

e-catalog, Launching in November

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The pubpac committee has been hard at work finalizing the new OPAC for SAILS. This is a new and improved version of iBistro, which is called e-catalog. There are several similarities, but many differences should meet the demands our patrons stated in our last major survey.

What's the same?

- Searching—we still have the same search engine behind the catalog. This can search almost the whole bibliographic record. From the quick search you can combine words from different fields in the record, such as author and title, and not need to use Boolean. If you want to use Boolean, just switch to "advanced search".
- Other types of catalog searches—specialized searches for specific formats work the same.
- Library Info—If you're in the library and log in with your library's login, you'll see your own new titles lists, links to hours, museum passes, etc. If you log in with your personal library account, you will see the same information you see at home.
- Best Seller & Recommended reading lists
- Favorite authors & subjects

What's different? A Lot!

We've added a subscription to [LibraryThing for Libraries](#). This gives us a lot of the added content that will make this catalog a real discovery service. We have; **tag browsing, reviews, series, recommended/similar titles, other editions, and awards**. And the best thing is that these link back and refer to other titles in our catalog!

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Trivia Question #1

If you don't have a Kindle ebook reader (device), what other ways can you read a Kindle ebook with Overdrive?

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e-catalog, continued

Account management—patrons can now get their **PIN automatically emailed** to the address they have in their patron record. Another reason to be careful when typing these in. After they've logged in, they can **update or add the email address in their record**.

Patron favorites are also streamlined so they don't have to go to so many places to make changes and manage these.

Placing holds—we took away the option to **suspend holds** while placing the hold and only have it available when modifying holds. This should cut down on much confusion.

And the way it looks! We really tried hard to make this user friendly and think it is.

Preparing Patrons

Since this “new” catalog has lots of features we want to share with patrons, SAILS will be providing libraries with a set of publicity materials. We'll have:

- Business cards to have available around the library
- Posters showing off some of the enhancements
- Brochure templates for libraries to customize
- Pre-recorded, online training for patrons and staff
- Live online training for staff

So what does this look like? [Continue to page 3](#) to find out!

Sad News

While writing about the new features for our e-catalog OPAC, it's sad to note that Sharon St. Hilaire will not be able to share it with the staff and patrons of the Seekonk Public Library. As many of you know by now, Sharon passed away in late September. She was a true visionary and asset to the Massachusetts library community.



In 2008, Sharon was inducted into the Massachusetts Library Association's Hall of Fame. This honor is bestowed upon practicing or retired librarians who have made a substantial, sustained contribution to advancing the cause of MA librarians or librarianship over a career of at least ten years.

“Sharon had been a change agent for public libraries since beginning her career in 1976 when she opened the East End Branch of the Fall River Public Library. She was awarded her MLS from the University of Rhode Island, and had been Director of the Seekonk Public Library since 1977. Her leadership is evident in her roles Project Manager for the ABLE library network; Chairman of the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System Advisory Committee where she was instrumental in working to encourage the Board of Library Commissioners to provide state funding to the shared automated networks; Co-chair of the Eastern Region Planning Task Force, which was the basis for the statewide strategic plan and the birth of the regional systems as member driven non-profit corporations with multi-type library membership. “ - MLA Hall of Fame press release.

Sharon was always thinking of the future and how to better the library for the community. When I last saw her, she was excitedly telling me her plans for another library expansion/renovation. She was not one to sit still and luckily she's inspired many a new librarian to carry on her vision.— Laurie Lessner

As you can see, the interface is much cleaner. This is also the screen patrons will see after they log in with their own barcode/PIN. Some features to point out on the home page:

Other Types of Catalog Searches:

These include links/searches to finding all types of materials. The only feature we can't offer with this OPAC is facets, where people can "drill-down" to find just the DVD's within a search, etc. This is what you see when you search Barnes & Nobel or even Walmart.

Library Info:

Some elements are specific to the login library, so if the patron logs in with an Easton card, as in this example, the Reserve Museum Passes goes to the Easton TixKeeper page. The databases are also library specific so you can have your stats, even for patrons who log in at home.



Welcome Laurie. Please remember to [Logout](#) at the end of your session.

