

## Circulation Enhancements in Unicorn 2003

The Lost Book Processing has been completely revised. This enhancement will be available with the first release of U2003.

- Items set to lost are no longer checked out to a LOST patron.
- Items may automatically be set to presumed LOST after a specific number of days.
- Patrons may be automatically billed replacement and processing fees at the time items are set to LOST.
- Items set to presumed LOST are removed from the patron's active checkouts folder to a new folder "Inactive checkouts."
- There is an alert at discharge when a LOST item is discharged.



You can then go to the item bill folder to find out the last patron.

Staff will be able to suspend patron holds in Workflows. This enhancement will be available in U2003.1. The ability for patrons to suspend their own holds will be available at a later date.

Staff members will be able to place "Blanket" holds for books discussion groups, etc. This allows the staff member to specify the number of copies needed but still place a Group – Title hold. This eliminates the potential problems that can

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## UUGI Report

The Unicorn Users Group International was held this year in St. Louis, MO. There were demos of the upcoming Unicorn 2004 software, as well as Sirsi's new concept "Content in Context", which is highlighted in their "Rooms" product.

The most exciting demo was the new spine labels program. Each library will have a spine label template. You can run the existing spine labels report and it will output to your template. You can modify the fonts, layout, what information you want to display, all through a graphical editor in Workflows!

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### Circulation Enhancements at a glance

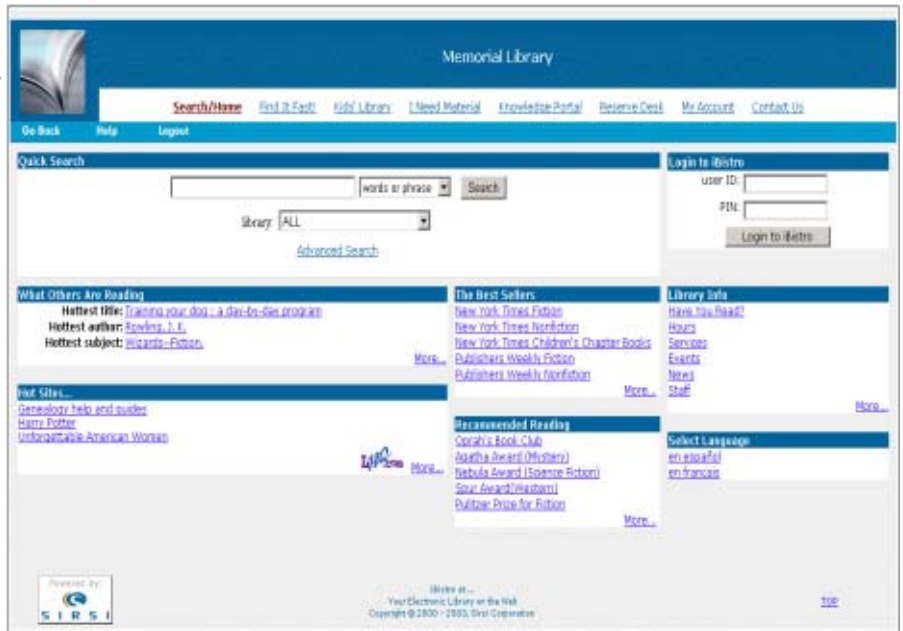
- Lost book processing revised
- Ability to suspend holds for patrons
- "Blanket" holds available
- Expanded patron search capabilities
- Patrons can have 3 more user categories

## iBistro Enhancements—version 2003

At this year's UUGI conference, we had the opportunity to take a very quick look at the new version of iBistro, which will be available later this summer. The major change is in the look and feel of the product. As you can see to the right, the layout will be very clean and simple.

Other changes include:

- Patrons will be able to edit their favorites/Tell Me when selections, from a link off the home page.
- The number of items that can display on the hit list will be configurable, but Sirsi warns that this could effect performance, so we will be careful before making this change. Right now, the number is 20 items on the hit list.
- The full details page will be redone to have the holdings information at the top of the page and the bibliographic information at the bottom.



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arise when placing copy specific holds.

Unicorn 2003.1 will also include greatly enhanced searching capabilities for patron information extending beyond the current name, id, alt id, and group id capabilities. The first version of checking for possible duplicate records will also be available in U2003.1.

The patron record has been expanded to include 3 additional User Category fields. The SAILS Circulation Policy Committee will work with circulation staff to determine how those fields will be used.

## UUGI Report

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*"You can modify the fonts, layout, what information you want to display, all through a graphical editor in Workflows!"*

At first, Sirsi's Rooms sounded like a pathfinder, which is great, but nothing unusual. Then when we heard more about it, we saw the real power was in the search capabilities. Through a single search interface, patrons can receive resources; full-text documents, images & sounds, websites, database resources, etc. all within the framework of their topic. Another piece of this puzzle is the "Rooms Builder", which allows you to create your own rooms. You can layout what your room will look like; the color scheme, columns, which shows on top, and more! It's a very cool product, but won't be ready for prime time for at least another year.

## Book Discussion Holds

When requesting copies for your Book Discussion groups, the following procedures should be used.

