

Polaris Demonstration Follow-up questions

Does Polaris provide a Sandbox for training and testing?

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Yes.

 Were the Leap demonstrations performed on a live (production) version or was it a testing/beta version of Leap?

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Everything was demonstrated on a live production version that is being used by our customers.

CIRC1 Circulation Checkout

 Demonstrate if the system will indicate if an item was checked out at a self check unit. Can your browser-based software display the "station" location?

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Yes



• Demonstrate that an item with ACTIVE bib level holds (title level holds) will ALLOW renewals, if there are an equal or greater number of items with an Available status to fill the number of Active Holds.



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On the patron account, you will find a column that will let staff know if a checked-out item can fulfill a hold or not based on your rules

TITLE	AUTHOR	RENEWALS LEFT	FILLS HOLD
Middle school, the worst years of my life / The Worst Years of My Life	Patterson, James,	5 of 5	Yes
A lesson before dying	Gaines, Ernest J.,	2 of 2	Yes
Murder at the Gardner : a novel of suspense	Langton, Jane.	3 of 3	No
Whistler in the dark	Malcolm, John.	3 of 3	No
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	Rowling, J. K., 19	14 of 14	No

• Demonstrate that an item with INACTIVE bib level holds (title level holds) will ALLOW renewals on checked out or overdue items. Did anyone see this demonstrated?

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CIRC 2 Circulation Checkin

• Demonstrate that the system records the location and/or staff station at which the item was checked in



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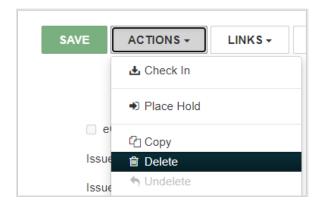
Yes. The system will show the location and the staff station. The system will also show the username.



Demonstrate the Option to delete Fast Add entries upon Checkin.

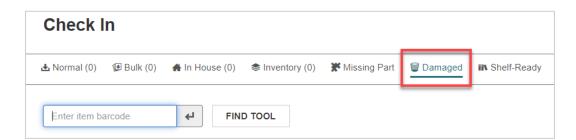
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After an item is checked in, go to the item record and delete the record.



 Do you have a Damaged check-in option? If yes, demonstrate how this works and how charges are applied to the patron's record.

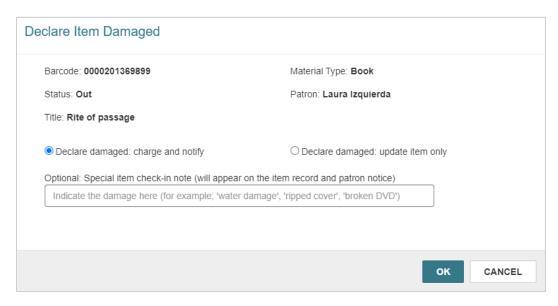
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Yes, you can check-in using damaged as an option.

Once you scan the item, or find it in the catalog, you will be asked to pick an option from the following screen:



Select one of the following options:

- Declare damaged: charge and notify When you select this option, Leap does the following:
 - Checks the item in.
 - o Sets the item's circulation status to Damaged.
 - o If applicable, charges replacement and processing fees to the patron's account.

Note: If the item's status is In, Leap charges replacement and processing fees to the account of the patron who last borrowed the item.

- o Sends a bill notice to notify the patron of the charges.
- o Assigns a system-generated block ("Item is Damaged") to the item record.
- Declare damaged: update item only When you select this option, Leap does the following:
 - Checks the item in.
 - Sets the item's circulation status to Damaged.
 - o Assigns a system-generated block ("Item is Damaged") to the item record.

To add a note that appears in the item record and on the bill notice, enter text in the Special item check-in note box.

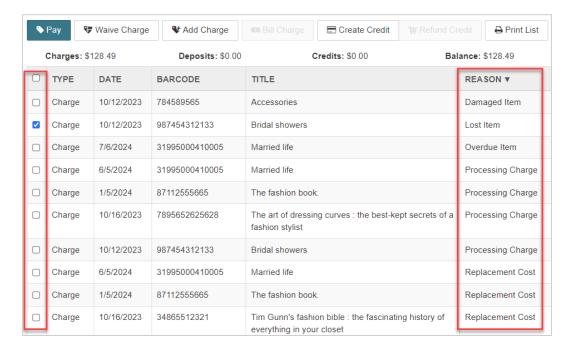
CIRC 3 – Circulation Financial Transactions



Demonstrate payment of all Lost charges on a record.

