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New TumbleBook Features

From TumbleBook President Ron Zevy

TumblePad 2.0 is an ebook reader which you can download to a PC NetBook, Laptop, and Desktop. (Our MAC version will be ready this week). Our innovative reader allows you to read TumbleBooks, Read-Alongs, Chapter Books, Novels, Audio Books, and play Flash Games offline. We have preloaded the ebook reader with some books and games so you can get a good sense of how it works. We are especially excited about our ebook format which allows you to change the text size, pick a favorite font, and even change the background and text color. Schools and libraries will soon be able to download a TumblePad with the entire TumbleBook and TumbleReadable collection for offline access.

This is perfect for:

1. Libraries with work station computers which have no internet access
2. School and Library computers which may have internet access but prefer students and patrons to access TumbleBooks offline
3. Schools with lower or limited bandwidth which may have experienced slowdowns with online access
4. Schools with laptop programs for students which enables them to have mobile access to entire TumbleBook collection

We have created TumblePad to complement your existing subscriptions.

We are excited to announce that TumbleBooks are going to be available in download form for mobile devices and portable computers in 2010! Our team of animators and developers are working hard to create apps for:

1. iPhones/iTouches
2. PSPs
3. NetBooks/Laptops
4. 3G Mobile Phones
5. MP5s
6. Windows Mobile PDAs

Nearly the entire (TumbleBooks, Read-Alongs and TumbleReadables) will be available for download in multiple file formats. We are looking for schools and libraries whom are interested in participating in our pilot project. Do your students currently use mobile devices as part of your curriculum. Would you benefit from having downloadable TumbleBooks? We are also very interested in feedback and suggestions on how you could use downloadable TumbleBooks in your school or library. Please send your responses to info@tumblebooks.com



Download the TumblePad 2.0 to your PC at:
www.tumblebooks.com/swap/mobile_testing/installer_tp.exe

More information on the coming Mobile will be available at:
TumbleBooksToGo

Workflows Updates, Tips

This is a reminder that everyone needs to be running the Java Workflows Client by January 1st, 2010. We will soon be installing a new version of Workflows with new features that are no longer compatible with the old "C" client.

For the schools, who are limited to viewing just their own patrons, here is a tip for patron searching. If you have had problems browsing when searching for patrons, switch to Keyword instead. This will really limit the search to just your patrons. The browse search returns all the patrons in the database, regardless of whether they're your patrons or not. You don't have access to them, so you don't see them in the list, just a bunch of blank lines. When you do a keyword search, and limit to your library, you actually are limiting to just your library and those are the only results you will get back.

Change the Default properties for the User Search helper within the Display User wizard so that the Type of search = Keyword and the Library = (Your Library). This will automatically also change the properties for the Modify User wizard.

Please contact eservices@sailsinc.org if you have any questions.

Remove User—Patron has Charge History Message

Occasionally, you may need to delete a patron's record, but when you try to do so (using the Remove User wizard), you get a message saying that the patron has a charge history and the record cannot be removed. This is because the patron has asked that WorkFlows keep track of his or her checkouts/checkins.

The situation is easily remedied. Please contact SAILS at eservices@sailsinc.org and we will run a process that removes the patron's charge history. After that, you can remove the patron without problem.

New Printer Option

SAILS is now offering a new type of receipt printer that many of you should find more user friendly than the current impact printers you may be using. These are thermal printers and are much quieter. There are no ribbons required either. The paper is \$.88 / roll and the printers are \$199 each.

Library Cards on an iPhone?

Just a heads up -- if you haven't seen it already, patrons may soon be presenting circulation staff with an iPhone or other smart phone bearing an image of their library card barcode, according to SirsiDynix listserv postings.

Patrons can now download an app which "takes a picture" of a library card, or merchant reward or club card, and render the image on their phone as a scannable barcode. The free app is available from sites such as www.mycardstar.com, which now offers the software for the iPhone and will be offering it for the Android and the BlackBerry sometime soon.

Patrons and librarians who have attempted to successfully scan the barcode from a phone screen have met with mixed results.

Also, reaction by U.S. librarians who posted to the list was cautious. They questioned how they would know that it is the actual user's patron ID barcode on the phone, and, if they accept it, is library staff accountable for misuse of a 'stolen' card? Another librarian asked, "Would staff let people use a photocopy of a card?"

for right now the network has no policy regarding the acceptance of these types of barcodes so it would have to be a local decision until we come up with something network wide.





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	Oct '09	Oct '10	Total FY'10
Total Intranetwork Loans	61,748	60,196	247,182
Total Items Circulated	385,636	393,924	1,647,386
OverDrive Circulation	963	1,615	6,323
TumbleBooks	3,087	7,819	16,319
VirtCat Items Borrowed	1,195	1,345	4,979
VirtCat Items Loaned	557	551	2,248
Cataloging Requests	4,742	6,319	20,834
MARC Records Added	4,149	7,006	20,532
Patrons Added	4,320	3,872	20,282
Patron placed holds	47,727	48,111	199,859
Total MARC	1,050,152	1,082,340	
Total Holdings	3,598,594	3,694,761	
Total Patron	431,345	445,948	
Total Uptime	99.46	98.81	

Upcoming Events

- 12/01 & 12/03 **User Registration for Public Libraries**
 various times, online. [Register Here](#)
- 12/10 **SAILS Holiday Lunch**—office closed from noon—12:30
- 12/15, 12/17 **Intro to searching & placing holds**
 various times, online. [Register Here](#)
- 12/16 **SAILS officers meeting**
 10 am to noon, SAILS
- 12/24—**SAILS offices close @ noon**
- 12/25—**SAILS offices closed for the holiday**

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