- Begin by determining the number of copies needed. Check the SAILS database to see if, collectively, we own enough copies for your needs. If you need 12 copies, and at least that many are listed, go ahead and place 12 holds, following these procedures:
  1. Place a title/group hold on the specified title. The **expiration date** should be the date of the discussion and the **comments** should give the lending library the length of time you want the item.
  2. After the first hold is placed, choose the option to place another hold for this patron:
  3. Then, at the [Place Hold: Item Lookup for...](#) window, select the **Current Copy** button. This will carry the information entered the first time (expiration date and comments) for each additional hold.
  4. Because you are placing duplicate holds, you will be prompted to use your library's **override**. Continue until all the necessary holds are placed.
- The next step is to decide how these will be handled when they arrive. Local procedures may vary, but the consistent procedure will be that each item is checked-out to the **in-house Book Discussion patron** until the date of the discussion. Then, if you also check it out to the individual patrons, you will use the same date. This will require you to use your library's override.

*These article is an excerpt from the new SAILS Holds Procedures Manual available on the staff website.*

## Computers in Libraries 2003

During the computers in libraries conference I was most interested in the wireless track of presentations. Technologies are evolving and emerging at an amazing rate and I was interested to see where wireless will take us.



Many libraries are establishing themselves as “hot-spots”. A “hot-spot” is a place that someone with a wireless enabled laptop or palm device can connect to the Internet. As of March 12, 2003 if you purchase a laptop with Intel’s new Centrino processor your laptop will automatically be able to connect to the Internet via wireless technology should a hot spot be present. Prior to Intel’s Centrino processor additional devices had to be installed to allow for this. Starbucks and McDonalds are current establishing “hot-spots” around the world. The major reason why businesses are holding off in setting up wireless networks is due to security. Wireless networks are not yet as secure as the traditional wired networks. The cost in setting up a wireless network has significantly decreased in the past couple of years and closely matches the cost of setting up a wired network.

If you would like to find out more about wireless technology or think you may be interested in setting up “hot-spots” in the future then please contact me (swilson@sailsinc.org) at SAILS as I will be keeping up to date with the latest technology changes in this field. ~ *Steve Wilson*

# Notable Dartclix Sites

These are fully searchable website records, available in iBistro.

**Red Sox.Com**—<http://www.redsox.com>  
 “The official web site of the Boston Major League Baseball Team. Presents highlights of the activities of the baseball team both past and present. Presents game day coverage, even a live play-by-play coverage. Also presented is an online cyberstore for purchasing Red Sox merchandise.



**World [web site] : stories from a small planet**—<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/>

Created by P.B.S., this Web site is an on-line companion to a FRONTLINE television special on the global community that provides stories from around the planet. Learn how this program brings a new generation of

video journalists to television and the Web. Explore the world by place or by story with geographical locations featured: Romania, Iraq, Cambodia, Bhutan, and more!

**Defiance in the desert**—<http://www.cbc.ca/news/indepth/iraq>  
 This Web site focuses on an article written by journalist Matthew Malowany from CBC News. The article discusses the background and history of the land occupied by the modern state of Iraq and how it is home to humanity's first civilization. The site also features connecting stories with titles such as: the sanctions, more air strikes, and UN weapons inspectors arrive.



**Yardcare.com [web site] : your green thumb partner for lawn and garden care**—<http://www.yardcare.com/>  
 This Web site is dedicated to helping visitors as they care for their yards. Find out the answers to such questions as: what type of grass is the best to plant, what can be done about crabgrass, how to reduce lawn maintenance, or how to get control over those nasty weeds! Use the navigation buttons in the left frame of the site or utilize the keyword search to find exactly what you are looking for.





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## SAILS Network Statistics

FY03 Overview	December	November	October	September	August	July	July-Dec Total
Total Intranetwork Loans	44,728	40,425	43,866	40,397	44,283	43,292	25,6991
Total Items Circulated	310,885	338,849	382,518	334,307	372,278	414,540	2,153,377
VirtCat Items Borrowed	481	436	566	556	365	218	2,622
VirtCat Items Loaned	197	159	145	116	111	69	797
Cataloging Requests	3,019	3,640	4,106	2,936	3,472	2,702	19,875
MARC Records Added	3,277	3,311	3,934	3,043	3,258	2,994	19,817
Patrons Added	2,181	3,106	3,986	5,671	4,406	3,355	22,705
Holds	17,527	21,526	21,057	20,699	21,331	20,887	123,027
Total MARC	867,532	865,570	862,473	857,982	854,671	842,960	
Total Holdings	3,150,572	3,148,778	3,134,980	3,114,532	3,101,119	3,083,156	
Total Patron	491,547	490,705	487,697	486,347	482,342	479,073	

FY03 Overview	June	May	April	March	February	January	Jan-June Total	Total FY03
Total Intranetwork Loans					42,631	46,425	46,425	346,047
Total Items Circulated					338,096	362,121	362,121	2,853,594
VirtCat Items Borrowed					423	457	457	3,502
VirtCat Items Loaned					198	213	213	1,208
Cataloging Requests					2,540	3,146	3,146	25,561
MARC Records Added					2,758	3,347	3,347	25,922
Patrons Added					2,519	2,964	2,964	28,188
Holds					23,861	26,573	26,573	173,461
Total MARC					872,054	870,356		
Total Holdings					3,158,084	3,152,268		
Total Patron					495,664	493,145		

## Upcoming Training & Meetings

### Upcoming Training

Detailed descriptions and registration information, are available on the [SAILS website](http://www.sailsinc.org).

#### Advanced Searching Training

05/09/2003

9:30am to noon SAILS Training Room

#### Beginning Serials Training

05/13/2003

9am to noon SAILS Training Room

#### Beginning Cataloging Training

05/28/2003

9am to noon SAILS Training Room

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### MLA Legislative Day

4/02/2003

Boston—State House

#### Board Meeting

04/16/2003

10am SAILS Meeting Room

#### Technical Services Meeting

05/08/2003

10am SAILS Meeting Room