

MVLS/SALS Joint Automation Project  
PAC Steering Committee  
February 12, 2007, 10:00 am, MVLS  
Notes

Attending: Barbara Madonna; Harry Dutcher; Dan Hubbs; Don McMorris; Kathy Naftaly; Barbara Germain; Sharon O'Brien; Diane Robinson; Jason Thompson; Carol Clingan; Michele Largeteau; Claudia Hayes

1) Proposal of the New Items list for the dashboard section of the PAC.

Jason created a working model of the new items list based on the following parameters: (thanks Diane!)

#### How new items are selected (by branch)

- An item is selected if:
  - It is created (based on item creation date or payment status date) after the cutoff date
  - It is in a status of In, Out, Held, Transferred or In-Transit
  - The bib record is less than 1 year old
  - Display in PAC is selected

#### How new items are categorized

- Adult (Fiction and Nonfiction)
  - Bibliographic type of material "Book"
  - not in collections that are "Young Adult" or "Teen"
  - Statistical Code Adult/YA Fiction, Adult/YA Nonfiction or CBA
- Nonfiction (Adult)
  - Bibliographic type of material "Book"
  - not in collections that are "Young Adult" or "Teen"
  - Statistical Code Adult/YA Nonfiction or CBA
- Fiction (Adult)
  - Bibliographic type of material "Book"
  - not in collections that are "Young Adult" or "Teen"
  - Statistical Code Adult/YA Fiction

- Video/DVD
  - Bibliographic type of material "Videorecording" or "DVD" or "Videotape"
- Audiobook
  - Bibliographic type of material "Non-musical sound recording" or "Audio Books"
- Children's Book
  - Bibliographic type of material "Book"
  - Statistical Code Children's Fiction or Children's Nonfiction
- Large Type
  - Bibliographic type of material "Large Print"
- Teen Book
  - Bibliographic type of material "Book"
  - Collections that are "Young Adult" or "Teen"
- Music
  - Bibliographic type of material "Sound Recording" or "Musical Sound Recording" or "Music CD"
- New Items
  - All new items

After examining the proposed parameters, it was decided by the committee that:

- I. Each library will be presented with a laundry list of options and will design from those options the new item feature that will be most useful to their patrons. A standard set-up will be created for libraries that have no preferences on the parameters.
- II. Each library can configure:
  - a) how often the list is refreshed;
  - b) how many items are contained ;
  - c) how many categories the lists contain and
  - d) what dates are considered a "new" item.
- III. The committee asked that the New Lists appear first in the dashboard (before the BookSense materials). It may not be possible to move the "language" selection at the top of the dashboard, but Jason will investigate. All members of the committee agreed that the "Most Circ'ed titles" list is misleading and should be eliminated from the list.
- IV. Jason will investigate the creation of dashboard lists from record sets. It was proposed that the ability to have specially selected lists of

materials on a particular topic could be useful (ex. Lists of items for Black History month).

2) The new items report to create a printed list was shown to the committee.

The report can be exported, manipulated, printed or put on a website. It contains title, author, date added, call number and collection. A date parameter can be set by the person creating the report. We were all reminded that it is not designed to be an auditing tool to trace the expenditure of budget.

The committee asked for the following additions and modifications:

- I. A report of what items are "on order"
- II. The addition of a sort by categories
- III. JA will create a separate new item report with an "end date" that would be helpful in case a retrospective list needed to be created (ex: all fiction added December 2006).
- IV. The addition of the ISBN.

3) Proposal to implement Item specific requests.

A mock-up was shown to the committee. The proposal added wording to every item indicating that the item can be specifically requested. The committee was concerned that patrons would be confused, and as a result create unnecessary item specific requests. It could result in slower or not able to be filled requests. Dan Hubbs, Barbara Madonna and Brendan (from SAR) were asked to propose wording for the PAC to be added to explain the options.

4) Question to committee on how much variation in the appearance of the PAC should be allowed from library to library.

JA was asked the question on an unusual set-up of the PAC by one of the member libraries (can one "branch" default limit by to "all items-all libraries"). The committee decided that individual variation from library to library is acceptable.

The follow-up discussion centered on the customization of the PAC by each library. The PAC allows great variation in color and set-up from

branch to branch, including such options as a library logo or library specific colors.

5) Request by Saratoga patron for a review feature (similar to amazon) to be added to the catalog.

Michele has sent a letter to the patron explaining that it is not a feature that we can currently implement but that she will suggest it to Polaris. An itrac to Polaris has been sent on this.

6) Request that JA add a redirect from pac.sals.edu that will go to pac.sals.edu/polaris

Currently any attempts from pac.sals.edu get an error. JA will correct.

7) Request to implement something similar to the search screens that Pierce County uses.

The committee will look at the search screens before the next meeting and discuss the features that we would like to implement.

<http://polariscatalog.piercecountylibrary.org/polaris/default.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6> (catalog home)

The next meeting date was set as March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. (A tour of the building will follow the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.)

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