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The library can either to choose all payments on a record to pay, or sort the "Reason" column by lost charges and pay for those items

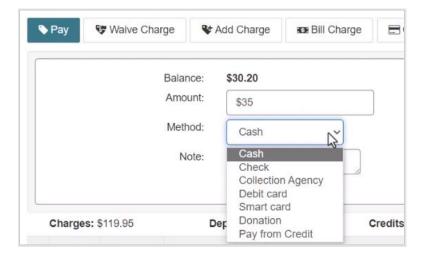


• [Are you able to] Demonstrate ECommerce functionality. If yes, point out how the online payment is differentiated from other types of payments.

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Under the payment method, you will have the option to choose credit card

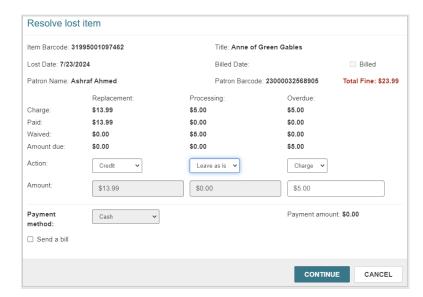




• Demonstrate a patron record with a credit balance due to a refund (Lost item paid for and subsequently returned).

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When a lost item paid for is returned, you will get the following prompt:



If you choose to credit the account, then the patron's account will look like this:





• Demonstrate how to clear a refund from a patron record.

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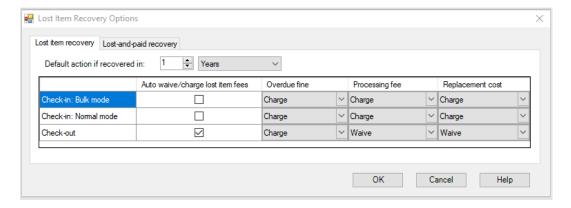
- Demonstrate ability or optional feature that links to POS or Cash register.
 - Demonstrate how the POS or Cash register functionality works.

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Polaris does work with POS and Cash registers. Most of our libraries either use <u>Comprise</u> or <u>EnvisionWare</u>.

Demonstrate settings that allow each Owning library to decide whether (or not) a refund will be
generated when one of their items, that has gone to lost and been paid for by a patron, has been
returned and checked in. OR an Automatic message that, upon check-in of a lost/paid/found item,
indicates that the owning library does not give refunds.

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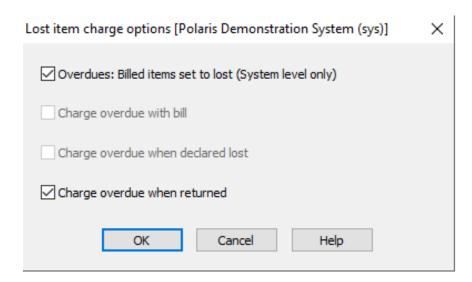


CIRC4 Circulation Lost, Problem and Custom item statuses



 Demonstrate or display the setting that causes an overdue item to convert to an item with a Lost status.

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HOLDS1 Holds for Staff

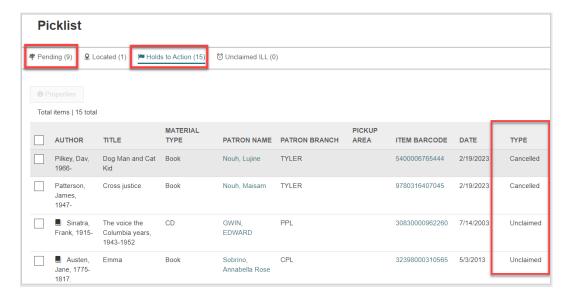
Demonstrate the real-time list of patron hold requests on a single bib/title.

I think during the demo at this point, Polaris staff was demonstrating the pick list (filling holds from the collections, rather than the "pull" list, removing expired or canceled holds from the hold shelf

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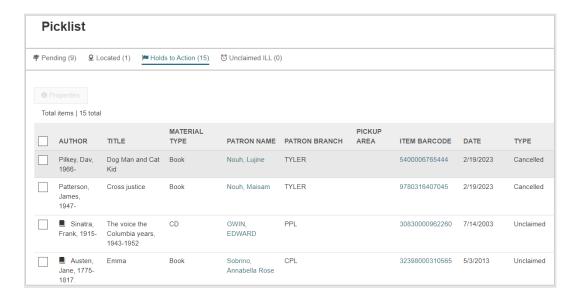
The "Picklist" lets you pull items that are filling holds or expired/canceled/unclaimed holds. Under the "Pending" tab is where you would fill holds, and under the "Holds to Action" tab is where you would pull expired/cancelled/unclaimed holds.





