Kansas Library System

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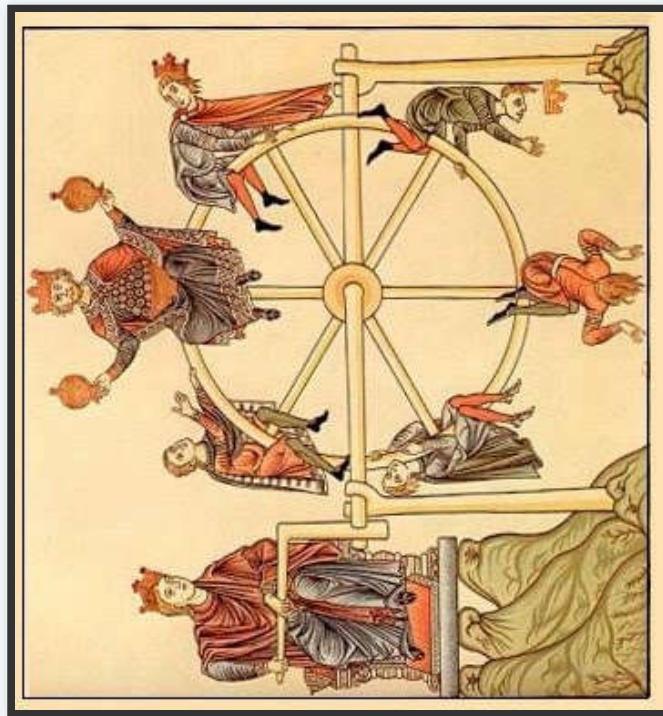
Kansas is in the middle.

51 Libraries in north east Kansas



NEKLS is the highlighted area.

Rota fortunae

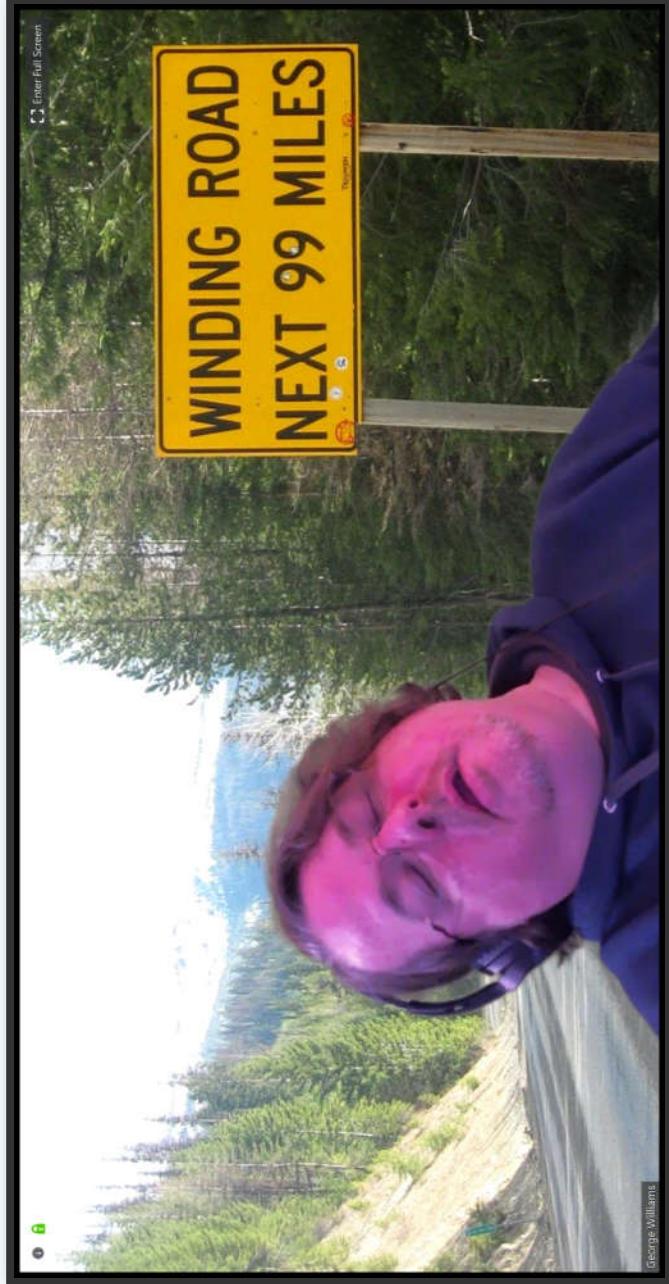


The wheel of fortune.

