

ILS Report October/November 2024

Bibliovation sandbox testing for 7.04

Testing the 7.04 Bibliovation upgrade in the sandbox is ongoing. We are submitting tickets and requests for information as we work through the bug fixes and enhancements in the new version.

ILS Evaluation

The Polaris virtual site visit for Technical Services was held October 15. The Polaris site visits have been completed. We have contacted additional SirsiDynix libraries to inquire about how much they are using BlueCloud but haven't been able to schedule any virtual site visits yet. In November we started holding topic workgroup meetings, and they will continue through December. The topic workgroups will review the information from the demos, follow-ups, and site visits. We will start working on preliminary topic workgroup reports in the New Year. See the [ILS Evaluation web page](#) for more information.

Bibliovation year-end work

- The GetIt year-end rollover work is underway. SCLS staff are working with library staff to schedule year-end rollovers.
- The Annual Purge of Old Charges was completed on 11/30/2024.
- The Annual Purge of Inactive Patrons will start by sending the reports to each library on 12/2. Libraries will have until 12/13 to review records and renew any that are appropriate. The reports will be re-run on Dec. 16 and send to LibLime for the purge of the remaining Inactive Patron records.

Amherst joining LINKcat

The Amherst go live date has been moved to January 2, 2025. Amherst staff are continuing to search and link their items. SCLS staff traveled to Amherst on October 25 to assist with linking.

PSTAT Verification project

PSTAT codes in a patron record are used to define a patron's legal place of residence and are used for a variety of statistical purposes; including the Annual Report to the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and adjacent county borrowing statistics. Tim Drexler, Data Services Consultant, created a process to create lists of patron records with current PSTAT codes that do not match the expected PSTAT based on geocoded patron address data (GEO_PSTAT). The addresses were geocoded using the ARCGIS geocoding service and then matched against geographical data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Legislative Technology Services Bureau, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Tim ran the process in October and created reports for the libraries to review. Several libraries have reported possible incorrect results, which have been reviewed and confirmed by Tim and Lucas Schneider of Madison Public Library. These reports problems are helping us to make adjustment to the process so that the next round of reports is more accurate. The deadline for this review and clean-up is November 30, 2024.

Spanish language LINKcat bookmarks

The Spanish Language bookmarks are now available for ordering, via the [ILS Form Requests](#) form. We have revised the Notifications bookmark and will be submitting that bookmark for translation. After review from the Circulation Services and Discovery Interface Subcommittees, we have discontinued the TV series bookmark.

Reports

- Report name standardization continues
- The three new On Demand reports are now live.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID

- Brodhead and Cross Plains have had their first selfchecks installed.
- Selfcheck testing is continuing on the newest patch.
- Verona installed a new sorter in November.
- Libraries emailed about closeout on Envisionware X11 selfchecks

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: November 12
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: November 13
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: November 30

Training

- Circulation Refreshers (virtual session): Annual Purges of data: charges older than 10 years, Inactive Patron records on October 30, 2024 at 1:30 pm via Zoom
- ILS Staff are working on a topic list for the 2025 series of Circulation Refresher sessions.

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: October 8, November 5, November 19
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: October 8, November 12

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 19. 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, October 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.
- 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 October 26, 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 2024 Batch Deletes

- 13,307 items and 1,462 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 2,218 bibliographic records with no items attached (that were created before 7/1/24) were deleted from the database.

November 2024 Authority Control/ Batch Deletes

- 20,379 items and 3,354 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 6,518 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 9/26/2024 and 11/19/2024.