

ILS Report May 2022

Bibliovation 7.2 upgrade

ILS staff continue to test a new upgrade in the sandbox. Because there are outstanding bugs, we will not be able to upgrade production until August at the earliest. For the most current information on fixes for high-priority bugs, see the Bibliovation Support Page: <https://www.scls.info/bibliovation-support>.

Bibliovation URL change

The Bibliovation staff URL will be changing from scls.kohalibrary.com to scls.bibliovation.com during the day on May 31, 2022. LibLime will be doing a redirect from the old URL to the new URL until September 1, 2022, so existing links to Bibliovation will continue to work, even after the URL change, until the "old" URL is finally discontinued on September 1, 2022. For more details, see the [LINKcat News blog post](#).

Rio and Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup

SCLS staff have continued to make progress with moving multi-part DVD TV MFD item records to the matching SCLS bibliographic records. The Madison Catalogers are cataloging records that did not have OCLC numbers.

Firefox 100 upgrade

Firefox was upgraded to version 100 on May 24. SCLS staff tested Bibliovation and Firefox prior to the upgrade.

Reporting Bibliovation Response Time Problems

SCLS staff are working with LibLime to determine areas of Bibliovation where intermittent and short-term slowdowns are a problem and we are looking for your help. If you experience response time problems with Bibliovation, please open a ticket using the [SCLS Help Desk Portal](#) or send an email to helpdesk@scls.info.

In order to provide the most specific information possible to LibLime about response time, please report any problems at the time that they occur, and with as many details as possible. For example, if there is a problem when checking out to a patron, please provide the patron's barcode number, as well as information about whether the patron has a large number of items already checked out or is checking out a large number of items. If there is a problem when viewing a bibliographic and/or item record, please provide the bibliographic number and/or item barcode number and the specifics of the problem. It's also important to provide the date and approximate time when the problem occurred.

If Bibliovation is unusable or seems to be having major problems, please [contact the Help Desk](#) immediately (use the [After Hours Support Number](#) during evenings and weekends). This information has also been posted on the [LINKcat News blog](#).

Proposed Local Holds Pilot Project

The Local Holds Work group met on 5/17/22 to discuss the project and potential problems and benefits we might identify during the pilot. The workgroup also spent time identifying data points that we can use to try to estimate the potential impact of this change. A survey was sent out to LINKcat libraries to document the problems and benefits, with survey responses due 5/20/2022. The workgroup met again on 5/24/2022 to review the survey responses and come up with parameters for the pilot: format, item type and length of time for assigning the "local hold/local use" item type and custom item status. The proposed timeline is now to initiate the pilot on July 1, 2022, if the pilot is approved by the ILS

Committee on June 1, 2022 in order to provide libraries with informational talking points to explain the pilot project to patrons.

Grants

We are waiting for the Exterior Holds storage lockers that have been purchased for 8 member libraries. Libraries participating in the RFID tagging grant have received their tags and have also received their tagging stations and we will be scheduling installations for each library as soon as the invoices are paid and they receive access to the software. There will be additional tags available to libraries already tagging their collections—more information will be available soon.

Multi-part DVDs Packaging Workgroup

On May 19, 2022 the ILS Member libraries voted Yes to approve the following:

“Would your library like to begin packaging and circulating multi-part fiction television series and mini-series DVD* sets together, starting with new titles in LINKcat beginning on September 1?” (*DVD includes BluRay. DVD and BluRay sets will remain distinct in the catalog).

Work has begun to re-convene the Multi-Part DVD Workgroup to work through the changes that need to be made in order to implement this change by September 1, 2022. Current Workgroup members will be provided with the opportunity to drop off the group and we will open it up to new members.

Reports

- The On Demand Inventory report has been released.
- The On Demand Multiple Copies report has been released.

Training and documentation

We held online User Groups for Circulation, Acquisitions, Discovery Layer, Linking and Serials during the month of May. We will be doing a survey about the preferred format (virtual or in-person) for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 User Groups.

The following User Groups are scheduled:

- Reports User Group: to be scheduled

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: May 10, 2022
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: May 11, 2022
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: May 18, 2022
- Local Holds Workgroup: May 3, 17, and 24, 2022

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: May 3, 2022; May 17, 2022; May 24, 2022, May 31, 2022
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: May 10, 2022

Authority Control and “Bib Base” Update

Along with our authority control vendor, Backstage, SCLS and the Madison catalogers are currently planning an authority control update project that will update all of the existing OCLC bibliographic records in our database with up-to-date author, subject, genre, and uniform title (series) headings.

LibLime will extract all of our OCLC records during the weekend of May 28 and 29. These records will then be sent to Backstage. Backstage will make the appropriate changes to the bib records and return the changed bibs to us by the end of the week, along with a set of new LC authority records. LibLime will overlay and import the new bibs and authority records.

Starting Saturday, May 28, there is a moratorium on changes to existing OCLC bib records. Libraries can still create BSEs and sent records from GetIt as usual. That following weekend, there may be a complete cataloging freeze for a day or two while the changed bibs are loaded by LibLime. Unfortunately, we don't have exact dates at this time.

This process will keep our authority headings up to date, and save SCLS and the Madison catalogers quite a bit of manual work.

OCLC Holdings Update and Database Maintenance

OCLC is offering a service this spring to update the OCLC/WorldCat holdings of libraries that provide their MARC data. We are planning on sending the file that we get from LibLime for the "bib base" to OCLC as well since it is all of our OCLC records. This process will add and remove any holdings that have been missed in the past years. During this time, Madison catalogers will be unable to add or remove any holdings but will update anything changed during OCLC's process once it is completed.

Authority Control and Database Maintenance

May 2022 Authority Control/Batch Deletes

- 20,201 items and 2,507 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.