

ILS Report November 2022

Bibliovation 7.2 upgrade

LibLime added some additional fixes to the SCLS sandbox during the week of November 14. SCLS staff have been testing those fixes. However, there are still outstanding bugs to resolve before we can upgrade production. For the most current information on fixes for high-priority bugs, see the Bibliovation Support Page: <https://www.scls.info/bibliovation-support>.

Year-end and Annual Reports

So far this year we have run two test to import data into a sample DPI pre-fill form. Both tests were successful and the data totals correctly matched the report data totals. The Annual Purge of Old Charges was completed and confirmed 11/28/2022. The Annual Purge of Inactive Patrons started with reports delivered to libraries on 11/29/2022 and libraries have until 12/14/2022 to review and possibly renew patron records before those inactive records are purged.

The GetIt year-end work is also underway. SCLS staff have been working with library staff to schedule year end rollovers.

Rio and Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup

SCLS staff and the Madison catalogers continue to go through unique MFD and RIO bibliographic records, check for duplicates, and merge duplicates. We are providing OCLC Cataloging when needed. SCLS staff is also working with MFD on the repackaging of multi-part DVD TV sets that can be circulated together under the policy changes.

OverDrive API Integration

LibLime is working on setting up the API integration in the sandbox. After that setup is done, SCLS staff will test it out in the sandbox. The API integration will show title availability information from LINKcat.

Local Holds Pilot Project

The Local Holds Work Group is meeting once a month throughout the pilot and after the pilot to review data and work through issues. At the November 1 meeting, the workgroup members reviewed the responses received from the Local holds/Use survey sent to WI systems/libraries and the Round 2 Local Holds/Use survey sent to LINKcat libraries. This workgroup was scheduled to provide an update report to the All Directors on November 17th. Three library staff members of the workgroup, from BER, MFD and MAD, volunteered to present information at this meeting, as well as SCLS staff person Tim Drexler to present dashboards with data that we have been able to accumulate so far.

Reports

- Members of the ILS Reports Core Team continue to work on the Bibliovation Reports clean-up project; archiving obsolete, internal Bibliovation reports ahead of the 7.2 upgrade.
- ILS Reports Team is still working on issues produced by Bibliovation software changed in the 7.02 version that records actions in the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), which is 5-6 hours ahead of Central Time. Many fields are internally converted to CST (or CDT) in the Staff and DL displays; others are converted by SQL in reports. The Reports Team and other ILS staff have identified remaining "date only" fields that are still causing problems and need to be fixed/addressed before the upgrade to 7.02. Because the "date" field type does not store the underlying timestamp, we cannot apply translator code (provided by LibLime) to correct the

issue as we can for other reports with complete timestamp fields. Instead, it may be necessary for LibLime to update the "date" field definition to include the time as well as the date.

- Starting on 12/13/22, the date differential used to populate the bi-weekly "Long in Transit" report has been reverted to the level used pre-pandemic (items in transit for two weeks or longer). This change reflects the return to normal delivery schedules without quarantining materials.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID

- The majority of issues for selfchecks in the 7.2 sandbox have been fixed with the most recent point release. The last, outstanding issue is being unable to checkout or renew an item if a hold request for that item is on the holds queue report.
- Scheduling with the 4 remaining libraries that received RFID tagging equipment through the ARPA grant to get the equipment installed and provide training.

Fall 2022 User Group meetings:

The following user groups have met:

- Circulation: November 9, 2022 at 1:30pm
- Serials: November 15, 2022, at 1:30 pm
- Discovery Layer: November 30, 2022 at 1:30 pm

The following user groups have been scheduled:

- Linking: December 1, 2022, at 1:30 pm

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: November 8, 2022
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: November 9, 2022
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: November 16, 2022
- Local Holds Workgroup: November 1, 2022

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: November 1, 8, 22, 29
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: November 7

Authority Control and "Bib Base Update"

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

LibLime extracted all of our OCLC records on Saturday, October 29 (974,839 records). The files were sent to Backstage on the same day. Backstage made the appropriate changes to the bib records and returned the changed bibs (35,468 records) to us on Thursday, November 3, along with new and changed LC authority records. LibLime loaded the new and changed authority records, as well as loaded the changed bib records.

There was a moratorium on changes to existing OCLC bib records during this time. Libraries could still create BSEs and send records from GetIt as usual. During the week of November 5 and 6, there was a complete cataloging freeze for a few days while the changed bibs and authority records were loaded by LibLime.

Authority Control and Database Maintenance

November 2022 Authority Control/ Batch Deletes

- 6,799 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 9/29/2022 and 11/29/2022.
- 30,963 items and 3,325 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.