

ILS Report June/July 2024

Bibliovation point release update 7.02.43

The 7.02.43 took place on July 16. See the [release notes](#) for a full list of fixes.

Bibliovation sandbox upgrade to 7.04

The Bibliovation sandbox was upgraded to 7.04 on July 30. SCLS staff will be working through the testing for this next software release.

ILS Evaluation

SCLS staff have been working on the following:

- SCLS staff met with the topic workgroup and developed follow-up questions for the vendors. These questions were sent to the vendors for both written responses and demo follow-up.
- The SirsiDynix Reports demo was held virtually on Tuesday, June 18.
- SCLS staff attended ALA and met with Polaris and SirsiDynix to discuss timeline and demo follow-up. We also attended a Polaris breakfast where we learned more about the Polaris user group and roadmap for development. SCLS staff also met with OCLC and Ebsco to review the status of their ILS products (Wise and FOLIO). While these products are web based, they are not developed enough for SCLS to pursue.
- Scheduled system administration meetings with SirsiDynix and Polaris. SirsiDynix was held July 30 and Polaris is scheduled for August 20.
- Scheduled site visits at Pewaukee Public Library (September 17) and Beaver Dam Public Library (September 24). Both libraries are using Polaris Leap. We are still working to find SirsiDynix sites.
- Scheduled Discovery Layer virtual demos – Aspen Discovery will be August 29, and Bibliocommons is TBD.

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

Amherst joining LINKcat

SCLS staff trained AMH staff on Linking and RFID tagging on June 19. The grant began July 1 and after that AMH started linking their materials in production. The item statuses are set to Unavailable so these items will not appear on Holds Queue reports. The library name is currently XAMH-DO NOT USE but will be changed when AMH goes live later in the fall.

Marshfield bibliographic record cleanup

Stefanie has finished the remaining Marshfield DVDs, and she finished the local/genealogy records, updating these records with coding and RDA requirements. Some remaining DVD sets need to be re-packaged, and there are also a few foreign films and TV series (that don't need to be re-packaged) that the Madison catalogers will work through.

Spanish language LINKcat bookmarks

The Spanish translations were completed. SCLS is working on formatting the translated bookmarks, and when they are ready, we will add them to the [ILS Form Requests](#) form.

Reports

- Updated reports

- [Library Statistics Summary](#) – Report formatting has been changed slightly to remove some hidden columns and rework column headings on the “LINK Summary” tab; tables on the “Intra-agency Details” tab have been repositioned and headers have been standardized. Output file name will be changed to “monthly_stat_summary_YYYY_MM.xlsx”.
- [Damaged and Paid at Another Library](#) and [Lost and Paid at Another Library](#) – Manual process to create the reports the week after the first weekend of the month has been replaced by a script scheduled to run automatically on the fourth day of every month. Output file names will be changed to “monthly_damaged_and_paid_at_another_library_YYYY_MM.xlsx” and “monthly_lost_and_paid_at_another_library_YYYY_MM.xlsx”.
- Report name standardization
 - SCLS will be gradually standardizing the naming convention for report files posted on the SCLS website to enable more efficient file management. The new names will include the report frequency (“daily,” “weekly,” “annual,” etc.), the report description, and the report date formatted as ‘YYYY-MM-DD’ for 4-digit year (YYYY), zero-padded month number (MM), and zero-padded day number (DD – where necessary).
 - Report names will be updated as scripts are revised or replaced and will be noticed in e-mails to ‘link-announce’ related to the posting of monthly reports.

Selfchecks, sorters and RFID

- Envisionware selfcheck upgrades are complete.
- RFID station installs and training have started for the recent grant libraries.

Subcommittee and Workgroup Meetings

- Circulation Services Subcommittee: July 9
- Collection Maintenance Subcommittee: July 10
- Discovery Interface Subcommittee: July 17

Training

- Circulation Refreshers (virtual sessions): Items with Problem statuses and the Annual Batch Deletion; June 26, 2024. Refunds: How they happen and what to do with them; July 31, 2024
- Aspen Discovery Layer virtual demo, August 29, 2-3:30 pm
- Bibliocommons Discovery Layer virtual demo, TBD

Other ILS Staff Meetings

- Meetings with LibLime: June 4, June 25, July 9, July 30
- MPL Catalogers Meetings: June 11, July 9

Authority Control and Database Maintenance

June 2024 Batch Deletes

- 18,906 items and 2,264 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
- 3,781 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 5/23/2024 and 6/25/2024.

July 2024 Authority Control/Batch Deletes

- 34,575 items and 4,258 bibliographic records (with only withdrawn items attached) were deleted in the monthly batch deletion of withdrawn items.
 - This is higher than usual due to the annual deletion of items with problem statuses (Damaged, Lost, etc.).
- 4,228 bibliographic records with no items attached (that were created before 4/1/24) were deleted from the database.
- 3,835 bibliographic records were newly cataloged and/or updated in the database between 6/27/2024 and 7/30/2024.