Hard work

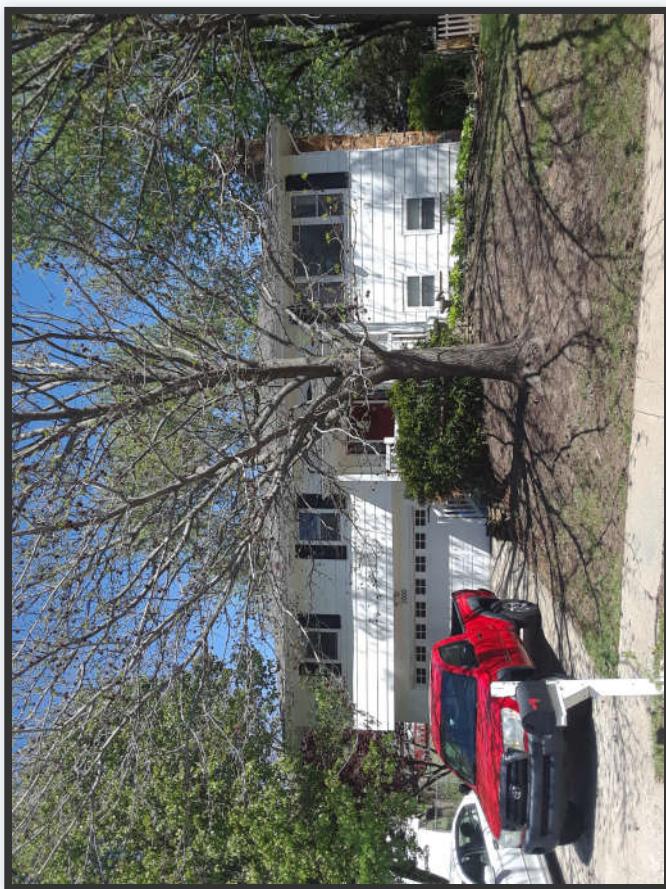


Working hard or hardly working



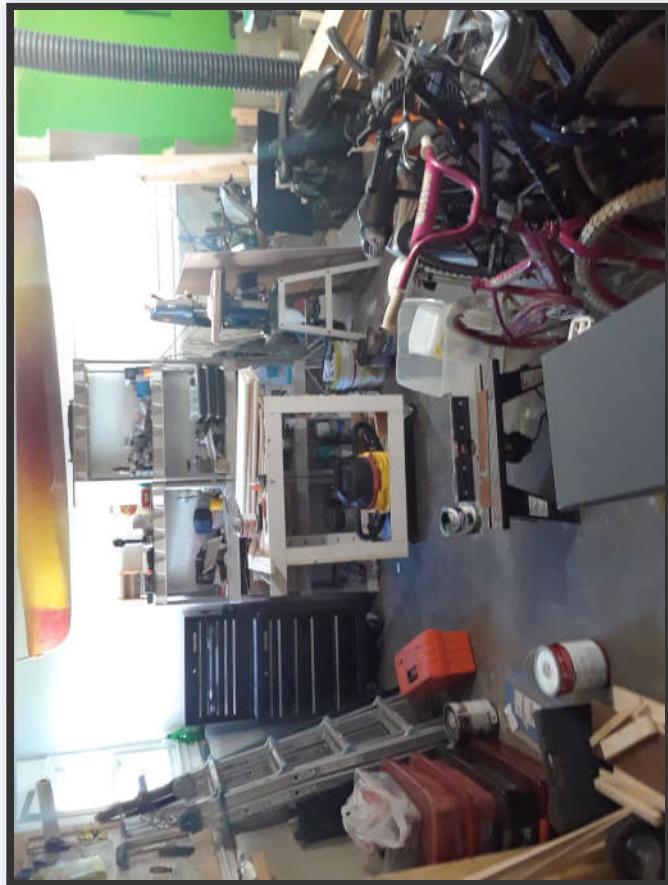
This is what I'm usually doing at this time of day.

Working from home



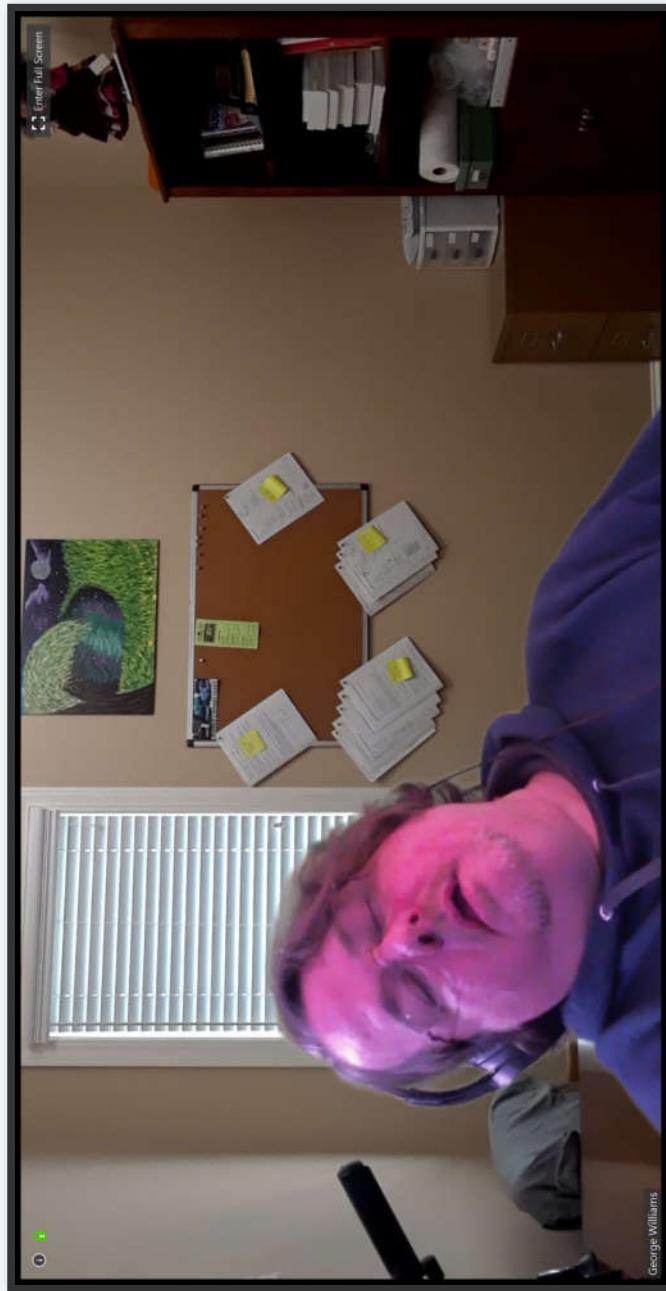
Only 336 payments left.

