



2017 North Texas Koha Summit



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Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library

101 E. Hunt Street

McKinney TX 75069

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Discover the First Truly Collaborative ILS

Program

9:00-10:00:

Hospitality and Welcomes:

Mix and mingle with colleagues around a continental breakfast.

10:00-11:00

What is Koha? An Overview

Learn about the history of Koha, why it was created and see the growth history of the system in terms of its adoption worldwide. We will also discuss the advantages of using Koha from a patron and staff perspective and how the community operates utilizing collaborative development to evolve the system.

(Joy Nelson and Todd Goatley, ByWater Solutions)

11:00-12:00:

The Koha Experience: A Public Library Perspective:

What was it like to transition to Koha from a proprietary ILS in a public library? Hear perspectives on staffing needs as well as what it is like working with an open source vendor and the cost differences associated. The positives and negatives of using Koha in a public library will also be explored.

(Spencer Smith, McKinney Public Library, Vicky Kemp, Flower Mound Public Library)

12:00-1:00

Lunch: Join your colleagues in frank discussions concerning the future of libraries and librarianship while dining on local fare.

1:00-2:00

Koha Demo

See Koha in action and have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the system's functionality.

(Joy Nelson, ByWater Solutions)

2:00-3:00

The Koha Experience: An Academic Library Perspective:

What was it like to transition to Koha from a proprietary ILS in an academic library?

Hear perspectives on staffing needs as well as what it is like working with an open source vendor and the cost differences associated. How flexible is Koha when it comes to integrating campus-wide systems and 3rd party products?

(Jon Crossno and Cameron Kainerstorfer, UT Southwestern Medical Center)

3:00-4:00

Managing a Consortium with Koha:

Jerry Brock, head of E-Libris Technologies and the Texas Library Consortium talks about what it takes to manage a consortium, including operating costs, difficulties faced and how things are progressing as one of the largest collaboratives of libraries using Koha.

(Jerry Brock, Texas Library Consortium)

4:00-4:45

The Future of Linked Data in Koha

Joy Nelson of ByWater will discuss the exciting advancements in linked data and how Koha will begin working with this medium in the not so distant future.

(Joy Nelson, ByWater Solutions)

We hope to see you there!

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