

The CD's are Coming!!

As most of you know by now, the public libraries in Massachusetts will be receiving collections of Music Cd's as the result of a class action suit against the Music Industry for price fixing. The quantity you receive will be based upon the population your library serves. According to the [Boston Globe article](#), each library will receive a minimum of 25 new discs from 11 genres. Larger communities, will get 500 cd's for every 30,000 residents.

SAILS believes these collections are going to be arriving in April. Many libraries have never purchased or have only selectively purchased Music CD's prior to this. Therefore, SAILS is conducting special training sessions April 8th, morning and afternoon, on how to enter cataloging requests for Music CD's.

Instruction will also include many visuals and examples of the different types of situations you will encounter when cataloging cd's. The examples the cataloging staff have put together are great and will really help you out when have a cd in hand. They will explain where on the cd's to look for specific information to put into your cataloging request.



Attendance at one of these sessions is required if your library has never entered a cataloging request for Music CD's in the past. If your staff would like to attend just for a refresher, they are more than welcome. There are no limits to the number of people from a library that can attend. This is not hands-on

training so we will be conducting it in the meeting room.

Please submit the name(s) of the staff members who will be in attendance by sending email to catsupport@sailsinc.org. We need an accurate count of people coming so we have enough handouts, chairs set out, etc. Please send any questions you have to dconrad@sailsinc.org

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MLA Legislative Day!

Don't Forget to Reserve your free ride into Boston, courtesy the Friends of the Somerset Library.

Contact Debby for further details.

RFID in Libraries

RFID stands for Radio frequency identification. It is a technology that is used widely in the retail supply chain and it has also made its way into libraries. Paper-thin flexible tags can be attached to all library materials including books, CDs, DVDs, videos, and audio cassettes. The information stored on an RFID tag can include the barcode number of the item, an on/off state for the security alarm component, and some basic sorting information such as an item classification or branch location. This technology would eliminate the need for barcode scanners. RFID readers can read up to 20 items per second therefore significantly reducing the time it takes to check in and out items.

Some of the other benefits of RFID technology include:

- Increased Security.
- Reduced risk of carpal tunnel injury.
- Portable readers can streamline the inventory process, locate mis-shelved volumes and help weed out materials.

Is your library ready for RFID technology? You can find out much more information about this technology by visiting the Checkpoint web site at: <http://www.checkpointsystems.com/content/library/default.asp>



NetLibrary Records Coming to iBistro

SEMLS is trying to increase usage of the NetLibrary subscription for online books. One way to do this is to have the records available from within iBistro. SEMLS has generously offered to pay for the loading of the data as well as train the SAILS library staff to use NetLibrary. We will be coordinating the data-load with the training from SEMLS, so records aren't available to the public until the staff feels comfortable answering questions.

Between the publicly accessible titles and the subscription through the Boston Public Library, over 6500 titles will be available to your patrons. The books are read online, either at home or at the library. It's a wonderful tool to supplement your collection, especially the available computer books. Although many won't read an entire novel online, having fully searchable access to reference titles online is great—including the Complete Idiot guides. You can even plan your next vacation with titles such as "Country Roads of Texas" or "The Secret Caribbean : Hideaways of the Rich & Famous"!

Congratulations to Norfolk on their Upcoming Construction Project



The Norfolk Public Library is preparing to move to their temporary quarters. In Workflows, and iBistro, NORFOLKTMP (Norfolk Temporary Location) and NORFOLKKID (Norfolk Children's Temp Location) will appear as a pickup location.

As with other libraries' in similar situations, a portion of their collection will be unavailable for holds during the period of the time they are in temporary quarters. The available collection will be housed in the 2 separate locations mentioned above.

Items with either one of these pickup libraries should continue to be sent to NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY. We set up these 2 libraries so that the folks in Norfolk can figure out where things are located. SAILS will send out information as the situation changes. For now, just continue routing as usual.

Notable Dartclix Sites

These are fully searchable website records, available in iBistro.

The Museum of Hoaxes

—<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com>

Created by UC San Diego graduate student, Alex Boese, this Web site discusses hoaxes; what they are, how they happen, and various examples of them. Boese created the site to force people to question their assumptions of what is real and what is not. Visitors can search by a span of years or by category and the site also features special hoaxes that are periodically exchanged.



106th Boston marathon

—<http://www.bostonmarathon.org>

This Web site is the official on-line resource to information about past and present Boston Marathons. The site features topic categories such as: men's race, women's race, American women, men's wheelchair race, athlete results, and statistics. In addition, the site provides race day weather conditions in Hopkinton, Wellesley, and Boston.

Earthdaynetwork

—<http://www.earthday.net>

Offered in English, Spanish, French, and Russian, this Web site is designed to increase public awareness of Earth Day and the activities to participate in for this event. Visitors can also read environmental news summaries from around the world or find out how to begin an Earth Day project. There is also a place to search the site for information on a particular environmental subject.



SAILS Grant Update

This year SAILS has a number of grants in the works. Here are the highlights.

- Our most recent submission is a major LSTA grant to replace our big Workflows production server. The server was purchased with the intention of replacing it within five years, so this would put us right in our plan. With the upcoming release of Unicorn 2004, the need for the more robust server is high.
- We are currently working on a grant to create online tutorials (via the Web and CD-ROM), for iBistro.
- Middleboro and New Bedford's telecom equipment is in the process of being replaced, also funded by an LSTA grant, awarded to SAILS this fiscal year.

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Upcoming Training & Meetings

Upcoming Training

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

Advanced Searching Training

04/13/2004
 04/14/2004 (Full)
 9:30am to noon SAILS Training Room

Cataloging CD's—contact catsupport@sailsinc.org

04/08/2004—10am
 04/08/2004—1pm

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Reference / User Services Meeting

04/06/2004
 10am SAILS Meeting Room

Legislative Day

04/07/2004
 State House—Boston

Board Meeting

04/21/2004
 10am SAILS Meeting Room

MLA 2004 Annual Conference

04/28/2004—04/30/2004
 North Falmouth, Massachusetts

SAILS Network Statistics

FY04 Overview	December	November	October	September	August	July
Total Intranetwork Loans	41,116	41,675	48,551	39,894	44,057	47,458
Total Items Circulated	286,943	340,470	375,088	344,044	351,606	412,162
VirtCat Items Borrowed	559	644	673	620	408	518
VirtCat Items Loaned	202	314	295	318	250	301
Cataloging Requests	2,491	2,520	4,225	3,176	2,403	2,586
MARC Records Added	2,959	2,917	4,088	3,699	2,376	2,985
Patrons Added	1,617	3,419	4,240	6,935	3,571	3,513
Holds	22,014	26,822	28,163	24,411	24,421	25,558
Total MARC	903,727	901,016	898,448	893,731	890,100	888,434
Total Holdings	3,257,995	3,254,731	3,244,320	3,228,140	3,218,976	3,210,212
Total Patron	494,005	493,118	490,224	486,379	481,343	497,196

FY04 Overview	June	May	April	March	February	January	Total FY04
Total Intranetwork Loans					43,877	45,728	352356
Total Items Circulated					358,188	354,331	2822832
VirtCat Items Borrowed					633	636	4691
VirtCat Items Loaned					268	257	2205
Cataloging Requests					2,592	2,566	22559
MARC Records Added					2,784	2,784	24592
Patrons Added					2,908	2,697	28900
Holds					29,016	32,016	212421
Total MARC					908,851	907,169	908,851
Total Holdings					3,256,683	3,256,320	3,256,683
Total Patron					499,011	496,345	499,011