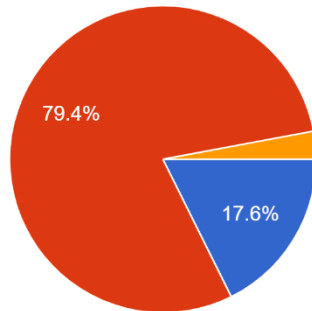


## Summary of Multi-part DVD TV Series Set Matching Survey Results August 2, 2022

If your library acquires a fiction TV series that is already in LINKcat, please choose which option you prefer to use when linking your new DVDs.

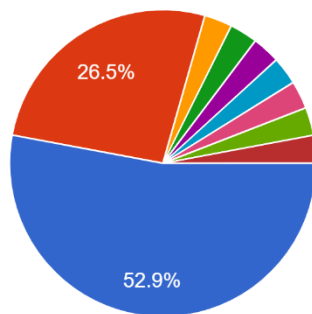
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- Split your set and match to the existing LINKcat records. This means that there would only be one set of records for the same title of Killing Eve, season 4.
- Add your new DVDs as a full set on a new record. This means that the same title would be in LINKcat twice - there would be one record for the full set of...
- I feel that having 2 sets of records for the same title is going to make it harder for the patron. I don't think we are taki...

Would you be willing to re-package your library's sets of split DVDs if a new record for the entire set is added to LINKcat?

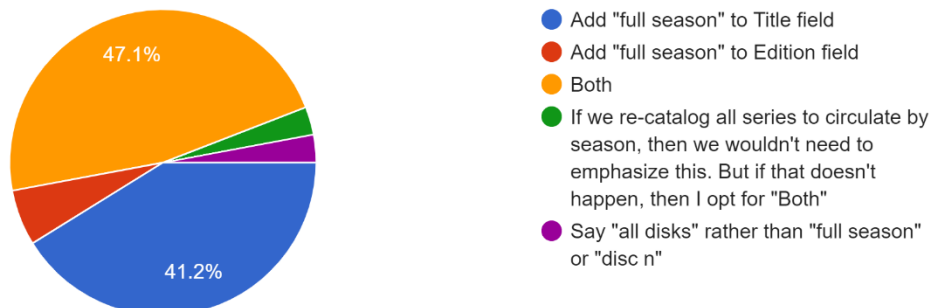
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- Yes
- No
- Possibly yes, depending on the age/condition of the discs
- From a cost point of view our library is...
- Yes, if it is established / codified in a...
- Yes, for very popular or newer series
- Yes, if we could do it when we have ti...
- Maybe? There needs to be a policy in...
- We'd prefer not to, but will do what is...

If there were both "full set" records and "separated DVD" records in LINKcat, for the same title, how would you like to distinguish between these records?

34 responses



Do you have any other comments or questions?

If I purchase a TV series in August can I hold on to them until Sept. and wait until a full set record is available?

Could we get a weekly report of "old" separated sets added as full sets so that we can repackage as they change? If the above example happens, could a record for the rest of Killing Eve (seasons 1-3) also be created so the entire title could be changed/repackaged if a library wants to?

Since the season and disk number are part of the title field, it makes sense that FULL SEASON would be most visible there. The Edition field is much smaller, and harder for patrons to see.

I think it would reduce confusion for patrons if we re-catalog and re-package all TV series, not just the new ones.

Since the first question specifies "fiction TV series" I am hoping the documentary / special interest titles that are multi-disc (such as The Beatles : get back) that are acquired after Sept 1st will get new records so they will circulate together.

This is messy and I don't think that it is helpful to patrons, who should be our primary concern. Isn't the customer why we are doing this???? Deciding to put seasons together, in my mind, means intending to redo what went before... It may take some time (and expense) but I want to satisfy my customers more, than I want to simplify my life.

I understand the reasoning for this. I do think we are not taking into consideration how our patrons search for materials or select them. If we have multiple sets of records it will be a mess over time. I have experienced where a single title has multiple copies, some have all the holds while many remain with no holds. How will this be addressed?

It's going to be messy no matter what. ALL SCLS staff are going to need to become more aware when placing holds

I cannot emphasize enough how strongly I disagree with the plan to circulate DVD sets together. The fact that this survey needs to be sent out like this to figure out how to proceed should be a significant red flag. It will be a mess for staff and an absolute headache for patrons to navigate. Instead of simplifying things for patrons it will be doubly problematic. Any benefits that are a result of this work will be trivial in relation to the time and effort required and the ill will it will generate with patrons and staff. Apologies for being a real grouch - this just feels like a real changing horses midstream situation. I understand that the decision has been made - I think it's a poor decision. Best of luck to all of us!

"full season" may still be confusing, since many split-season DVD records currently say "Complete Nth Season"

There need to be guidelines/limitations for adding a new single record when a separated.

When libraries are adding a new single record for an existing set, will there be some type of notification to other libraries holding that set?

Our staff discussed this issue at length. While adding a single record when a multi-record exists goes against the existing cataloging policies and workflows, the staff felt that the ability to add all "new-to-us series/multi-part items" would be beneficial in processing and to our end users.

I am curious about what this may bring up regarding equitable use / funding for rural use reimbursement when some libraries are circling an item as 5circs & others as one.