

Group Order Opportunity—Barcodes And Shopper Card Sets

SAILS will be placing an order for barcodes on September 11. These can be either patron or item barcodes. Please complete the order form on our website if you wish to participate in this order. The cost is \$16.67 per thousand plus shipping.

Also, we have a library that needs to purchase shopper cards. These are prohibitively expensive in small quantities so if you use this patron card format and think you may need to place an order in the next SIX months now is the time to submit your order. You need to complete the order form for libraries cards with your library's name.

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Eastern Bank Overdrive and Eastern Bank Foundation Grant

In the spring of 2006, the Overdrive Advisory Committee met to discuss plans for collection development in FY07. One of the newer collections available through Overdrive are sets of classical music collections that can be downloaded to an mp3 player just as can be done with audiobooks.

It was agreed that this type of collection would not require the same type of refreshing as the collections of books and that purchase of the core collection fell outside the range of the budget guidelines for the audiobook collection. Therefore, it was recommended that SAILS apply for a grant to purchase this collection. Upon speaking to a member from the Eastern Bank Foundation, we learned that it would be easy for us to apply for a grant on behalf of the entire network. We will be doing so in early September and will send an update when we learn the status.

Sending Nonholdables to SAILS

Steps to take when your library receives request record slips from SAILS that are stamped with the message, "Nonholdable: please send item with this request slip".

All nonholdable items sent to SAILS should be put In Transit in the system before being put in the delivery boxes or brought to the SAILS office.

1. Use the SAILS Cataloging card to place holds.
The card name is SAILS Cataloging;
the user id/barcode is: 21654000302074;
the altid is: SAILSCAT
2. Place a copy-specific hold on your library's copy
3. Change the pickup location to **SAILS**
4. When the system prompts for the override, enter **sails**
5. Use the Trap Holds wizard to put the item in transit to SAILS
Or use the Discharge/Checkin wizard to put the item in transit to SAILS
6. Include the request record slip (or a copy of the slip) with each nonholdable item

Do not:

- Check the item out to SAILS at your library and then place the items in delivery
- Put the items in delivery without first putting the items in transit to SAILS
** There is no way to track the items in delivery if the items are not put in transit, which means there is no way to track if items are missing in the delivery

Arrangements can be made with SAILS Cataloging for nonholdable items that you do not want to send through the delivery. Any staff member can bring such items to meetings or workshops held at SAILS. E-mail catsupport@sailsinc.org before bringing these items to SAILS.

Reminder: If your library has a large stack of nonholdable request slips, you do not need to send all of those items all at once to SAILS. Put them in transit and send them at your convenience.



TixKeeper Integration with iBistro

At the last membership meeting, I showed a demo of how your library's TixKeeper site can be linked to from iBistro. The link will only appear for patrons who log in at home, and will pass along the patron's barcode and PIN, even if they logged into iBistro with their Alt ID.

In the library, we can add a link to your TixKeeper site, but the patron won't be automatically logged in because they don't log in to start an iBistro session. The patron needs to log in from the login screen for this to work, which only happens at home. If you subscribe to the TixKeeper service and **do not** want this link to appear to your patrons at home, through iBistro, let me (llessner@sailsinc.org) know. If I don't hear from you, it will appear under the Library Info box in iBistro.

Along with this change, we will be updating the current "Museum Pass" link to instead open the Museum Pass list for the network, created and maintained by Melissa Campbell, Director of the Plainville Public Library. Currently it displays a long, unsorted list of all the museum passes in the catalog.

~Laurie



Microsoft Vista

As many of you already know, Microsoft is hard at work, polishing up the next version of Windows - called Vista, for release in early 2007. While that is still a ways off, you should keep it in mind when making computer purchase or upgrade decisions from here on out. Here is my personal advice on how to approach it as a director of a small library:

Don't be an early adopter (unless you really want to). Wait at least a good 6 months after release before you consider upgrading to Vista. More than just possible bugs in Vista itself, there could be compatibility issues with your existing systems. Think about what would happen if your cataloging system or public access computer security turned out not to work correctly on Vista. How big a headache would that be? And while SirsiDynix may assure us they will be 100% compatible, you know how that can go. Let them work out the glitches on someone else's library.

Do buy Vista-ready hardware. What you should do is assume that any computer you buy now will some day end up running Vista. Any computer you buy in the next year should be what Microsoft calls Vista Premium Ready. If you order your computers through SAILS they will be Vista-ready. If you want to know if any of your current computers will run Vista, Microsoft has a Vista Upgrade Advisor application that will tell you if the computer you run it on can handle Vista, and identify any upgrades it may need to do so. Once you decide to upgrade to Vista this is a service that can be provided by SAILS for PC Support subscribing libraries.

And remember that if you are a public library in the US or Canada, you shouldn't need to worry as much about the added expense of purchasing at least a public access computer with XP and then upgrading to Vista later. By taking advantage of the Microsoft Public Library Software Donation Program, you can cut this cost to a small fraction of what it otherwise would be. But remember, the program is for PACs only.



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Upcoming Training & Meetings

Upcoming Training

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

Virtual Catalog Training

09/19/2006
 10 am—noon & 1pm—3pm, SAILS Meeting Room

Cataloging Print & Non-print Material

09/26/2006
 9 am to noon, SAILS Meeting Room

iBistro—The Next Level

09/27/2006
 9:30 am to noon & 1 pm—3:30pm, SAILS Meeting Room

Upcoming Meetings & Events

School Member Meeting (Required)

09/12/2006
 SAILS Meeting Room

SAILS Board Meeting

09/20/2006
 10 am—noon, SAILS Meeting Room

SAILS Network Statistics

FY06-07 Overview	July '07	June '06	May '06	April '06	March '06	Feb '06	Total FY07
Total Intranetwork Loans	58,666	55,782	60,272	51,646	64,338	53,932	58,666
Total Items Circulated	412,360	380,167	374,577	350,603	413,758	375,713	412,360
OverDrive Circulation	589	440	409	394	407	465	589
VirtCat Items Borrowed	1,129	985	1,259		1,345	1,094	1,129
VirtCat Items Loaned	515	439	572		587	526	515
Cataloging Requests	2,518	2,359	3,023	2,333	3,104	2,882	2,518
WebDewey Sessions	86	107	110	98	100	87	86
MARC Records Added	3,576	3,951	4,066	3,434	3,873	3,338	3,576
Patrons Added	3,024	3,099	2,306	2,502	2,901	3,269	3,024
Holds	43,938	41,708	42,811	40,072	45,690	39,366	43,938
Total MARC	957,002	955,666	953,565	952,231	948,830	946,022	
Total Holdings	3,420,815	3,417,415	3,403,777	3,396,932	3,386,781	3,375,840	
Total Patron	537,501	535,841	534,543	534,153	533,717	533,135	