

ILS Report February/March 2024

ILS Evaluation

The membership of the Lead Workgroup was approved at the February ILS Committee meeting. The Lead Workgroup will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month. ILS staff revised the demo checklists (that were used in the last Evaluation) and held meetings in March with each topic workgroup to review and finalize the checklists. The checklists were then sent to each vendor so the vendors have time to prepare for the demos. Here are the schedules for the May Vendor demos, which will be held in a hybrid format:

- [May 8-9 SirsiDynix](#)
- [May 29-30 Polaris](#)

Registration is open for all library staff, either in-person at SCLS HQ or virtual via Zoom. [Please register online](#) by **May 3**. See the [ILS Evaluation web page](#) for more information.

Cost Formula Work Group

The 2024 Cost Formula Work Group for the 2025 Budget is exploring ways to reduce ILS fees for small and/or rural libraries without increasing fees for other libraries. A proposal will be presented by the Work Group to the May All Director's meeting.

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 close to finishing the Blu-ray DVDs, remaining books, and music CDs. Stefanie will also be working on DVDs.

Reports

- The issue with running some of the larger reports in Bibliovention is still not fixed. If libraries encounter a report that will not download, they can request the report and SCLS staff can get them a copy.
- The monthly Selfcheck Usage report was restarted. Unfortunately there are reports that the Bibliovention statistics do not match the ones on the selfchecks themselves. While some discrepancy was expected with the renewal numbers as renewals are credited to the original checkout library, even if they are renewed at a different location, the discrepancy is larger than expected at some locations and involves checkouts as well. We are still investigating.
- A new On Demand report, Invalid Talkingtech Notice Types was released. The report will give a list of the patrons who have selected either phone or SMS text notices for notice types that are not delivered by Talkingtech. Talkingtech only sends hold available notices so, if a patron chooses phone or SMS text notices for any other notice type, they will not receive those notices.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID

- Continuing to update Envisionware selfchecks to the newest OneStop version.

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 20. These records will then be sent to Backstage on Monday, April 22. 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 20, there is a moratorium on changes to existing OCLC bib records. Libraries can still create BSEs and send records from GetIt as usual. The following weekend (April 27 and 28), 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.

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: March 12
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: March 13
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: March 20

Training

Registration is open for the Circulation Refresher: Reports online session scheduled for March 27 at 1:30 pm. The Circulation refresher session for April is tentatively titled "How holds work in LINKcat"

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: February 13, February 20, February 27, March 19, March 26
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: February 13, March 12

Authority Control and Database Maintenance

February 2024 Authority Control/ Batch Deletes

- 21,125 items and 2,255 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 3,299 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 2/1/2024 and 2/27/2024.

March 2024 Authority Control

- 20,406 items and 1,962 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 4,139 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 2/29/2024 and 3/26/2024.