Garage is a mess

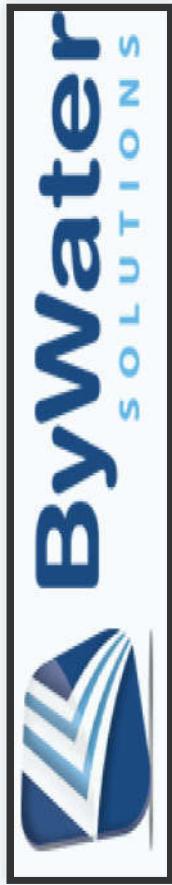


My office might as well be in a disused lavatory with a sign on the door saying
"Beware of the Leopard."

Hardly working



I can't wait to get back to the office!



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Valley Automated Library Network



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LIBRARY COLUMN

Making the transition at the library

By George Williams Apr 14, 2012 


George Williams
Associated Press

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Between the evening of April 21 and the morning of April 23, the Latah County Library District - in fact the entire VALNet library consortium - will be moving its catalog and circulation systems from our current software to a new system called Koha. This process should be fairly seamless for patrons, and we expect the only time library users will be unable to access the online catalog during that weekend is between 5 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday. And unlike our last software change in 2006, library users will not have

Article I wrote for the local paper.

William Shakespeare - Fun fact

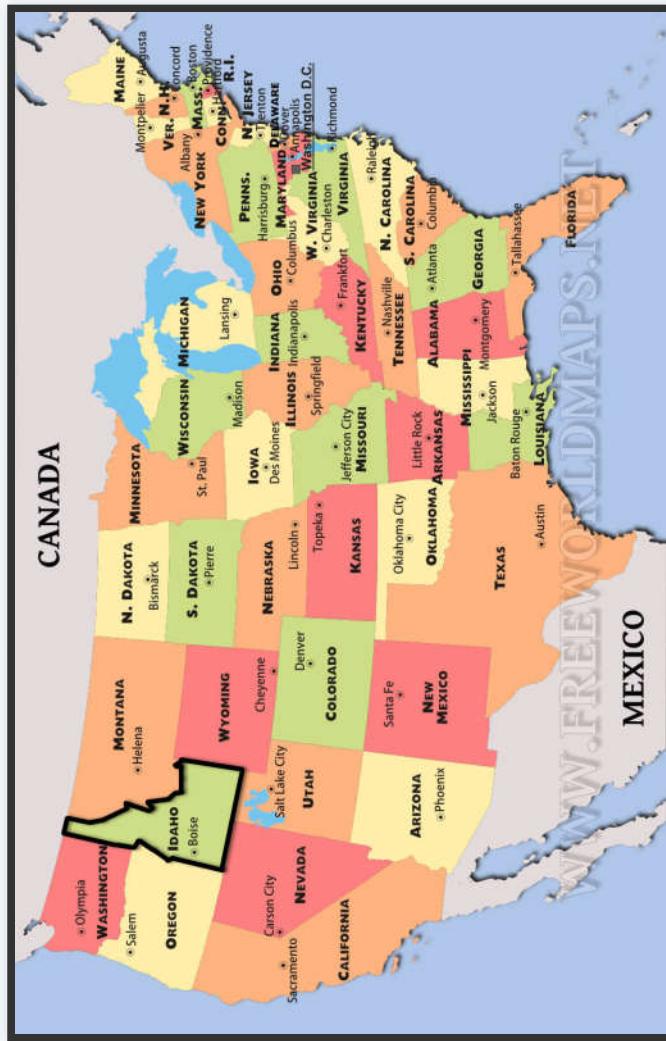


Shakespeare was probably born on this date in 1564.

He also died on this date in 1616.

[Click here if you don't believe me.](#)

Idaho is in the upper left



Idaho. Jewel of the Pacific Northwest.

Moscow Public Library Circulation Desk

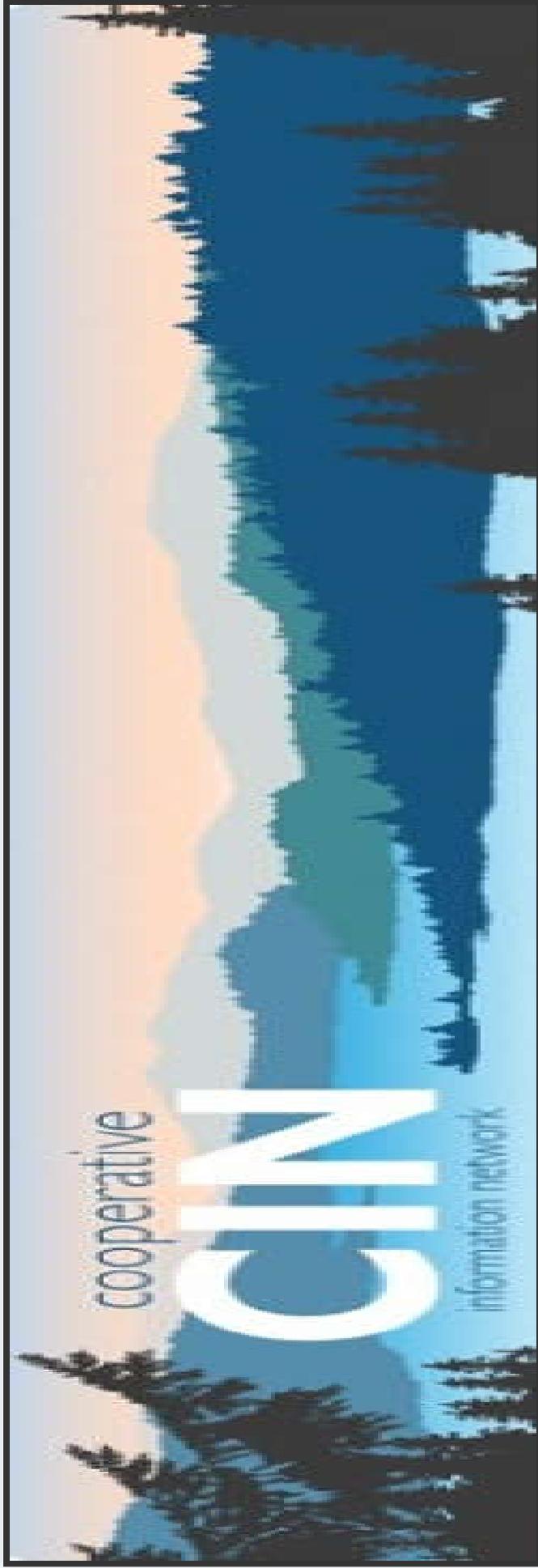


I do not miss the morning book-drop.

