

Koha Circulation & Patron Management

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Today's Program

- What is a Koha?
- Live Look:
 - Adding a patron
 - Circulating books
 - Working with holds
 - Circulation reports
- Where to find help
- Additional Resources



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What is Koha?

- Where did the name Koha come from?
- Koha is not an acronym, it's a Maori word (spelled Koha not KOHA)
- A Koha is a special kind of gift, most accurately defined as a gift with expectations
- This is one of the reasons why the Koha ILS was licensed with the GPL because of the expectations of reciprocity built in to it

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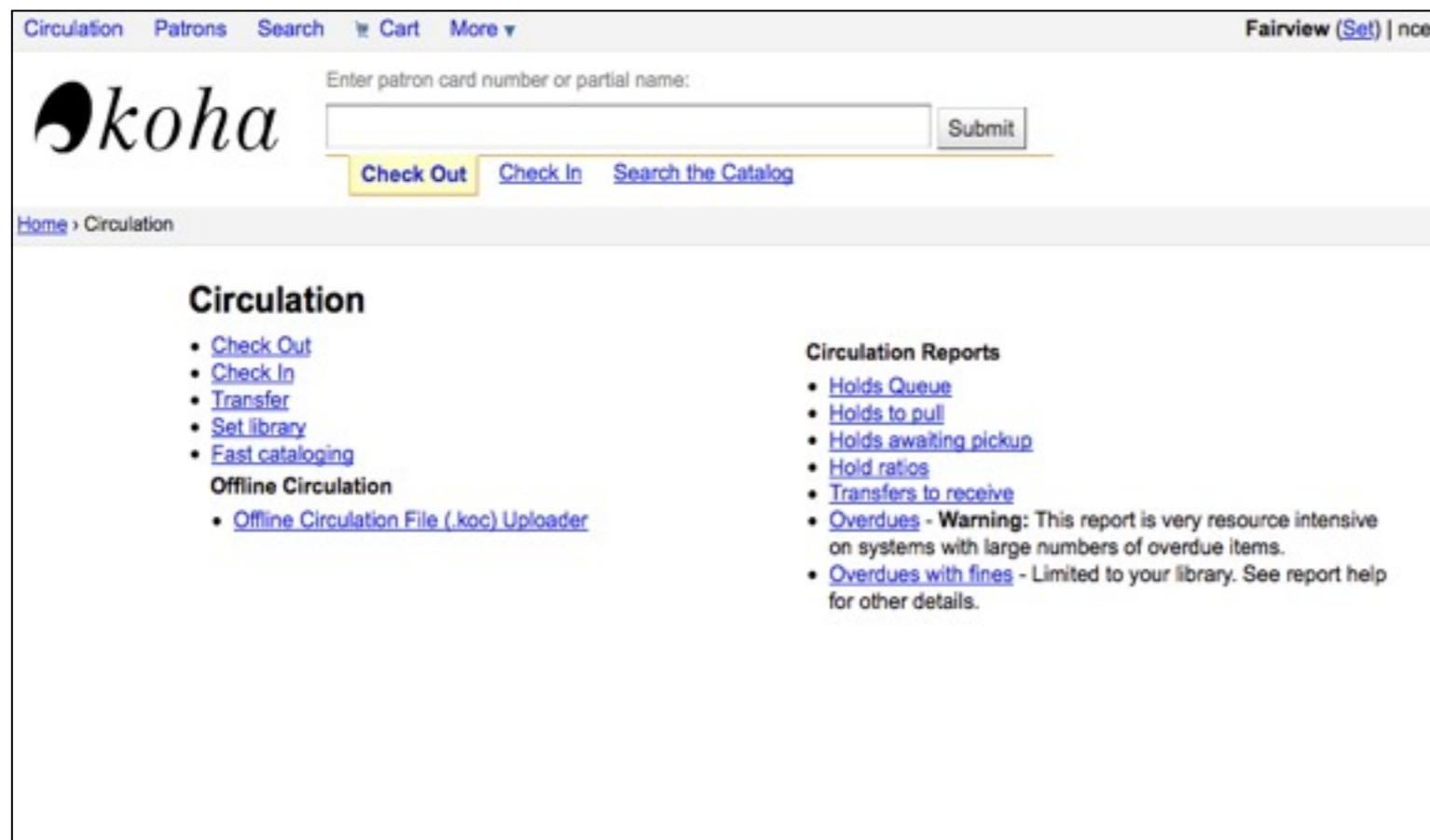
History of Koha

- Developed from 1999-2000 in NZ
- HLT hired a development firm & insisted that they release the software as open source
- First US Public Library goes live in 2003
- Koha 3.0 released in 2008
- First US KohaCon in TX in 2009
- 10th Anniversary & KohaCon in NZ in 2010
- More: koha-community.org/about/history/

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Let's Look



The screenshot shows the Koha library management system interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Circulation, Patrons, Search, Cart, and More. The user is logged in as 'Fairview (Set) | nce'. The Koha logo is on the left, and a search bar is in the center with the text 'Enter patron card number or partial name:'. Below the search bar are buttons for 'Check Out', 'Check In', and 'Search the Catalog'. The main content area is titled 'Circulation' and contains two columns of links. The left column lists: Check Out, Check In, Transfer, Set library, Fast cataloging, and Offline Circulation (with a sub-link for Offline Circulation File (.koc) Uploader). The right column lists: Circulation Reports (with sub-links for Holds Queue, Holds to pull, Holds awaiting pickup, Hold ratios, Transfers to receive, Overdues - Warning: This report is very resource intensive on systems with large numbers of overdue items, and Overdues with fines - Limited to your library. See report help for other details).

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Where to Find Koha

- Koha can be downloaded from the official site: koha-community.org/download-koha/
- The code can be found at <http://git.koha-community.org>
- The bug/enhancement list can be found (and contributed to) at: bugs.koha-community.org

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Where to Find Help

- Koha Manual:
 - koha-community.org/documentation/
- Koha Lists:
 - koha-community.org/support/koha-mailing-lists/
- Koha IRC:
 - koha-community.org/get-involved/irc/
- Paid Support:
 - koha-community.org/support/paid-support/
- Koha Wiki:
 - wiki.koha-community.org

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Additional Resources

- Free/Libre & OSS & Libraries Bibliography
 - [zotero.org/groups/freelibre and open source software and libraries bibliography/items](https://zotero.org/groups/freelibre_and_open_source_software_and_libraries_bibliography/items)
- Koha Newsletter
 - koha-community.org/category/koha-newsletter/
- Koha on Social Networks
 - [wiki.koha-community.org/wiki/Koha on Social Networks](https://wiki.koha-community.org/wiki/Koha_on_Social_Networks)
- Koha Specific Zotero Library
 - zotero.org/groups/koha/items

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Thank You

- Koha questions can be directed to:
 - Koha Community: koha-community.org/support/
 - Me: nengard@bywatersolutions.com
- Don't miss other NEFLIN & Koha workshops:
 - neflin.org/registration.php

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