- Home - - My Account - - Browse by Subject - - Browse by Kids' Subject - Contact Us

[Go Back](#) [Help](#) [Link to this page](#) [My Lists](#) [My Favorites](#)

Use: **Keyword** **Alphabetical List** Google

Search for:

library: ALL

[words or phrase](#) [author](#) [title](#) [subject](#) [series](#) [periodical title](#)

Search only electronic titles

[Advanced Search](#)

[Get Widget](#) - search iBistro from iGoogle and more!

Recommended Reading

- [Arthur C. Clarke Award \(Science Fiction\)](#)
- [Agatha Award \(Mystery\)](#)
- [The Age Book of the Year Award for Fiction](#)
- [The Age Book of the Year Award for Non-Fiction](#)
- [Alex Award \(YA\)](#)

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Best Sellers

- [New York Times Fiction](#)
- [BookManager Fiction](#)
- [LA Times Fiction](#)
- [Library Journal Most Borrowed Fiction](#)
- [Publishers Weekly Audio Fiction](#)

[More best seller lists](#)

My Favorite Authors

[Anderson, Kevin J.](#)
[Brooks, Terry](#)
[Hamilton, Laurell K.](#)

My Favorite Subjects

[Dinners and dining.](#)
[Feature films.](#)
[Scarpetta, Kay \(Fictitious character\)](#)

Other Types of Catalog Searches

- [Advanced Search](#)
- [By Call Number](#)
- [DVDs & Videos](#)
- [Audio Books](#)
- [Large Print](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Downloads](#)
- [TumbleBooks E-Books for Kids](#)
- [Statewide Virtual Catalog](#)
- [Accelerated Reader](#)

Library Info

- [Reserve Museum Passes](#)
- [Library Hours & Map](#)
- [Member Libraries](#)
- [New Children's Titles](#)
- [New Titles](#)
- [New Videos](#)
- [Online Magazines & Research Tools](#)
- [Summer Reading Lists](#)
- [Titles with most holds](#)

My Account has two new features we're very excited about. The first is the **What's my PIN?** Feature. The patron can request their PIN be sent to the email address we have on file in their account. This is going to display on the login screen and yes, does display on their account even if they've logged in already. We have no control over that.



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My Account

- [Review my account](#)
- [Renew my checkouts](#)
- [Change my email](#)
- [Change my PIN](#)
- [Change my address](#)
- [What's my PIN?](#)

Library Info

- [Reserve Museum Passes](#)
- [Library Hours & Map](#)
- [Member Libraries](#)
- [New Children's Titles](#)
- [New Titles](#)
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- [resources](#)

By entering your User ID, your current PIN will be sent to the email address listed in your library user record.

Trivia Question #2

What format does a patron's phone number need to be entered into their record? Just give an example of a properly formatted phone number.

Forgot your PIN?

User ID: or

Alternate ID:

We've also added the ability for patrons to **update the email address** in their record or create a new email address if there isn't one there already. These are the directions that display when someone selects the form:

"Enter your Old Email and New Email. If you currently do not have an email on file with the library, leave the Old Email field blank. If your old email matches what we have on record, then a confirmation of your email update will be sent to your new email address."

Added Content

The added content begins on the hit list. We've added LibraryThing for Libraries reviews. If a title has any reviews from LTFLs, it looks like this:

Clicking on the link to "Read reviews" brings up a window with the reviews. You can also create a review account to write a review. Library staff can write reviews and even share these on a blog or website with a widget from LibraryThing. When we get more reviews from our network, we'll post instructions on using the widget.

Reviews FAQ (from LTFL):

Where do reviews come from?

Other LT for Libraries sites and LibraryThing. Content is not moderated, but they are checked for copyright infringement, and 'reviewiness', meaning that they've evaluated the item, not just said 'it sucks'.. The standard "bad" words are st*rred. All reviews that come from other libraries are moderated by the home library.

Are SAILS reviews moderated?

Yes, this is going to be done by the PubPac committee until we become overburdened. Then others will be able to volunteer.

SAILS is requiring reviews agree to our terms of use.