2008-2009



Coperative Information Network



AKA CIN

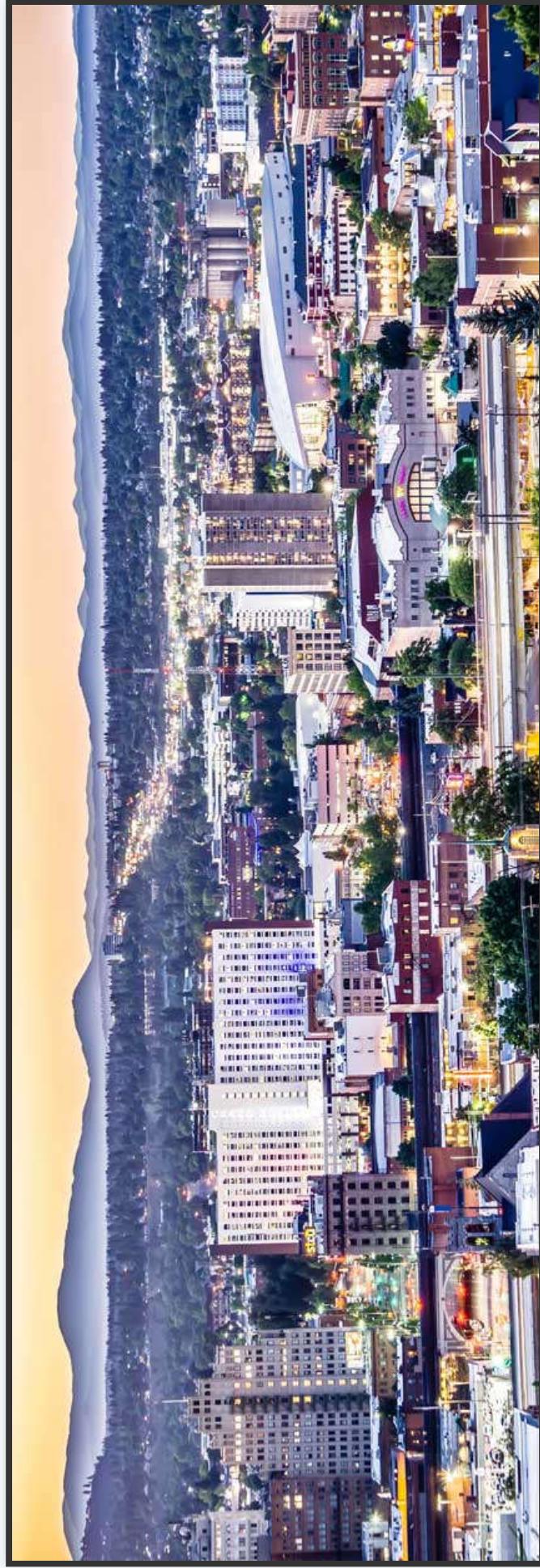
Thats pronounced SEE-EYE-ENN - they don't like it when you call them 'sin.'

Rota fortunae



Not a medieval game show.

Spokane, WA



Jewel of the Pacific Northwest.

Days of discovery



A bunch of salesmen showed up.

Narrowing the field



Only a few salesmen the second time around. ByWater did their presentation remotely.

University of Idaho



Moscow, Idaho. Jewel of the Pacific Northwest.

Boise State University



I can't bring myself to leave a picture of U of I up too long - I went to Boise State. Really a much better school.

Yep, BSU is a great school



I mean, I did go to graduate school at the U of I, but, let's face it, BSU is just a better school.

Go Broncos!



Nothing more needs to be said. BSU rocks.

Anne Cheadle CLLD Director 2006-2014



Anne never liked having her picture taken, so instead, here is a picture I took of the Deary Library in 2015.

