

ILS Report March 2022

Bibliovation and LINKcat Mobile App downtime

There have been some recent problems with Bibliovation downtime that occurred on multiple days. LibLime stated that there were a couple of high-demand simultaneous queries that hit the Plack server at the same time, and that took time for LibLime to diagnose and resolve.

In addition, the LINKcat Mobile App was down. LibLime and Solus (the mobile app vendor) worked to restore the app, although currently patrons must be logged in to the app in order to search. This is a temporary security measure. It is supposed to last for at least a couple of weeks, until Solus can implement additional measures.

Bibliovation 7.2 upgrade

The sandbox has been upgraded to the next version of Bibliovation, which is 7.2. ILS staff are testing the new version. For the most current information on fixes for high-priority bugs, see the Bibliovation Support Page: <https://www.scls.info/bibliovation-support>.

Bibliovation development projects

SCLS staff are writing specifications for prioritized development. We will then pass these on to LibLime for levels of effort / quotes.

Rio and Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup

SCLS staff and the Madison catalogers continue to work on merging duplicate bibliographic records, and the cataloging of unique bibliographic records.

Firefox 98 Upgrade

SCLS staff conducted Bibliovation testing in advance of the Firefox 98 upgrade. The upgrade was completed on March 22. The upgrade broke our ability to set some spine label margins so the Help Desk staff are finalizing a document that will provide a work-around for printing odd-sized spine labels.

Marshfield local materials cataloging pilot

SCLS staff put together documentation for Marshfield staff that cover local cataloging procedures, as well as information on loading OCLC records into Bibliovation. SCLS and Madison Cataloging staff have also provided online training to Marshfield staff. After the training, Marshfield staff can begin cataloging and loading bibliographic records for local and genealogy materials.

Proposed Local Holds Pilot Project

A proposal to create a local holds pilot project for interested LINKcat libraries will be presented at the April ILS Committee meeting. There is a separate document that outlines the proposed plan and also addresses comments from the March All Directors meeting.

Grants

ARPA, LSTA, & SCLS Funds: Most libraries have submitted their requests for projects and we will begin the ordering process ASAP as the cost of items continues to increase. Many libraries will be beginning RFID tagging projects.

Multi-part DVDs Packaging Workgroup

Members of the Multi-part DVD Packaging Workgroup Steering Group shared the information gathered by the workgroup to the directors at the All Director's meeting on March 17. The next step is for clusters to discuss the issues at cluster meetings—work group members are encouraged to attend cluster meetings. Directors will vote Yes or No to the following question at the All Directors meeting on May 19.

“Would your library like to begin packaging and circulating multi-part fiction television series and mini-series DVD/Bluray sets together, starting with new titles in LINKcat beginning on September 1?”

Reports

- Date item was marked Claims Returned was added to the monthly Claims Returned report.
- Problem with the Loaned/Borrowed subtotals on the Stat Summary spreadsheet fixed.

Self-Check and RFID installations

- The most recent point release for Bibliovation caused a problem with renewing items by scanning the item in the Checkout screen. Renewals from the Accounts screen work but renewals through the Checkout screen do not work and give a new due date of 0. This has been reported to LibLime, added to the Known Problems and libraries were emailed. This problem will be escalated with LibLime.

Training and documentation

The following User Groups have been scheduled or are in the process of being scheduled:

- GetIt Acquisitions User Group: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 10 – 11:30 am
- Discovery Layer User Group: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 1 – 2:30 pm
- Circulation User Group: to be scheduled
- Serials User Group: to be scheduled
- Linking User Group: to be scheduled
- Reports User Group: to be scheduled

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: March 8, 2022
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: March 9, 2022
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: March 16, 2022
- Delivery Workflows Workgroup: On Hiatus
- Multi-part DVDs Workgroup: March 2, Presented at March 17th All Directors

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: March 15, 2022; PLA in Portland
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: March 8, 2022

Authority Control and Database Maintenance

March 2022 Authority Control/Batch Deletes

- 5,151 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 2/24/2022 and 3/29/2022.
- 24,349 items and 3,723 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.