



NETWORK NEWS - January 2023

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Best Wishes Mary Tobichuk!

Please join SAILS in sending best wishes to Mary Tobichuk, who retired from her position as director of the Fiske Public Library in Wrentham on Sunday, January 15.

As director of the Fiske library since 1991, Mary is the last of our original founding directors.

Steve Butzel, former director of the Portsmouth Public Library (NH), will be serving as interim director of the Fiske Library until Mary's position is filled.

We all hope you enjoy your retirement Mary!

Ensuring your right to read



Please join us for the 2023 Southeastern Massachusetts Libraries Legislative Breakfast!

Friday, January 20, 2023
Refreshments starting at 7:45 a.m.
Program 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Somerset Public Library
1464 County Street
Somerset, MA 02726

(Snow Date is Friday, January 27th)

The agenda includes a keynote address from
Representative Patricia A. Haddad

Top Titles of 2022




Notify Me - New Libby Feature

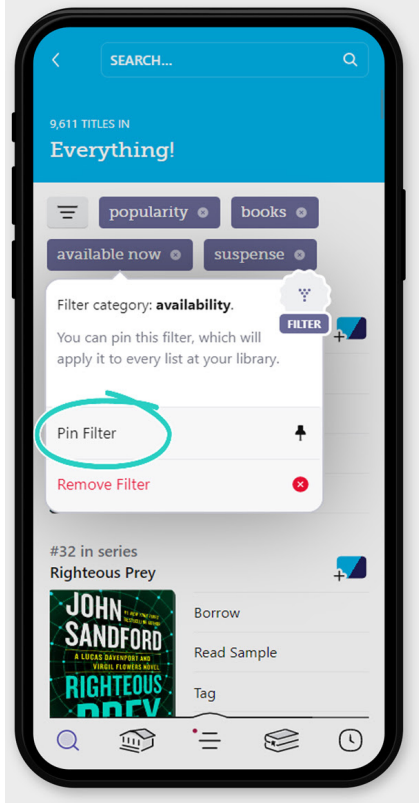
Overdrive is working on a new feature for Libby, similar to the "notify me" option patrons have to alert them to new issues of selected magazines. The Recommend to Library (RTL) service was only available in the Overdrive app, and this service will take its place through Libby.

If a patron does a search where no title is found in any of their libraries, if the patron chooses, Overdrive will present them with similar titles from a broader "deep" search of Marketplace. If it is available from Marketplace, and not owned by any of the patron's libraries, a "notify me" button will appear. The first time a patron clicks on the button, the Libby app will walk patrons through the process. They will be told this does not guarantee the title will be purchased, but if it is, they'll be notified with the option to borrow the title (if available) or place a hold.




SAILS has been invited to be an early adopter of this feature and it should be available later in January. Overdrive has created a terrific FAQ on the Deep search & Notify Me tag. Please take a look at <https://resources.overdrive.com/notify-me-faqs/>.

From Overdrive

In a previous release, Libby introduced a new filtering system () on the Shelf and Timeline to streamline how readers sort and filter loans, holds, tags, and reading activity. With today's release, the new filtering system is now available when browsing and searching your library's catalog. It replaces the previous **Preferences** and **Refine** options and appears on your library's home screen, the search screen, lists, search results, and catalog guides.



Additional details:

To use the new filtering system, tap  to sort and filter titles from your library’s home screen (), the search screen (), lists, catalog guides, or search results. Example sort and filter options include format, audience, language, availability, popularity, and date added to the collection.

Note: You can now find the subjects filter from the new  button.

Users can pin their favorite sort and filter options.

- Once a user pins a sort or filter, it is automatically applied to all lists, catalog guides, and search results. For example, parents can pin the “Juvenile” or “Young Adult” audience filters for young readers, or users can pin the “available now” filter to always see content that is immediately ready to borrow.
- Preferences your users previously set are automatically converted into pinned sorts and filters.
- Pinned sorts and filters appear on the library home screen for easy access.

To learn more about search, sort, and filter options, [watch this brief tutorial](#) or [check out Libby Help](#).

Highlights of the December Board Meeting

- Accountants from Treeful, Damaso, and Aniceto met with the SAILS Board to review the SAILS Audit for FY22. The audit went well with just two adjusting ledger entries to account for a small starting balance discrepancy and an adjustment to depreciation. This is the fewest number of adjustments since TDA began working on the SAILS audit four years ago.
- The Board reviewed an upcoming recommendation from the Circulation Policy Committee regarding potential policy changes to provide a little more consistency to SAILS circulation practices. The recommendations will include: 1) to set a maximum of 90 days at which libraries should move long overdue materials to Assumed Lost; and 2) to change SRNOFINE policies so that the fines will only be waived when seniors check out materials from libraries with those policies. The circ policy committee is also recommending that libraries change their shelf-expire dates to seven days, but libraries will be able to opt out of this recommendation.
- The Board approved a proposal from 118Group to begin work on a redesign of the SAILS staff web site. The work should include navigation on the web site and make it easier for staff to find help and other materials on the site.
- The Board reviewed the new policy to remove titles from patron notices in light of complaints received from some patrons. The Board voted to reaffirm the policy to give patrons time to become accustomed to the change. The policy will be evaluated in six months.
- Executive Director Kathy Lussier discussed an upcoming project to upgrade the SAILS database to Unicode. This upgrade will improve the way the system handles some punctuation and diacritics and will ultimately remove “junk characters” that sometimes appear in our MARC records. The update will ultimately save time for network catalogers, who need to check for these characters when loading records into the system. The project will occur in April and will take about three days to complete. No new bibliographic

records can be added to the system during that time, but SAILS is working with SirsiDynix so that circulation and patron functions will be available after an initial down period. The initial downtime is scheduled for Patriot’s Day so as to reduce the impact on libraries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAILS Membership Meeting - Middleborough Public Library January 18th 10am

December Statistics

Circulation (no Overdrive)

Total Items Circulated: 230,025
Items Loaned between SAILS Libraries: 51,352

OverDrive Circulation to SAILS Patrons

Ebook: 32,677
Audio Book: 22,636
Magazines: 2,574

Database Size

Titles: 1,059,042
Items: 3,111,889
Total Patrons: 261,543



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