*Automatically “pruning” older messages from the Messages table*.

There are two new system preferences that will prune messages older than “X” amount of days if enabled.

MessageDeliveredExpireDays and MessagePendingExpireDays allows SCLS staff to set the number of days before messages are deleted from the system.

* The “delivered” system preference prunes messages that were handed off for delivery to the email server or the Talking Tech server (voice & text).
* The “pending” system preference prunes messages that could not be sent for some reason OR were sent to the Print Messages table.

The object is to remove old messages from the table, which would also remove them from the display in the patron's Messages tab and the Print Messages table. The message tables get very large very quickly, and this is a way to clean them up without needing work at the system level.

In Koha we had to submit a yearly ticket each July to have LibLime staff purge ‘messages’ older than that April. Then they would start accumulating again until the next July’s purge.

The settings would be the number of days a message is retained before it is deleted from the table. During a discussion about this at a meeting earlier this year, the CSS members thought that 120 days would be a good option.