Bovill Community Library



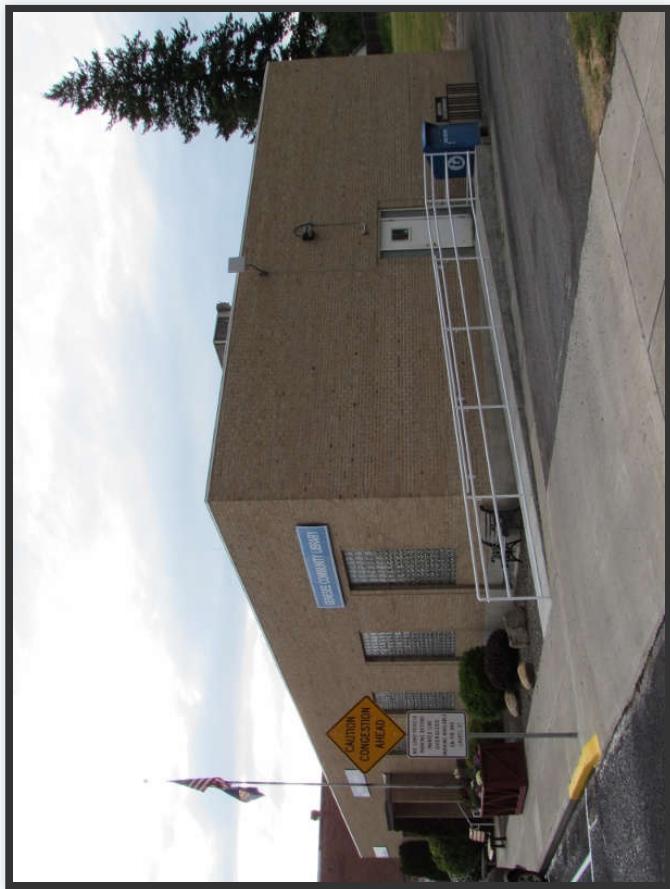
2008

Potlatch Community Library



2014

Genesee Community Library



2008

Juliaetta Community Library



2008

Troy Community Library



2008

Coming soon - obligatory slide with an
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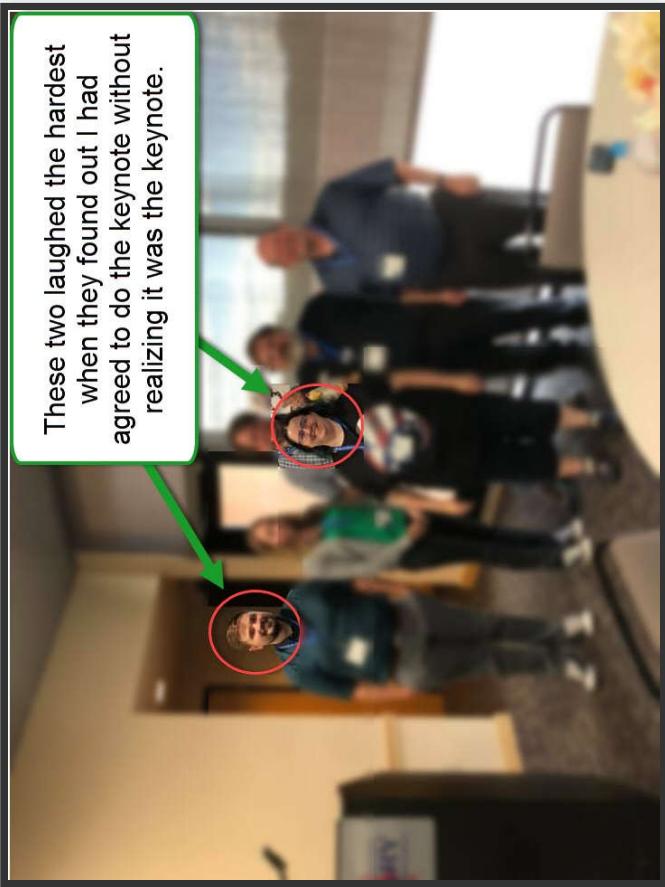
This is why the alternate title for this presentation is "George talks about something weird."

koha-US 2019 Officers



Several of these people were on the Kohathon Committee.

koha-US 2019 Officers



I don't have pictures of everyone who laughed, but these are two of them.

Obligatory slide with an unnumbered list on it

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Volunteering is a bad idea.

Coworkers were no help

gwilliams 2:08 PM
At the last Koha conference committee meeting I said I would fill in at the online Koha conference in two weeks for someone who decided they couldn't make it. Turns out that the person I volunteered to fill in for was the Keynote speaker.

Anyone have any good ideas about what I could do for a Keynote about Koha?

Dan Alexander 2:08 PM
Good Luck!

rhasstings 2:09 PM
LOL - have fun with that... 😊 What's the theme of the conference?

Laura A DeBaun 2:09 PM
Way to go George!! 😊

gwilliams 2:10 PM
I think the theme of the conference is "Hey it's the first time we've ever done a 15 hour online conference and we don't know what the hell we're doing."

rhasstings 2:10 PM
Oh. It's "that" conference! Um. Yeah, what Dan said. Good luck!!

Mike McDonald 2:12 PM
That's a tough break, George! 😊

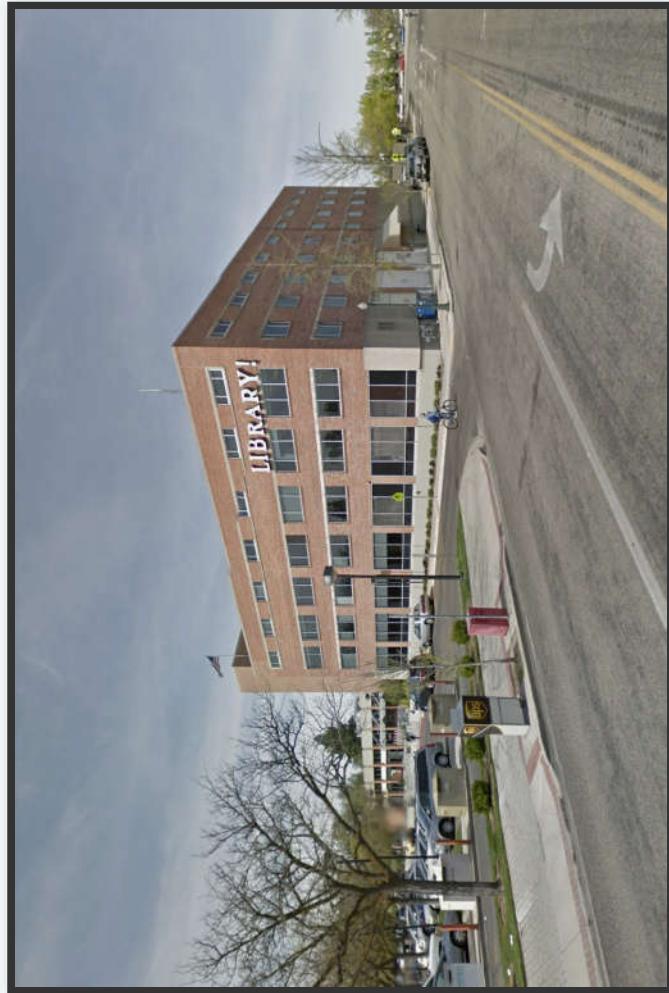
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- Everyone said "Good luck!"

