Bird’s Eye View

2017 is off to a great start with new libraries and collections!

NC Kids Digital Library

A first of its kind statewide eBook consortium specifically for children has launched in the Tar Heel State. The North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA) together with OverDrive and the state of North Carolina has created a new digital resource sharing service for kids’ pre-K through 4th grade, NC Kids Digital Library. Over 3,700 eBooks, audiobooks, videos and Read-Alongs are now available to younger readers via 85 regional, county and municipal libraries in North Carolina through OverDrive’s digital reading platform. These materials are instantly available for every child, at home and everywhere. (http://ncplda.org/2017-2-1_NC_KidsDigital_LibraryFINAL.pdf)

The NC Kids Digital Library collection has been added to the catalog and the collection can also be viewed at: https://nckids.overdrive.com/

OPAC changes on Test

There have been several requests to modify the OPAC and before we made these changes on production, we wanted to give everyone a chance to see the requested changes. If you have a moment, please take the time to review the changes made to the basic and advanced search pages on our test database. You can visit http://test.nccardinal.org to view the changes.

Changes made on the basic search page are increasing the length and height of the search field, having the type, format, and library scaled based on the largest value in each drop down, and changing the label of NC Cardinal to All NC Cardinal Libraries. In the advanced search the length of the search fields has been increased.

If well-received, these changes will be made on production and will impact the search screens in the staff client and the OPAC. Please test your public catalog computers to ensure that patrons will still be able to access the catalog with your computer’s settings. Please contact Catherine with any issues, concerns, or feedback.

Notable Dates

March 16
Bladen County GoLive!

May 18
Granville County GoLive!

Important Announcements

N.E.S.T.-Student ID project

The pilot for the Student ID has gone live in production, with Davidson, Davie, Farmville, and Iredell leading the way. You will see a new permission group, School, has been added. This permission group is for use on the Student ID project only.

Cardinal by the Numbers

6.3 million items
Utilized by 28 library systems
Presence in 36 NC counties
153 branch locations and outreach branches combined
More Important News

Authorities

The addition of the State Library and Government Libraries introduced over 250,000 authority records to our catalog. Authorities are linked to bibliographic records overnight and you will see that bib records are linked to authority records by seeing $0\text{(CARDINAL)} in the bib record heading.

More information about authorities will be forthcoming in the near future. Stay tuned!

Mismatched or Missing Format Icons

As you may know the size of the test for the item format was increased at the end of January. The increase in size, may highlight conflicts in the way the icon should be showing or that an icon is missing altogether.

This can easily be corrected by a cataloger. If you spot discrepancies in the icon and the format of the item, be sure to let your cataloger know so the record can be corrected.

Tips

Remember many buttons in Evergreen are sticky (meaning the setting will remain set until changed), like annotate payment, trim list, and auto-print. If you check or uncheck a button as an exception to your workflow, be sure to change it back to ensure other staff can perform their duties at that workstation normally!

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