ILS Report April 2023

SCLS network services will not be available between Saturday, May 27 - and Tuesday, May 30, 2023, while SCLS moves network services to its new building. This means that libraries that use SCLS as its Internet Services Provider will be without access to the Internet. In addition, other SCLS services will not be available due to the cutover. Follow this link for a list of service availability. Bibliovation, LINKcat and some databases will be available remotely, or with alternate internet access in libraries. We have a team available to help you prepare for the cutover. We ask each SCLS library to complete this form no later than Wednesday, May 24. If you request assistance from SCLS, the sooner you submit the form the better! We thank you for your patience and understanding during this service outage and we look forward to serving you from our new headquarters.

Bibliovation 7.2 upgrade
Library staff and SCLS used the module checklists to perform general testing. ILS staff are currently testing the latest point release in the sandbox. For the most current information on fixes for high-priority production bugs, see the Bibliovation Support Page: https://www.scls.info/bibliovation-support.

LINKcat Mobile App issues
The LINKcat Mobile App has continued to have problems connecting to Bibliovation at times. Patrons may need to log out and log in again to get the app to update. SCLS staff are communicating with both Solus and LibLime to determine next steps.

Cataloging Assistant LTEs
SCLS staff have been working on creating and updating documentation for the Cataloging LTE positions. We interviewed six candidates for the two Cataloging Assistant LTE positions.

Rio and Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup
SCLS and Madison staff continue to go through unique MFD and RIO bib records, check for duplicates, and merge duplicates. A practicum student from UW-Madison iSchool has copy cataloged more than 1,000 RIO bib records. The Cataloging Assistant will also be working on merging duplicate MFD bib records.

OverDrive API Integration
The API integration will allow patrons to check OverDrive title availability information from LINKcat. SCLS staff are waiting for LibLime to resolve problems related to the setup of the OverDrive API in the sandbox. Staff are working on updating older OverDrive bibliographic records with the proper coding needed to make the OverDrive API integration work.

Local Holds Pilot Project
The ILS Committee voted on April 5 to continue this project for libraries that wish to offer this as a service option to their patrons. The Workflow for creating Local Hold/Use items records and the FAQ have been updated and are posted on the ILS Support/Circulation webpage. The May 2 Workgroup meeting has been cancelled and the ILS Committee will sunset the workgroup at their June 7 meeting.

Reports
* Work continues on updating the reports for the upcoming Bibliovation 7.02 migration.

- Working on a number of report requests including a few that may become regular monthly reports or on demand reports in the future.
- The ILS Reports Team met on April 20th. Our main discussion topic was a series of custom report and dashboard requests from the Madison Public Library Collections Team. The ILS Team reviewed the requests to determine the overall feasibility and plan the next steps. The MPL Collections Team would like to use these dashboards to address patron demand for popular items based on historical data and gain insight into which titles may become more popular.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID
- There is still one major issue with selfchecks for Bibliovation 7.02. We are working with them to fix the issue. In the meantime, a request for libraries to test the seflchecks and sorters on the 7.02 sandbox has been sent to the libraries so we can test everything else other than that last fix.
- Madison is testing some potential fixes for the freezing issues with some of the selfchecks.
- Working with Baraboo to prepare for the install of their new sorter.

Spring User Groups
The following User Groups have been scheduled. All User Groups will meet virtually.
- GetIt Acquisitions User Group: May 3, 1:30-3pm
- Linking User Group: May 11, 1:30-3pm
- Discovery Layer User Group: May 31, 10-11:30am

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings
- Circulation Services Subcommittee: n/a
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: n/a
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: n/a
- Local Holds Workgroup: April and May meetings were cancelled, ILS Committee will sunset workgroup at their June meeting.

Other ILS Staff Meetings
- Meetings with LibLime: April 4, April 11
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: April 11

Authority Control and "Bib Base" Update
Along with our authority control vendor, Backstage, SCLS and the Madison catalogers are currently doing 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 the weekend of April 22. These records will then be sent to Backstage that same weekend. 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, April 22, there is a moratorium on changes to existing OCLC bib records. Libraries can still create BSEs and sent records from GetIt as usual. The 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.

Authority Control and Database Maintenance
April 2023 Batch Deletes
- 13,722 items and 2,375 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 2,998 bibliographic records with no items attached (that were created before 1/1/23) were deleted from the database.