

SAILS Network News

Library Network

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A Warmhearted Send-Off

Barbara Bonville will be leaving SAILS on August 1st to begin a new career in religious education, a field very close to her heart. While we hate to see her go, we are all tremendously happy for her that this opportunity has presented itself.

Barbara first came SEAL as employee #2 in 1988 having been the director of the Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet. She has been with the network during all its time of growth and evolution. It is really hard to describe all Barb has done and meant to the member libraries. Everyone in the network will miss her and she will be a hard act to follow. We would not be where we are today without her hard work and enthusiasm.

Best Wishes
les meilleurs voeux
recuerdos
auguri beste Wünsche
as mais melhores desejos

Search Tips of the Month

If you want to find items for people with disabilities, use the authorized subject heading of "people with disabilities".

To search for only DVD's, try the following search, under keyword or GENERAL:

videodisc or videodiscs {300}

You probably won't get every DVD in the system, but if it has the word videodisk in the physical description, it will display.



WorldClient and America Online

Those of you who use WorldClient from home to retrieve your email should not use the AOL browser to access WorldClient. The AOL browser will display an invalid IP address message if once you enter your user id and password. Once connected to AOL please bring up another browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape to access your email through WorldClient. The folks who produce our Email Software are working with AOL on this issue.

ALA Report

Sirsi User Focus Group

A small group of DRA and Sirsi users met to go see the “future workflows client.” Berit Nelson of Sirsi did a demo of some of the changes that Sirsi is going to put in the Workflows. They wanted feed back from current Workflow users.

Proposed Changes

- Workflows will use more functions of the Windows. It will take your desktop settings and use them in Workflows
- You will be able to change Workflow’s Font size and color
- It will also support Unicode

New Circ Wizard

User Id and Item Id display in the same window. It will refresh every time an item is checked out to that patron. Can resize the window to display as much as you need. Most people in the room weren’t that thrilled with that.

Sirsi also said that they are going to try to combine more of the circ function and get rid of some of the circ wizards. Someone in the room thought that this would cause difficulty because people would have to be retrained.

Marc Editing Changes

- Fly by help will display what goes in a MARC tag.
- Leader will display in a linear format instead of OCLC format. Most of the catalogers in the room were not happy with this display. Like the way Workflows displays Fixed Fields. Only suggested change would be to make the labels consistent with OCLC.
- You will be able to recall more than the Current record.
- You will be able to right click on a tag and get the valid subfields.

Hit List Display Policies

- People will not have to display defined policy if you give them the access level to define their own display. In other words, I do not have to

accept the defined display instead of having the author display I could have the 300 display or any other MARC field.

- You will be able to sort the display

Spine Labels

It looked like Sirsi took DRA’s spine labels and is going to try to incorporate this into the future Workflows. Libraries will have Custom spine label templates and it will only display a single libraries template. These templates will be stored on the Server not the workstation.

I asked Berit if they would support Ink Jet Labels. She said that it probably would not be available in the first release of this product but it should be available in a later release.


From what I saw of the spine labels, it looked much easier to use.

~Kristin Slater

Kids Catalog Coming Soon!

This fall, a children’s version of iBistro will be available to schools and libraries! For a sneak-peak, log into the test server at: <http://salt.sailsinc.org> with the ALT ID of ALAN and the PIN of 9440.

Changes to look for:

- **Color!** The color scheme is a bit brighter than the usual iBistro. Here are the colors being used:

- Browse Subjects has been removed, and will only show the “Picture Browse” for kids.
- The front page will feature Children’s Best Sellers & Great Reading Ideas!

An aside: If you would like to have your Browse Subjects and Kids’ Catalog limited to just your library’s holdings, please contact [Laurie](#) for details.

