ILS Report October/November 2023

ILS Summit
The annual ILS Summit was held on October 11 at SCLS Headquarters. The meeting format was hybrid, so library staff were also able to participate virtually. At the Summit, ILS staff reviewed upcoming enhancements for the next version of Bibliovation, which is not yet available for testing in our sandbox. We also outlined the process for the upcoming ILS evaluation. Finally, Tim Drexler demonstrated the data dashboards.

ILS Evaluation
ILS staff are working to create a project plan and timeline. The plan will be presented to the ILS Committee at the December 6 meeting. Also, in December ILS staff will start adding information about the ILS Evaluation to the ILS Support website. We will also begin recruiting workgroup participants.

Bibliovation year-end work
The GetIt year-end rollover work is also underway. SCLS staff are working with library staff to schedule year-end rollovers. The Annual Purge of Old Charges for 2023 was completed on November 23rd. The process for the Annual Purge of Inactive Patrons will start on November 30 and end in mid-December. Libraries are reminded to update their Bibliovation Calendar for their 2024 Closed Days. The bulk barcode label order will open in mid-December and close in mid-January.

Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup
Stefanie (cataloging assistant LTE) is continuing to work through the MFD unique records, merging if there are duplicates and making enhancements to unique records. Stefanie is working through the remaining books and has finished going through books on CD and Playaways. During the cataloging moratorium for the bib base, Stefanie worked on PERM records, adding the correct MARC format codes and fixing any other issues.

Firefox Update
On October 10, Firefox was updated to version 118. Prior to the update, SCLS staff performed Bibliovation testing on the new version. The updated version was also tested by some libraries before it was pushed out to all libraries.

Talpa Search for LINKcat
[Talpa](#) is an experimental, AI-powered, "plain language" search that allows you to search LINKcat in ways that are different from traditional searching. See the [LINKcat Help](#) page or the [LINKcat News blog](#) for some sample searches.

We have access to Talpa through our enhanced content provider, [Syndetics Unbound](#) (enhanced content includes cover art, series information, reviews, about the author, etc.). We are able to try out Talpa for one year but we don't know what will happen after the year is done. During this time, the vendor will be gathering information about how well Talpa is working, and may or may not continue the service.

The Talpa search link is available to patrons and staff on the [LINKcat Help](#) page. For more information on how the Talpa search works, go to https://www.talpa.ai/.

Reports
- DPI annual report will include additional pre-populated fields.
- Working on updating the documentation for the last of the regular, monthly reports.
- The On Demand report for the DVD TV Series Repackaging be available on 10/2.
- On Demand report for "Lost and not paid items by library" is now available.
- Monitoring the recent reported issues with running some of the larger reports in Bibliovation.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID
- The last Central Management installs are being scheduled.
- There is a new update for the Envisionware OneStop software. It will be installed on the SCLS test machine and, once it's been tested and documentation updated, we will be contacting the Envisionware selfcheck libraries to install the new update.

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings
- Circulation Services Subcommittee: November 14
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: November 8
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: November 15

Training
In October, SCLS staff held the Serials User Group and the ILS Summit. In November, we held the Circulation and GetIt Acquisitions User Groups. The Discovery Layer User Group is scheduled for December 5 and the Linking User Group is scheduled for December 14.

Other ILS Staff Meetings
- Meetings with LibLime: October 10, November 7, November 21
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: October 10, November 14

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 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 28. The files were sent to Backstage on the same day. Backstage made the appropriate changes to the bib records and returned the changed bibs to us on Wednesday, November 1, along with new and changed LC authority records. LibLime loaded the new and changed authority records, as well as loaded the changed bib records over the weekend of November 4 and 5.

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 weekend of November 4 and 5, 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

October 2023 Batch Deletes
- 21,106 items and 3,615 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 2,442 bibliographic records with no items attached (that were created before 7/1/23) were deleted from the database.

November 2023 Authority Control/Batch Deletes
- 26,488 items and 3,070 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 7,513 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 9/18/2023 and 11/27/2023.