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- Dumb luck talked me into doing the keynote
 - Everyone said "Good luck"
 - Staff often feel like luck is all they have

Library!



I worked for Boise Public Library from 1997-2002.

Bookmobile



I was the Bookmobile Driver at Boise Public.

A Reasonable Request

Ray's Minit Market

Please Upload Gun
And Remove Ski
Mask Before Entering

Ray's had a sign like this in the window when I was a kid in Idaho Falls.

Neil Young

There is a town
in north Ontario

Dream comfort
memory to spare

Koha



I saw the light!

Make your own luck in 3 steps

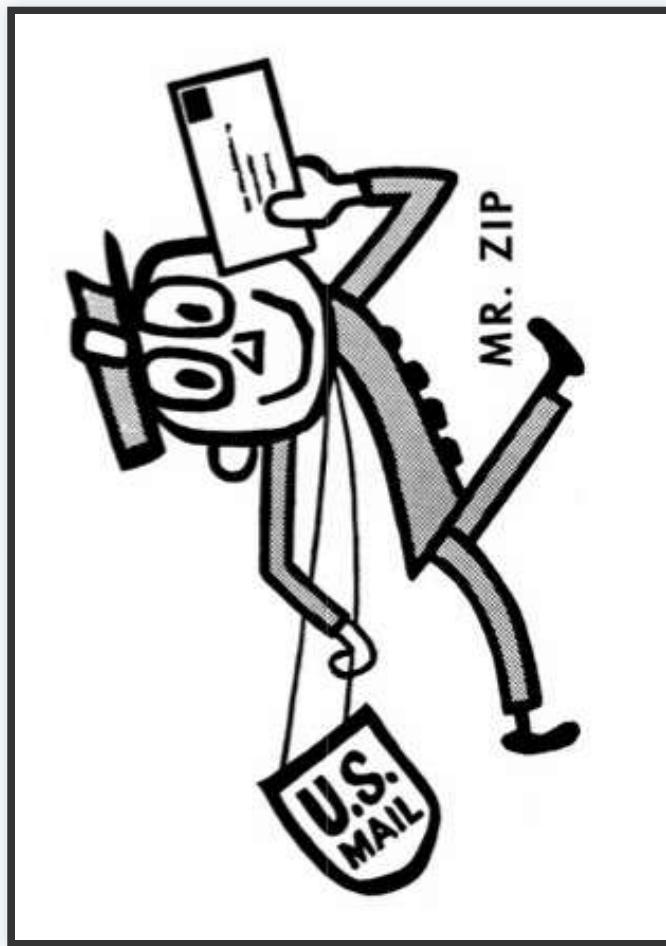
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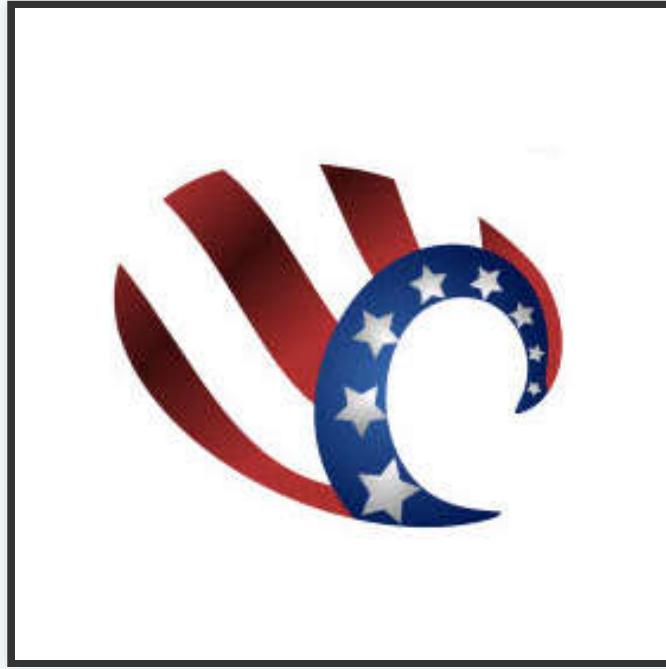
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Listen by e-mail



