

ILS Report April/May 2024

Bibliovation point release update 7.02.40

Bibliovation was upgraded to version 7.02.40 on April 22. The upgrade includes a couple of fixes to Circulation. For a list of the fixes, please see the [Release Notes](#).

ILS Evaluation

SCLS staff have been working on the following:

- SCLS staff attended PLA and met with Polaris and SirsiDynix to discuss demo logistics and expectations. While at PLA, we also looked at the Bibliocommons and Aspen Discovery Layers.
- SCLS ILS and Technology staff met with Polaris to review technology requirements.
- We started investigating options for site visits.
- SirsiDynix demos for Acquisitions, Serials, Cataloging, Circulation, and Discovery Layer took place in May. The Reports demo will be a virtual only demo, and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18 at 9am. The Reports demo will be recorded.
- Polaris demos for Acquisitions, Serials, Cataloging, Circulation, Discovery Layer, and Reports were completed in May.

See the [ILS Evaluation web page](#) for more information.

Amherst joining LINKcat

The AMH library board signed the agreement to participate in ILS and Technology Services at its April 1 meeting. SCLS staff submitted a grant to DPI to cover the cost of bringing AMH onto LINKcat. The grant period begins July 1, but SCLS staff have been planning the timeline, gathering and ordering materials, and will be doing staff training in June. Using the grant funds, AMH will hire staff to link their collection in LINKcat, as well as replace item barcodes, add ownership labels, and do RFID tagging. Stefanie (cataloging assistant LTE) will be able to continue working for SCLS on a part time basis to do OCLC copy cataloging of AMH's unique materials, starting July 1.

Cost Formula Work Group

The 2024 Cost Formula Work Group for the 2025 Budget met 4 times and developed the following proposal which was presented at the May All Director's meeting. The 2025 fees will reflect these changes.

Allocate funds from SCLS State Aid Contribution to Rural and/or small libraries as follows;

- a. Reduction for Population
 - i. <2500 = \$1000
 - ii. 2500-4999 = \$750
- b. Reduction for Locale (Locale codes)
 - i. Rural Fringe (41)=\$250
 - ii. Rural Distant (42)=\$500
 - iii. Rural Remote (43)=\$75

Increase PC support fees by 4% (\$10 per PC) in order to cover the gap between income and increasing costs.

Apply the SCLS additional state aid contribution of \$25,000 to the Infrastructure budget to reduce fees for all libraries.

Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup

Stefanie has finished the remaining Marshfield books, music CDs, and Blu-ray DVDs. Stefanie is now working on DVDs, merging if there are duplicates and making local changes to unique records. During the bib base week, Stefanie made enhancements to PERM records for board games.

Firefox 126 upgrade

SCLS staff tested Bibliovention with Firefox 126. All libraries were upgraded on May 28.

Spanish language LINKcat bookmarks

Most of the LINKcat bookmarks have been submitted for translation to Spanish. After these bookmarks are completed, libraries will be able to order printed copies. We anticipate that the Spanish translations will be available over the summer.

Reports

- The issue with running some of the larger reports in Bibliovention appears to be fixed.
- We've discovered the problem with the monthly Selfcheck Usage report. When patrons renew their items by scanning them in the checkout mode on a selfcheck, the transaction is counted as a checkout transaction, not a renewal. The problem is that, while the transaction does get recorded in Bibliovention, it is not marked as being a selfcheck transaction. So the transaction shows on the reports run on the selfchecks as a checkout but does not appear in the Bibliovention selfcheck reports. It will get counted as part of your overall circulation, it's just not seen as being a selfcheck transaction. This has been reported to LibLime.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID

- Envisionware selfcheck upgrades are almost complete.

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 April 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, April 20. 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 Tuesday, April 23, 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 April 27 and 28.

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 April 27 and 28, there was a complete cataloging freeze for a few days while the changed bibs and authority records were loaded by LibLime.

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: May 14
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: Did not meet (conflict with ILS vendor demos)
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: May 15

Training

- Circulation Refreshers (virtual sessions): How holds work in LINKcat on April 24, 2024; Local Holds: what are they and how do they work? On May 22, 2024
- SirsiDynix Demos, in-person at SCLS Headquarters or virtual, May 8-9
- Polaris Demos, in-person at SCLS Headquarters or virtual, May 29-30

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 28
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: April 9, May 14

Authority Control and Database Maintenance

April 2024 Batch Deletes

- 12,562 items and 1,661 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 2,754 bibliographic records with no items attached (that were created before 1/1/24) were deleted from the database.

May 2024 Authority Control/Batch Deletes

- 23,032 items and 2,818 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 6,647 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 3/28/2024 and 5/21/2024.