# SAILS Network News
## Library Network

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# Choice Titles at Member Libraries

**The Fenway Project : June 28, 2002 : a project of the Society for American Baseball Research and SABR Boston**. Cambridge, MA : Rounder Books, c2004.

Frommer, Harvey. **Red Sox vs. Yankees : the great rivalry**. [Champaign, IL] : Sports Pub., c2004.

Gentile, Derek. **The complete Boston Red Sox : the total encyclopedia of the team**. New York : Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers : Distributed by Workman Pub. Co., c2004.

Hornig, Doug. **The boys of October : how the 1975 Boston Red Sox embodied baseball's ideals and restored our spirits**. Chicago : Contemporary Books, 2003.
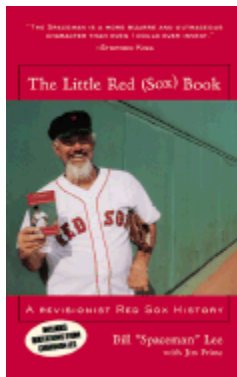
Kettman, Steve. **One day at Fenway : a day in the life of baseball in America**. New York, N.Y. : Atria, c2004.

Lee, Bill, 1946- **The little Red (Sox) book : a revisionist Red Sox history**. Chicago, IL : Triumph Books, 2003.

Pesky, Johnny, 1919- **Few and chosen : defining Red Sox greatness across the eras**. Chicago, Ill. : Triumph Books, c2004.
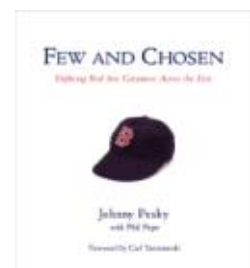
# **Proxy Checkout Reminder**

The proxy checkout is still NOT WORKING. What does this mean? If Patron B comes in to checkout an item on hold for Patron A, the hold does not get canceled for Patron A even if you select the option to Check out and cancel hold. This is a known issue. You have to cancel the hold for Patron A.

This is very confusing, because the hold "appears" to be cancelled off the patron's record, but the item still has the hold attached, and it will display on the RHA report, but when you try to look at it in the patron record, it's not there.

# Holds Properties

The past few weeks we have continued to find holds placed with the range of "library", not "group", as they should be. Why is this a problem? Say your patron requested a DVD with 195 holds. Your library doesn't own a copy. Your patron will be passed over multiple times until your library's copy is available to fill the hold. But your library doesn't own a copy. That's the big problem—the hold will NOT be filled! If you do own a copy, they just get passed over until your copy is available to fill the hold. So remember to check every Workflows pc in the library, even tech!

## Non-Holdable Items to SAILS Cataloging

Request slips for non-holdable items now include the stamped note, "Non-holdable, please send item with this request slip". We cannot do original cataloging for any items with only a copy of the title page and verso, container or case. We need to have the item in front of us in order to create all the necessary information, including subject headings, for each bibliographic record. In addition to creating subject headings, we must also look at other pertinent information to catalog. For example, we have to see the books for the complete physical description. We need to watch the title frames and credits for videocassettes and videodiscs. Often, we also need to watch parts of these videocassettes and videodiscs for more detailed information. We also need to use the CD-ROMs in our computers to determine their content.

Do not check out these items to SAILS Cataloging at your library. These non-holdable items must be put in transit to SAILS. When libraries send these materials in the delivery without first putting them in transit, neither SAILS nor the libraries have any way of tracking them. Once the materials arrive at SAILS, they are checked out to SAILS Cataloging. When we are finished cataloging them, we check them in and they are put in transit to the libraries.

If you have any questions about non-holdable items, e-mail catsupport@sailsinc.org or call any of us in the Cataloging Department: Claudette (x16), Jenn (x15) or Kristin (x13).

### Compiled Calendar Feed

SAILS would like to thank all of the libraries who have given their calendar feeds to SAILS. We have them displayed for the public on the "Library News & Events" page. It's a great tool for the patrons, who can now see what's happening today & tomorrow at member libraries.

Take a look for yourself. It's impressive how many activities we have going on!

# Why Haven't We Upgraded Yet?

It's Friday, September 10th. SAILS has told pc support libraries to leave their workflows stations on over the weekend, so they can get the Workflows upgrade. The circ staff has been trained. The BORG (cataloging committee) went through the new version on the test server. A message was posted for patrons, telling of the anticipated down-time. Everyone's ready for the change. 3 PM, Debby gets a call from Sirsi Client Care saying, "STOP!" Well, we were very thankful that they told us to stop. The version we were going to move to wasn't functioning properly with larger sites, as another network discovered. So our upgrade was delayed. In the mean time, SAILS installed more memory into the Sirsi server, in preparation for the latest version.

Sirsi has been testing Unicorn 2003.1.4, and the pre-release documentation was just sent to SAILS. One major change is that the you will <u>still</u> be able to **search for patrons by browsing**, as you do now. You'll also have the new search option of looking up by phone number.

We're now going to look over the documentation, and as soon as the software is available, load it on our test server. We'll perform thorough testing before we set a date to install it into production. We will give everyone a good two weeks notice before installing, and will republish all of the instructions we originally had available to you.

