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MIGRATION TALES FROM A SMALL CONSORTIUM

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WARNINGS

- Records without inventory are handled differently by old and new systems
- Bound-withs and analyzed serials will probably break
- Authority control expectation vs. reality
- Your institution might be part of a cyber-incident!

MORE WARNINGS

- (Law) Local Classification
- (Medical) Medical Subject Headings
- Be cautious in editing shared records, and agree to shared standards
- Be aware and comfortable in learning new strategies/tools to clean up your data.

\$\$\rightarrow WARNING: GOOD THINGS AHEAD! \$\$\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarr

- **Expanded professional network!**
- More professional support!
- Opportunities to share and learn from your colleagues!
- Opportunities for professional growth!

COMMON MIGRATION ERRORS

- Order of loading the data from source catalogs
- We don't know what we don't know
 - Records lacking inventory (holdings and items)
 - Innocuous things may suddenly cause problems in the new system

IF WE KNEW THEN WHAT WE KNOW NOW



Organize your documents thoughtfully



On't expect the vendor to set everything up for you



The vendor may not provide specific enough information for you to

be able to set things up yourself

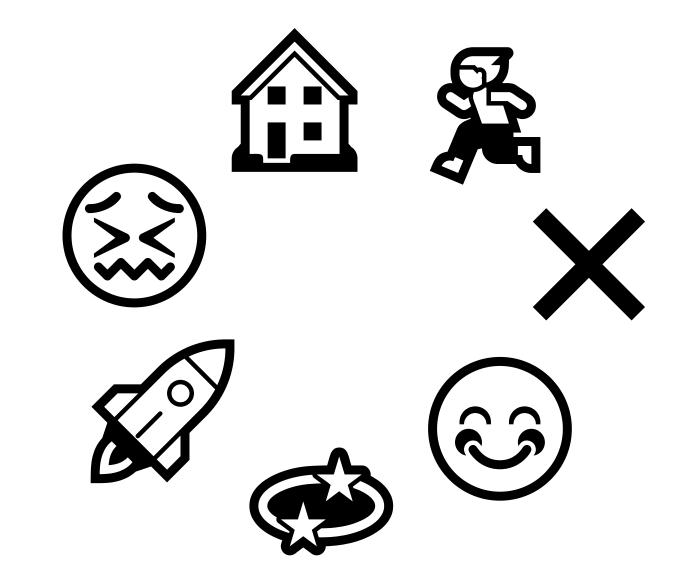
POST MIGRATION COPY CATALOGING WORKFLOW

- Theck consortium's shared catalog first
- Theck WorldCat second
- Update records in two places, maybe, depending on your system
- Get used to accepting records of differing standards, and don't fear enhancing records from other institutions

TAKE AWAY ADVICE

- The new system won't do some things as well as the old system
- The new system will do some things better than the old system
- Cleanup with familiar tools before migration
- Post-migration cleanup is an opportunity to learn the new system
- Be open to change

Copy catalogers' feelings in emojis on our new library management system



RESOURCES

- Normalization Rules Syntax
 https://anzreg.igelu.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2018/12/Kortick Normalization-rule examples-2.pdf
- Ex Libris Developer site https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/blog/alma-normalization-rule-examples/
- Designing and Creating Normalization Rules
 https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=n0-i_shXU0c&t=2865s

REACH OUT!



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