Holds Shelf report. Run the report that lists all of the items on the Hold Shelf. Demonstrate that the
report indicates the unexpired holds, expired holds and canceled holds.

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Holds Shelf report. Demonstrate that once the items are checked in, they are eligible to be trapped
for eligible active holds, or are sent to the owning library. Demonstrate that the entries are cleared
from the report when the item is checked in.

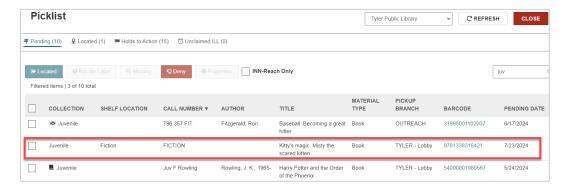


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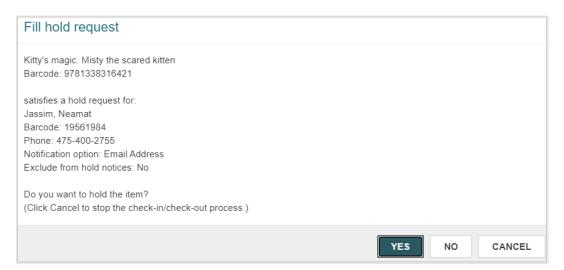
A staff or a patron places a hold



The hold shows up in real time on the holds report

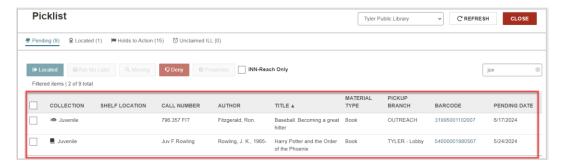


Item gets checked in



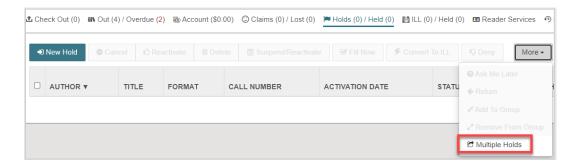
Title no longer on holds report



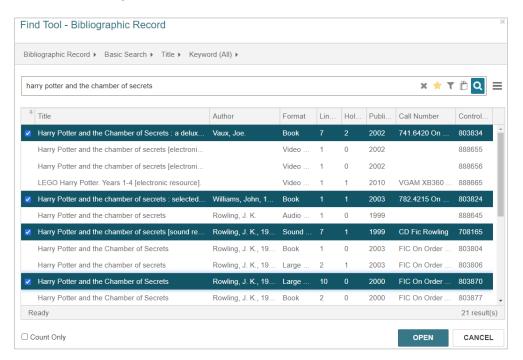


• Demonstrate how staff can place multiple Bibliographic-level holds on the same title, for the same patron record, with one action. For Book Groups - (checkboxes? A field to indicate quantity of holds?

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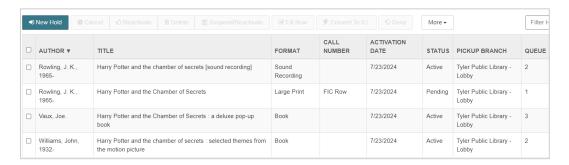


Pick the titles that you want:

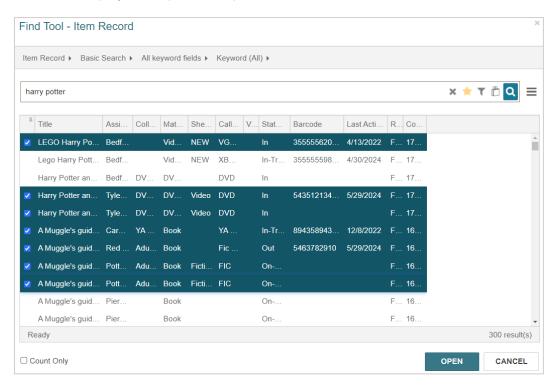




And they appear on the patron's card:



For Book Groups, you can place multiple items on hold.