# Politics

### Websites:

Stateline.org is a Website that is non-partisan, non-profit, and provides daily reports on all of the 50 state governments, as well as statistics, editorial cartoons, commentary and letters to the editor. The site was started in 1999 by The Pew Charitable Trust and the reports are written by reporters in Washington D.C.

vote-smart.org—Jill Erickson, Head of Reference at the Falmouth Public Library names this her favorite political website. Project Vote-Smart is a non-profit, non-partisan citizen's group that canvasses political officials and candidates on views, opinions and actions and distributes this information as an information service allowing the American citizen to "self-govern effectively." Candidates include all those running for office from president to state representative.

**Newsbank**, a database is provided by SEMLS with funds administered by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners, provides information on special topics. One of the current Special Topics is **Presidential Campaign 2004**, which gives links to all sorts of different aspects of the Presidential election including the debates, the primaries, party strategies, the conventions, profiles of the candidates, and much more.

### NetLibrary Titles:

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Impeachment of the President* by Steven D. Strauss examines the history of impeachment and covers the possible impeachment of President Clinton and what it would have meant to the country. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Office Politics* by Laurie Rosakis tells you how to get ahead in corporate America in the form of a humorous instructional book. Topics include how to impress the boss without brown-nosing, how to handle tricky situations and cover one's assets, how to get that long-overdue promotion, and much more.

### Titles in the SAILS Catalog

Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* is described by amazon.com as the most provocative film of the year. Academy Award-winning director Michael Moore presents a searing examination of the role played by greed and oil in the wake of the tragic events of 9/11.

*Bushworld : enter at your own risk* written by Maureen Dowd. A collection of the author's columns originally published in The New York times.

Bill Clinton's *My Life*, is an exhaustive book written by Bill himself. The book reveals Clinton's talents and contradictions, as they are told openly, directly, in his own completely recognizable voice. Amazon.com calls it a unique book by a unique American.

*America (the book): a citizen's guide to democracy inaction*, is written and edited by Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin & David Javerbaum, who are the writers of The Daily Show on Comedy Central. Publisher's Weekly states, from the book's dedication ("To the huddled masses Keep yearnin'!") to its final chapter, which lampoons the 2004 presidential candidates, this humorous send-dup of American politics never fails to entertain, poke fun and provoke thought.

Also take a look at the Popular Items in the Catalog based on # of Holds list for ideas on what our patrons are reading.

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# Upcoming Training & Meetings

## Upcoming Training
Detailed descriptions and registration information, are available on the SAILS website.

**Beginning Cataloging**
*11/02/2004*
*9am to noon SAILS Training Room*

**Beginning Serials Training**
*12/07/2004*
*9am to noon SAILS Training Room*

**Searching for Catalogers**
*12/08/2004*
*9:30am to noon SAILS Training Room*

**Virtual Catalog Training**
*12/08/2004*
*1pm to 3pm SAILS Training Room*

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**PubPac Committee Meeting**
*11/03/2004*
*9:30am SAILS Meeting Room*

**User Services Meeting**
*11/09/2004*
*10am SAILS Meeting Room*

**Required\*\* Tech Services Meeting**
*11/10/2004*
*10am to noon SAILS Meeting Room*

**SAILS Board Meeting**
*11/17/2004*
*10am SAILS Meeting Room*

### New Workshop Notice
Based on several comments from the Tech Services Survey, SAILS has added a new workshop called "Searching for Catalogers". It will cover search strategies, stop words, keyword searching, and hopefully answer any questions you may have. Register Online at: http://sailsinc.org/ce/Details.asp?ID=66

# SAILS Network Statistics

| FY05 Overview | December | November | October | September | August | July |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Intranetwork Loans | | | 48,089 | 47,448 | 50,527 | 49,759 |
| Total Items Circulated | | | 356,078 | 343,798 | 382,040 | 411,373 |
| VirtCat Items Borrowed | | | 815 | 752 | 835 | 518 |
| VirtCat Items Loaned | | | 397 | 396 | 352 | 236 |
| Cataloging Requests | | | 2,552 | 2,713 | 2,975 | 2,631 |
| MARC Records Added | | | 2,798 | 3,425 | 3,176 | 3,249 |
| Patrons Added | | | 4,888 | 5,607 | 3,588 | 3,068 |
| Holds | | | 30,026 | 30,587 | 31,423 | 32,361 |
| Total MARC | | | 934,055 | 930,684 | 928,240 | 922,507 |
| Total Holdings | | | 3,325,130 | 3,311,845 | 3,299,129 | 3,289,160 |
| Total Patron | | | | 510,834 | 508,854 | 509, 384 |

| FY05 Overview | June | May | April | March | February | January | Total FY05 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Intranetwork Loans | | | | | | | 147,734 |
| Total Items Circulated | | | | | | | 1,137,211 |
| VirtCat Items Borrowed | | | | | | | 2,289 |
| VirtCat Items Loaned | | | | | | | 984 |
| Cataloging Requests | | | | | | | 10871 |
| MARC Records Added | | | | | | | 12648 |
| Patrons Added | | | | | | | 17151 |
| Holds | | | | | | | 124397 |
| Total MARC | | | | | | | 934,055 |
| Total Holdings | | | | | | | 3,325,130 |
| Total Patron | | | | | | | 515,722 |