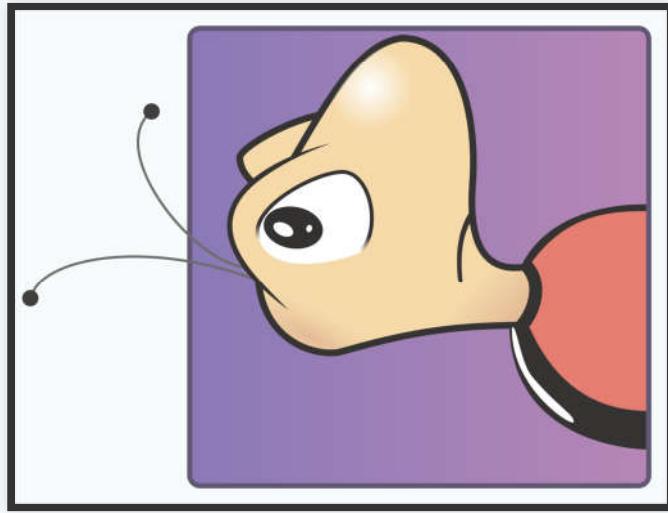
Koha community mailing lists

Listen to a meeting



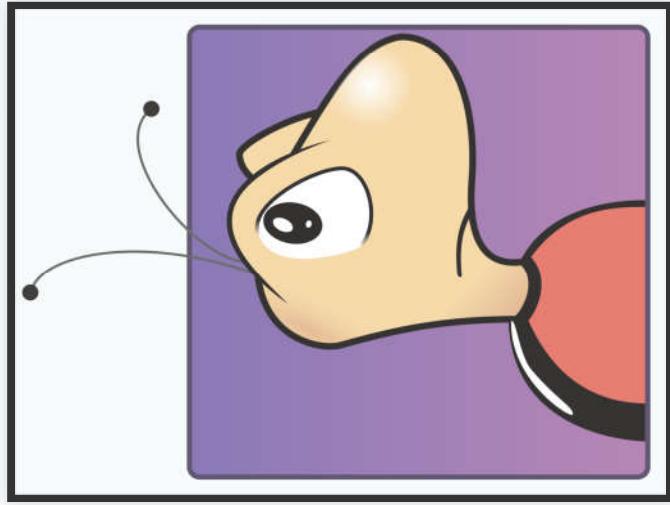
koha-US Collaborate page

Listen to Bugzilla



[Click here to go to Bugzilla](#)

koha-US + Bugzilla



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Don't be like Mrs. Richards



She keeps her hearing aid off to save the batteries.

Make your own luck in 3 steps

1. Listen

Here's that list again.

Make your own luck in 3 steps

1. Listen
2. Ask
questions

Here's that list again.

Be like Arnold



Good question

The screenshot shows the Koha library management system interface. At the top left is a navigation menu with links like Home, Catalog, Search, etc. Below the menu, there's a search bar with placeholder text "Search catalog" and a "Search" button.

Check in message: A yellow box displays the message: "0003008201194: Information doesn't want to be free : Not checked out."

Check in: A button labeled "Check in". Below it, a text input field says "Enter item barcode:" followed by a green-bordered input field containing a placeholder "Barcode". To the right is a "Submit" button.

Options: A box containing two checkboxes: "Forgive overdue charges" and "Book drop mode".

Checked-in items: A table with the following data:

Due date	Title	Author	Barcode	Home library	Holding library	Shelving location	Call number	Type	Patron	Note
Not checked out	Information doesn't want to be free :	Doctorow, Cory,	0003008201194	Northeast Kansas Library System	Northeast Kansas Library System	Adult	343.730 DOC	BOOK Professional Collection	Not checked out	

Yeah, why doesn't Koha display a message at check-in for a damaged item.

Twin Peaks



What the hell is going on?

Seriously?

-[Seat 1]-	
1	Breakfast Burrito \$8.00
ADD Bacon	\$2.00
1	Breakfast Burrito \$8.00
1	Denver Omelette \$10.00
1	Walk Home \$0.00
1	Stupid Question \$0.38

No one in the Koha community will send you a bill for asking a stupid question.

Make your own luck in 3 steps

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2. Ask questions

This is not the last time you'll see this list.

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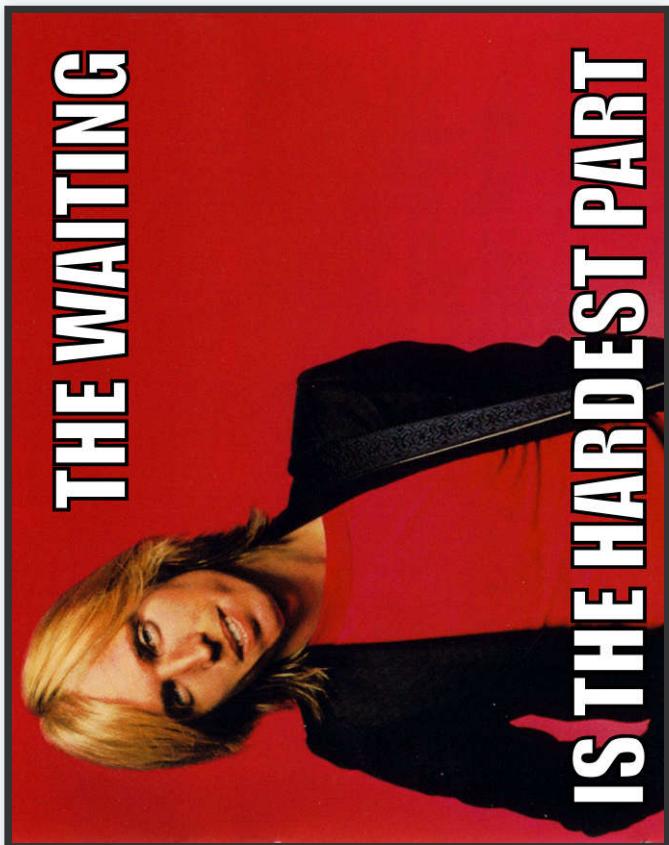
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Tom Petty was wrong



An Example of My Workflow

Bugzilla – Main Page

Home | New | Browse | Search | Search | ? | Reports | Preferences | Log out george@neklis.org

Welcome to Bugzilla

[File a Bug](#) [Search](#) [User Preferences](#) [Documentation](#) [Dashboard](#)

Common Queries:

[Open bugs assigned to me \(0\)](#) [Open bugs reported by me \(0\)](#)

[Bugs reported in the last 24 hours](#) | [last 7 days](#)
[Bugs changed in the last 24 hours](#) | [last 7 days](#)