38. [+ to my active list](#) **Harry Potter and the deathly hallows**
Rowling, J. K.
xvi, 759 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.
2009
Read review; 538 reviews (★★★★★½)
[Find in a library.](#) 🔍 

39. [+ to my active list](#) **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince [videorecording] Full screen version.**
1 videodisc (153 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in.
Full screen version.
2009
Read review; 237 reviews (★★★★★½)
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40. [+ to my active list](#) **Harry Potter and the half-blood prince [sound recording] : original motion picture soundtrack**
Hooper, Nicholas.
1 sound disc : digital ; 4 3/4 in.
2009
[Find in a library.](#) 🔍 

Changes to the Hit List

- Due to much confusion, Accelerated Reader information will no longer display on the hit list.
- Libraries with available copies no longer displays. This would include locations such as on-order and other misleading information. In its place, we have either: "Find in a library" when a copy is available somewhere or "View owning libraries"
- Icons—these have been updated to try and reflect the material of the item. Since the icon that displays is for the first item in the system, these aren't always consistent. For example, compactdsc item type is most commonly used for music, though some libraries also use it for audiobooks. Since the majority are for music, the icon reflects this. Also, if you hover over the icon, it says the format.
- Lists—more detail on lists are on page 7.

Item Details / Full Details Page ...where all the added content explodes!

Content from LibraryThing:

Tags—top tags for the title from LibraryThing. Click on a tag to bring up the “tag browser”. From here you can search for other tags or link to other items in our catalog with the same tag.

Series—click on the series title and a window opens with the complete series. If we own a title, it will link to the title record in our catalog.

Other Editions—come from LibraryThing members who combine different editions (and their ISBNs) to form one work.

Similar Books—come from data collected on LibraryThing from what books members of the site own, how they rate them, and how they tag them. Library cataloging data, including subject headings and call numbers, is also used to improve the recommendations.

Awards—There are tons of these awards lists, ranging from ALA’s best book awards, state book awards, literary and popular magazine awards, etc.

Lexile measures—reading program, similar to accelerated reader

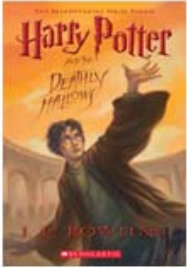
Accelerated Reader—clearer information presented

Dig Deeper—Syndetics content, with a clearer layout

Social media sharing options—post a title to Facebook, your blog, email, etc.

record 38 of 331 for search words or phrase ""harry potter""

Item Details Change Display



Place Hold

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Find items on the same shelf

[+ my favorite subjects](#)

[+ to my active list](#)

Summary [Dig deeper](#) [Catalog Record](#)

Title Harry Potter and the deathly hallows

Author Rowling, J. K.

Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books,

Pub date: 2009.

Pages: xvi, 759 p. :

ISBN: 9780545139700

Accelerated Reader: [About Accelerated Reader](#)

Accelerated Reader AR Interest= MG Book level= 6.9
Points= 34.0
Lexile measures: 980L

Easton - Ames Free Library

JUV FIC ROWLINGBook CHILDREN FICTION

Attleboro Public Library

JPB ROWLING,J Book Material has been checked/charged out (nocirc)

Norton Public Library

YA ROW JUVENILE BOOKMaterial has been checked/charged out (nocirc)

Southworth Library

JPB ROW PAPERBACK Material has been checked/charged out (nocirc)

Taunton Public Library

PB PAPERBACK CHILDRENS ROOM

Find Similar...

Read review; 538 reviews (★★★★½)

Tags

[adventure](#) [children](#)
[children's](#) [children's](#)
[literature](#) **[fantasy](#)**
[Harry Potter](#)
[magic](#) [witches](#)
[wizards](#) [young adult](#)

Series


[Harry Potter](#)

[Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone](#) by Rowling, J. K.

[Harry Potter and the goblet of fire](#) by Rowling, J. K.

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Other Editions

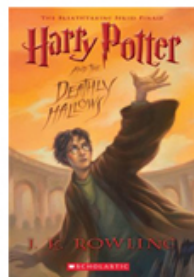


Harry Potter a the deathly hallows by Rowling, J. K. (ISBN 978073936035)

Feature Details

Bookmark & Share is a popular application/add in tool to allow people to link back to this item or share in a number of ways. They (or you) can even create a QR code for the link to post to a flyer or other promo material.

Item Details



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Google	Favorites
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Email	Print
Reddit	More... (329)

What's this? Settings Privacy Choices

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The **Series Browser** shows all the titles in the series, regardless of our holdings. They are in order from oldest to newest. These will be linked to if we own them. If you click on a title, you will go to the full details page for that title.

Series Browser Close

Harry Potter

18 books in this series

	Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone by Rowling, J. K.	1
	Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets by Rowling, J. K.	2
	Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban by Rowling, J. K.	3

Description
The boy wizard!

Related series
[Harry Potter's Schoolbooks](#)

Fantasy--Juvenile fiction.