Virtual Catalog Statistics

Month	7/02 (collected 7/29)	8/02	9/02	10/02	11/02	12/02	1/03	2/03	3/03	4/02 (Training)	5/02	6/02
Items Requested	125									102	84	98
Items Lent	63									66	67	96

Virtual Catalog Update

Well, it's official. On July 24th 2002, the Virtual Catalog was opened up for patron placed holds. If you haven't gotten a chance to play around in the Virtual Catalog, please log in at:

<http://www.sailsinc.org/virtcatlogin.htm>

Some questions which have come up about the catalog:

- How do patrons access the Virtual Catalog? In iBistro, patrons will see a link to the VirtCat when they do a keyword search which doesn't give them any results.
- A patron was able to request a title in the VirtCat, when we already own it. Why did it allow that? If an item is not immediately available at the time a patron places the request in the VirtCat, they will be allowed to request the item from another system.
- I have a card from one library, but want to pick my requests up at another library. Can I do this? No, you can only pick-up items requested in the VirtCat from the library you belong to, from your patron record.
- Why did my request go unfilled? If you or your patron placed a request, and it wasn't filled by the owning network within 5 days, it will automatically become unfillable. After looking at the request, and seeing if it was at a network for over 5 days, try to resubmit the request. It should go through the next time.

SAILS Network Statistics

FY02 Overview	December	November	October	September	August	July	July-Dec Total	
Total Intranetwork Loans	33572	37679	42630	38362	61945	44473	258661	
Total Items Circulated	287283	360126	391838	326199	403007	428955	2197408	
Cataloging Requests	2,585	3,062	3478	2632	3153	2323	17233	
MARC Records Added	2,772	3283	3907	2658	3,488	2517	18625	
Patrons Added	2223	3139	4880	4215	4323	3680	22460	
Holds	12199	15053	15206	12998	10916	14163	80535	
Total MARC	827311	823985	821069	817813	814718	813694		
Total Holdings	3024090	3019827	3010518	2992770	2978318	2970634		
Total Patron	464857	462985	460047	455654	452082	448448		
	June	May	April	March	February	January	Jan-June Total	Total FY01
Total Intranetwork Loans	35,767	41,809	41,453	48067	41875	43943	252,914	511,575
Total Items Circulated	321,625	338,613	340,840	383827	381174	307100	2,073,179	4,270,587
Cataloging Requests	2,505	3,434	3,351	3,451	2771	3,378	18,890	36,123
MARC Records Added	2,728	3,569	3,263	3,387	2988	3,308	19,243	37,868
Patrons Added	2,685	3,143	2,898	3238	3442	3168	18,574	41,034
Holds	18,804	17,900	16,291	20834	16350	20111	110,290	190,825
Total MARC	840,795	838,786	836,511	833218	831003	829388		
Total Holdings	3,070,757	3,061,996	3,051,723	3040212	3031367	3030984		
Total Patron	477,893	476,011	474,633	472887	471099	467872		

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Upcoming Training

Detailed descriptions and registration information, are available on the [SAILS website](#).

Advanced Searching in WorkFlows & iBistro

08/15/02 9:30am to noon

08/16/02 9:30am to noon

SAILS Training Room

Beginning Cataloging

7/18/2002 9am to noon

8/14/2002 1pm to 4pm

9/24/2002 9am to noon

SAILS Training Room

Beginning Serials (Full)

9/18/2002 9am to noon

SAILS Training Room

Creating Paperback Records for Circulation Staff

08/08/02 9am to 11:30am

SAILS Training Room

Outreach Services

08/27/02 10am to noon

SAILS Training Room

Personal Computer Basics

9/5/2002 9:30am to 11am

SAILS Training Room

Security Workshop

09/10/02 9:30am to noon

SAILS Meeting Room

Sirsi Seminar for School Libraries

08/29/02 9am to 3:30pm

SAILS Training Room

Virtual Catalog Training

08/22/02 10am to noon

09/12/02 1pm to 3pm (Full)

09/19/02 10am to noon

SAILS Meeting Room

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

09/18/02 10am

SAILS Meeting Room