HOLDS2 System Hold Parameters and Holds Sequence

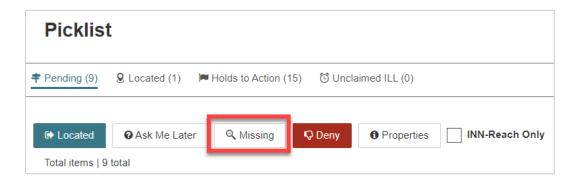
(We agreed to leave the SysAdmin and Holds Routing questions for the SysAdmin meeting).

Hold Sequence. If the item is found but the library is unable to use the item to fill the hold, are there
"no-fill" reasons that can be used/applied to explain why the item was not use to fill the hold? Is
there the ability to change the item status to Trace, Mending, Part Missing, Damaged, etc. directly
from the report screen?



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The Picklist has the option to mark it "missing" but they can also click on the item and change the status.



 Does changing an item's status to any status other than Available cause existing hold requests to be automatically removed from a library's pick list?

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Yes, when you change the status, it will remove the title from the picklist.

• Is item-level substitution available when filling holds from the pick list?

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If you have an item level request, by default that is the only barcode that can be used, however, you can use the "Fill now" feature, and fulfill the hold with any barcode from any bib you wish.

• If a patron has a hold on a BIB record and the hold request is on the pick list at Library A, will the patron's hold be filled by a walk-in check out of a different item on the same bibliographic record at Library B?

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Yes.

If we set up a Local Holds system (item type, hold policy, custom status) in your software, confirm that the hold policy of "home" or "Local" would apply to all branches of a multi-branch library.



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This depends on how you want it setup. If you want the settings to apply to all the branches in a multi-branch library, then your implementation manager will set it up this way.

PATRON1 Patron Record Creation

Follow-up question for a demonstrated functionality.

 Demonstrate that staff can delete entries from a patron's reading history? Question: Can this ability be set for specific access levels/login accounts? Or is it a global setting that allows anyone this access?

INNOVATIVE

Yes, a staff member can delete a specific entry from a patron's reading history. A library sets permission on who can view/edit the reading history.



PATRON2 Patron Record Searching and Editing

• Is there a statistical field connected to the patron that will list the cumulative number of holds this patron has placed? Dennis said Yes but was it shown to us?

INNOVATIVE

No. This statistical field is not available.

• Is there a statistical field connected to the patron that will list the cumulative number of items that have expired on the hold shelf for this patron?

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No. This statistical field is not available.



PATRON3 Patron Blocks or Flags

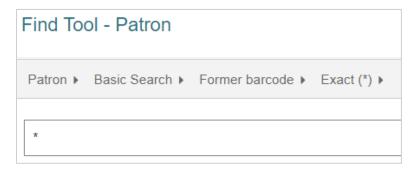
Is it possible to keep record of previous patron barcodes for referencing. If not directly through the
patron record, then is there a report that would indicate which patron had a previously deleted
barcode? (Alyssa/REE)

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Yes, you can view the previous barcode:



From the "Find Tool", you can search for patrons with previous barcodes



PATRON4 Patron Notices and Messaging

This entire checklist needs to be demonstrated as we ran out of time at the in-person session.

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This section will be demonstrated.



- Demonstrate the selection of different delivery options for different types of notices.
- Demonstrate that Staff can set up default preferences for notices, including the option to digest multiple instances of the same notice type in one day.
- Demonstrate that the patron can select any notification option and update the settings from their PAC account. If a patron makes changes, how are the changes tracked/recorded?
- Demonstrate these Notice/Messaging options:
 - Checkout receipt
 - Checkin receipt
 - Pre-overdue
 - Overdue 7 day, 14 day
 - Final Overdue/Billing notice
 - Hold Canceled
 - Holds Available for pickup/Hold Filled
 - o Hold Expired on the hold shelf
 - o Patron record due to expire
- Demonstrate how staff can send email to the patron from the patron record and how/where that email is stored in the patron record.
- Demonstrate where, in a patron's record, you can see the types of notices, the delivery format of the notices and the content of the notices sent to the patron. Is this contained within the patron record or do staff have to link elsewhere from the patron record to access this information?
- Demonstrate where all Notes and Messages are stored in a patron's record. How far back in history are these records retained?