My Lists

This version of e-catalog lets people who are logged in, save permanent lists of books. These can be bibliographies, wish lists, favorite authors, anything, there is no limit. These lists are stored on the server so they won't go away when the patron logs out. Note, these are rather clunky. We've done our best to make setting these up not too difficult. They're far from perfect, but they do work. This only displays after a patron is logged in. Then the steps are:

1. Create an initial list and make it active. This is done by following the link that shows on the hit list and item details page.
2. Once they have a list, they need to add titles from the hit list or item details page to the list.
3. If they want, they can remove titles, email or print them and these can be formatted as a bibliography too. The manage page links to the items details page, but holds can not be placed from the list itself.

My Lists

You don't have any active lists.
You need to create an active list
before you can add any titles.

[Click here to create a new list.](#)

My Lists

Active list: [wish list - fiction](#)

[Manage my lists](#)

Kindle Compatability News

Overdrive is now compatible with Kindle. You'll now notice most e-books have 2 formats—epub and Kindle. When you go to checkout or place a hold on a title, you will need to choose if you want it for a Kindle or not.

"Kindle compatibility will allow public and school libraries to serve millions of new readers and extend their valuable community role while providing an outstanding reading experience," said Steve Potash, CEO of OverDrive. "This addition helps public libraries accelerate their drive to become the first online stop for eBooks, where visitors can browse, discover and sample new and popular titles and authors in virtually all subjects."

The process for borrowing a public library or school eBook for Kindle is similar as for other devices. Most eBooks already in the library's catalog supplied by OverDrive are compatible with Kindle, so users simply browse or search for "Kindle Book," check out a title with a valid library card, and then click "Get for Kindle." Access to the Kindle Book will occur at Amazon's website after signing in and selecting delivery to the user's Kindle device or any of the free Kindle reading apps. As with all eBooks and other digital content at OverDrive-powered libraries and schools, titles are available 24/7 and incur no late fees because they automatically expire at the end of the lending period. For more details on Kindle compatibility, including the availability of Amazon's Whispersync technology, please visit [OverDrive's Digital Library Blog](#).

In addition to Kindle, OverDrive provides support for all major desktop and mobile devices, including Windows®, Mac®, iPod®, iPhone®, iPad®, Sony® Reader, NOOK™, Android™, BlackBerry® and Windows® Phone.

September's Monthly Trivia

Congratulations to this month's winner, Melissa Guimont from the Middleborough Public Library!

Here are the questions & answers.

- 1. How can a patron get notices sent to their phone?**
They can sign up for a Library Elf account.
- 2. What do you do and say when a patron asks you for their PIN?**
Patrons can change their own PINs in the OPAC, Most libraries use the last four digits of the patron's phone number, but not all. Phone numbers are often changing, so people forget what number they registered with, especially if their card is close to expiring. Since you really don't know for sure what it is, you tell them you'll look it up for them. To look it up, you go to modify user, look up the patron and under the privileges tab is their PIN.
- 3. What two ways can you download an epub book from Overdrive? What software do you need for each? (question from before Kindle availability)**
You can download directly to a mobile device, such as an iPhone or other smartphone. You can also download to a computer (Windows PC or MAC). The software you need for the mobile download is the Overdrive Media Console for mobile devices. The software to download to your computer is Adobe Digital Editions. You must authorize both pieces of software with an Adobe ID before you can load/download an epub book.

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Network Statistics

	Aug '11	Aug '10	Total FY'11
Total Intranetwork Loans	62,016	64,519	121,279
Total Items Circulated	427,158	422,634	835,855
Gutenberg	206	0	584
OverDrive Circulation	4,803	2,549	9,539
TumbleBooks	6,716	3,101	11,038
All Formats Circulated	438,883	428,284	857,016
VirtCat Items Borrowed	1,055	1,114	2,132
VirtCat Items Loaned	628	622	1,116
Cataloging Requests	4,250	4,082	8,088
MARC Records Added	4,660	3,679	23,067
Patrons Added	3,652	5,678	7,156
Patron placed holds	49,657	52,550	101,709
Total MARC	1,122,252	1,099,446	
Total Holdings	3,748,463	3,686,907	
Total Patron	458,130	454,693	
Total Uptime	99.86	99.98	

Trivia Question #3
 What new feature in the e-catalog is your favorite?

 Submit your answers to this month's questions at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/octtrivia>