Once or twice a week, I go here

Go to Bugzilla

List of bugs

Bugzilla – Bug List						
		Home New Browse Search	Search [?]	Reports Preferences Help Log out george@onekis.org		
ID ▾	Product	Comp	Assignee	Status	Resolution	Summary
25257	Koha	118N/L10	bgkriegel@gmail.com	Need	---	Preserve XML prolog in translated files
25256	Koha	About	koha-bugs@lists.koha-community...	RESO	INVA SPAM	SPAM
25254	Koha	About	koha-bugs@lists.koha-community...	RESO	INVA	Allow to apply modification template when exporting checkouts
25253	Koha	Circulat	julian.maurice@biblibre.com	Need	---	Add script to export bib data to CollectionHQ
25252	Koha	Architec	david.roberts@ptfs-europe.com	Need	---	When a record has no items click delete all does not need an alert
25251	Koha	Catalogi	koha-bugs@lists.koha-community...	NEW	---	JS code for checkboxes also affects hidden modules inputs
25250	Koha	Tools	nick@bywatersolutions.com	Sign	---	When viewing a patron's modification log we should see both the MEMBERS and CIRCULATION modules
25249	Koha	Tools	jonathan.druar@bugs.koha-c...	Need	---	Delete All Items should redirect to detail.pl, not additem.pl
25248	Koha	Catalogi	nick@bywatersolutions.com	Pass	---	Exporting 'modification log' to a file should not send objects
25247	Koha	Tools	nick@bywatersolutions.com	Sign	---	Add script to export bib data to EBSCO EDS
25246	Koha	Architec	david.roberts@ptfs-europe.com	Need	---	Add a plugin hook to allow running code on a nightly basis
25245	Koha	Plugin a	martin.renvoize@ptfs-europe...	Sign	---	Accessibility: Checkboxes on the search results page do not contain specific aria labels
25244	Koha	OPAC	oleonard@myacpi.org	NEW	---	Accessibility: 2.4.6 Headings and Labels
25243	Koha	OPAC	oleonard@myacpi.org	NEW	---	

This is where the action is

Read them

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[Nick Clemens](#) 2020-04-22 13:49:52 UTC [Description](#) [\[tag\]](#) [\[reply\]](#) [\[-\]](#) [Collapse All Comments](#) [Expand All Comments](#)

It seems to be overkill, the delete all button is grayed out, has a tooltip, but click it generates an alert that must be dismissed. I think the first two are sufficient

To recreate:

- 1 - Find a record with items in the staff interface
- 2 - Click edit
- 3 - Note 'Delete all items' is grayed out
- 4 - Note hovering displays a note that there are no items
- 5 - Click on it anyway, an alert is generated

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Sign off



Yeah, I'm not going to talk about that today.

A Really Simple Example

Bugzilla – Bug List

Home | New | Browse | Search | Add 'All' option to repo | Search [?] | Reports | Preferences | Help | Log out george@nekis.org

Wed Apr 22 2020 21:07:13 UTC

[stack underflow](#)

Hide Search Description

Status: UNCONFIRMED, NEW, ASSIGNED, REOPENED, Needs Signoff, Signed Off, Passed QA, Failed QA, Pushed to master, In Discussion, Patch doesn't apply, Pushed to stable, BLOCKED, Pushed to oldstable, Pushed to oldoldstable

Product: Add Component: Add Alias: Add Summary: Add Whiteboard: Add Content: "Add" Product: All Component: All Alias: All Summary: All

All Whiteboard: All Content: "All" Product: option Component: option Alias: option Summary: option Whiteboard: option Content: "option"

Whiteboard: to Content: "to" Product: report Component: report Alias: report Summary: report Whiteboard: report Content: "report"

value Alias: value Summary: value Whiteboard: value Content: "value" Product: dropdowns Component: dropdowns Alias: dropdowns Summary: dropdowns Whiteboard: dropdowns

ID ▾	Product	Comp	Assignee	Status	Resolution	Summary
23389	Koha	Reports	nick@hywatersolutions.com	Push	---	Add 'All' option to report value dropdowns

One bug found.

Long Format Time Summary [ML](#) [CSV](#) [RSS](#) Change Columns

Edit Search Remember search as

File a new bug in the "Reports" component of the "Koha" product

Nick wrote a patch

[Nick Clemens](#) 2019-07-27 12:15:29 UTC [Description](#) [tag] [reply] [-]

Sometimes you may want to have a report optionally limit to an itemtype or branch etc.

It would be nice to have an 'All' option in the report dropdowns

[Nick Clemens](#) 2019-07-27 12:18:45 UTC [Comment 1](#) [tag] [reply] [-]

Created attachment [91948](#) [review]
[Bug 23389: Add 'All' option to report dropdowns](#)

This patch adds and 'all' option to report dropdowns

Note you will need to use 'LIKE' instead of '=' to allow 'All' to work

To test:

```
1 - Write a report:  
    SELECT branchname FROM branches WHERE branchcode LIKE <<Branch|branches>>  
2 - Run it  
3 - Select a branch  
4 - You get one branch info  
5 - Note you cannot select all  
6 - Apply patch  
7 - Run report  
8 - Select 'All'  
9 - You get all branches  
10 - Select one branch  
11 - You get one branch
```

I commented

[George Williams \(NEKLS\)](#) 2019-07-29 21:24:53 UTC

[Comment 2](#) [\[tag\]](#) [\[reply\]](#) [\[-\]](#)

I like the idea, but I have some reports that, if my staff were to run with "All" as the option, would overload our system. Is there a way you can write this so that "All" is optional? Like if you could add some kind of flag after a second pipe or something that. Something like "<<Branch|branches>>" doesn't give you the "All" option but "<<Branch|branches|all>>" does give you the "All" option?

Nick changed the patch and addressed my comments

Nick Clemens 2019-07-30 15:30:26 UTC Comment 3 [tag] [reply] [-]

Created attachment 91891 [details] [review]
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- 6 - Apply patch
- 7 - Run report
- 8 - No change
- 9 - Update report like:
 SELECT branchname FROM branches WHERE branchcode LIKE <<Branch|branches:all>>
- 10 - Run report
- 11 - Select 'All'
- 12 - You get all branches
- 13 - Select one branch
- 14 - You get one branch
- 15 - Test with other authorised categories (inttypes, YES_NO, etc.)
- 16 - Confirm it works as expected
- 17 - Prove -v t/db_dependent/Reports/Guided.t

Discussions are Good



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Have a Happy Day



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