

SAILS Network News v2 - SAILS Library Network

Item Category 3 Updates

The SAILS Membership agreed that items in the SAILS database would be assigned one of the following categories in ITEMCAT3 –

AUDIO - Compact discs, cassettes etc., playaways for books, etc. BOOKS - BOOKS DAUDIO - Downloadable audio (audiobooks, music) DVIDEO - Downloadable video E-BOOKS - E-books ELECTRONIC - Materials in electronic format (including CD-ROMs) MICROFORMS - Materials in microforms (fiche rolls, etc.) MISC - Miscellaneous (ebook readers, equipment, puppets, art, etc.) PERIODICAL - Print periodicals, newspapers, and other print serials VIDEO - VHS/Discs/DVD's, Playaway View, etc.

These categories correspond to definitions distributed by the Massachusetts Board of library Commissioners. Cataloging staff was asked to begin using these categories for newly acquired items in January. SAILS staff has begun the process of updating older items in the database so that each item will be assigned one of these categories. This is a tremendous undertaking which will involve updating millions of item records. This will allow all libraries to use standard definitions for broad analysis of collection holdings and circulation and should provide us with tools to provide some network wide metrics of usage.

People Counter for Rent



OmniCounter Pro

Flexible design allows for door-frame or wall-mount

Ships from Vendor

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- Designed to provide an affordable highly accurate wireless people counting solution
- Counter measures pedestrian traffic statistics
- Integrated 6-digit LCD display indicating total counts
- 16 ft. (low power) or 26 ft. (high power) IR sensor range
- 3.6v lithium battery-powered

SAILS has purchased a people counter that it is willing to loan to libraries for 1 month at a time.

Depending upon the number of requests we receive the network may purchase additional units. There will be a \$25 rental fee for the month to help the network recoup its costs.

If your library is interested in borrowing this unit please click on this [People Counter Request](#)

Most Popular Audiobooks

We had a request come in from Jillian Amaral at Attleboro, asking if we could create a separate list of just audiobooks on the "Titles with most holds" page. She said it can be hard to find a list of just the top 20 or so audiobooks with holds and they have limited space for physical audio books and want to add titles that are most requested, which makes perfect sense! So we were able to get this list and thought it would be smart to share it with the rest of the network and keep it updated, along with the usual list of all titles and just videos.

I was surprised to find that I had to go down to titles with more than 5 holds to get enough titles in the audio format. This isn't limited to just audiobooks. It's looking for any record in CD format. You can take a look at: <http://www.sailsinc.org/titles-with-most-holds/> Let support@sailsinc.org know if there are other bits of information you could use to make your jobs easier and we'll be happy to try and get it to you.



AMERICAN SNIPER IS THE NEXT BIG LIBRARY READ!

The votes have been tallied and the overwhelming winner for the next Big Library Read is American Sniper, the New York Times number one bestselling autobiography by Chris Kyle. From March 17-31 millions of readers from around the world can join the Big Library Read global eBook club by borrowing American Sniper from their library's OverDrive website without any wait lists or holds.

American Sniper tells the true story of the most lethal sniper in U.S. history as Chris Kyle recounts his time spent serving in the military overseas. You'll also read sections written by his wife, Taya Kyle, sharing her experiences back home as her husband served multiple tours of duty in the Middle East.

During the Big Library Read event we will also have a special episode of our Professional Book Nerds podcast with Taya Kyle where she'll offer unique insight on her and Chris's lives as well as the experiences many military families go through. [Read a sample here.](#)

To learn more about the Big Library Read program, join the discussion board or to see American Sniper read-alikes you can visit <http://biglibraryread.com/>. We would like to thank HarperCollins for making this incredible book available for this global digital reading event.

Windows 10

In January Microsoft announced that the number of computers running Windows 10 now exceeds the number that is operating on Windows XP. It has been installed on 11.9% of the world's PC's. It is the fastest-adopted version of Windows ever, already installed on more than 200 million devices. Microsoft is gunning for Windows 10 to be on 1 billion devices by 2018.

Helping boost Windows 10's adoption is Microsoft's new upgrade strategy. Microsoft is allowing anyone running Windows 7 or Windows 8.1 on their PCs to download Windows 10 for free.

SAILS has been recommending that libraries not move to Windows 10 until SirsiDynix certified it for Symphony Workflows. It has been certified for 3.5.1 which is the next version but we have been testing it in the office with the version we are operating and it seems to be functional.

Libraries that have computers connecting to Workflows via **VPN should not** upgrade to Windows 10 without getting approval from SAILS. Cisco has announced that the VPN client the network is using will not run on Windows 10 and is being phased out. There is a replacement product but there is a cost involved with implementing that solution.

Faronics has announced that it is compatible with DeepFreeze but there may be a software update required.

Envisionware has announced that Pc Reservation and LPT One Print Management are compatible with Windows 10 providing the library is running the latest version of their software.

In summary it is possible to move to Windows 10 but not without some planning and we ask that libraries that use SAILS for PC Support talk to network staff before making the jump. Windows 7 is still supported by Microsoft and will be supported until January 2020 so there is plenty of time before migrating to the new Operating System. If you still have Windows XP computers in place then it is definitely time to replace them. Older computers are not capable of adequately running the new operating systems.

Bookletters Stats Available!

This is an email that SAILS received from Patty Morey, Director of Sales/Marketing at booksite.

Morning Everyone!

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to check in. I was taking a peak at the stats in the SAILS toolkit, have you had an opportunity to look at the new activity report?

I also created this list of 30 ways to use booksite to jumpstart your marketing for the new year. Lots of easy ideas the libraries can use.

Let me know if there is anything you need. We have been hearing from some of the members and helping them individually. Please pass along my contact information if any of them would like to schedule a webinar to look at some additional ways to use our services.

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Here is the activity report she mentions. We can add it to the newsletter along with the normal stats we share each month. These figures are for the whole network. If you'd like help seeing just your own, please email eservices@sailsinc.org the name of your items and we'll help get that information to you.