

**SHARED AUTOMATION SYSTEM USERS' GROUP
MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2012
SYSTEM UPDATE**

Statistical Summary

Circulation System Availability:	June: 100%	July: 100%
Patrons:	Jul 1 st : 685,576	Aug 1 st : 685,245 (-341)
Items:	Jul 1 st : 4,807,934	Aug 1 st : 4,869,469 (+61,535)
Bib Records:	Jul 1 st : 938,269	Aug 1 st : 943,428
24/7 Phone Renewal:	June: 902	July: 1,294 (+392)
Training:	1 Director's Station, 1 Circulation, 1 Linking, 1 Serials, 1 Adv. Searching	

Library Thing for Libraries

6/20/2012 – 8/21/2012

Times tag browser launched:	4,021
Tag browse:	2,006
Editions browse:	3,124
Tags clicked:	4,278
Similar items browse:	17,428
Review links clicked on:	6,060
Reviews submitted:	33

Library Anywhere

Date	Pages	Users	Visits	Pages per Visit	Average Visit (seconds)
March 2012	11,776	984	2,328	5.06	47.8
April 2012	12,082	1,121	2,498	4.84	42
May 2012	10,292	945	2,131	4.83	42.9
June 2012	9,901	854	1,968	5.03	48.8
July 2012	14,235	995	2,883	4.94	60.1
August 2012	8,133	644	1,772	4.59	56.5

Observe Owning Library's Circulation Rules

Per SASUG decision, the shared system is configured so that all checkouts follow the circulation rules of the **owning** library, not the rules of the library where the item is checked out. Many shared system libraries are more willing to share their items because they know that their loan periods, overdue fine amounts, and renewal limits, etc., are being observed when the item is checked out at another library. We have had a couple of complaints recently that staff at some shared system libraries are not observing the circulation rules of the owning library, but instead are assigning loan periods that are longer than the owning library allows and are also renewing items beyond the owning library's renewal limit. Please remind all staff that the circulation rule used by the system when checking out an item owned by a library other than your own must be observed.

MeLCat Reminder


Shared system libraries collectively decided to share/lend the following item types in MeLCat: BOOK, JBOOK, JPAPERBACK, JVIDEO, LARGEPRTBK, PAPERBACK, TBOOK, TPAPERBACK, TVIDEO, VIDEO. In order to borrow AV material from MeLCat, a library must lend AV material in MeLCat. JVIDEO, TVIDEO and VIDEO are the AV item types that SAS libraries lend in MeLCat. If your library no longer has JVIDEO, TVIDEO or VIDEO items in your collection, then you should open a helpdesk ticket with the category of MeLCat and a subcategory of MeLCat-Other so that the AV status of your library can be updated with MeLCat.


Currently the following libraries that are listed as not having JVIDEO, TVIDEO or VIDEO item types in their collection (and therefore can't borrow AV in MeLCat) are: Berkley, Commerce, Franklin, Huntington Woods, Inkster and Trenton.

New Item Types for Overdrive Material

TLN shared system staff has recently made some changes to the system to better distinguish the various types of e-resources in the eLibrary catalog. As we are loading bibliographic records for Overdrive material to the database, we are now adding Download Destination (or MCLS) eBook, Audio Book, Video, or Music in brackets after the title. This makes it easier for the patron (and staff) to identify from the hit list which records are for eBooks or Audio Books, etc.

We also created several new item types for Overdrive material, to be able to better distinguish the various types of Overdrive downloadables – eBook, Audio Book, Music, and Video on the Item Details page. This allows patrons (and staff) to see the specific type of Overdrive material something is by looking at the “Material” column on the Item Details page in eLibrary. Instead of seeing simply “Overdrive” as the item type, patrons will now see: Downloadable eBook, Downloadable, Audio Book, Downloadable Music, and Downloadable Video in the Material column.

Title	Treachery in death [Download Destination eBook] 
Author	Robb, J. D., 1950-
Publisher:	G.P. Putnam's Sons,
Pub date:	c2011.
Physical Description:	1 online resource (375 p.)
ISBN:	9781101475867
Click Here to access the Download Destination Digital Catalog	

Holdings				+/- Libraries
Brighton District Library		Copy	Material	Location/Due Date
OVERDRIVE		1	Overdrive Downloadable eBook	Download Destination
Addison Township Library		Copy	Material	Location/Due Date
OVERDRIVE		1	Overdrive Downloadable eBook	Download Destination

Executive Committee Representation by Spending Groups – Refresher

Several years ago when SASUG decided to form the Executive Committee and the bylaws for it were being written, the group was trying to decide what to base Executive Committee representation on.

From the Executive Committee Bylaws:

Section 2

Four (4) members will be elected by the combined voting membership of SAS Users' Group to serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

Four (4) members will be selected by a formula that effectively divides the SAS member libraries into 4 equal or nearly equal divisions. The division of member libraries will be based on one of the following formulas selected by the Users' Group, a) geography, b) circulation, c) library class size, or d) amount of library's shared automation spending. The voting membership of each division will elect one (1) member from their division to serve on the Executive Committee.

Ultimately, SASUG decided to use option “d) amount of library’s shared automation spending” to elect members to ExComm, and they have not changed that decision to any of the other possibilities listed. Therefore, every couple of years we total the amount that each shared system library is spending annually on the shared automation system (shared system annual fee, additional users fee, BDBS fee, Capital Reserve contribution) and divide the list into 4 spending groups. The current list of spending groups can be found on the Executive Committee web page on the TLN web site: <http://tln.lib.mi.us/committee/excomm/files/docs/spendinggroup.pdf>

Holiday Closing Reminder

TLN, including the Helpdesk, will be closed on Sunday, September 2, 2012 and Monday, September 3, 2012 for the Labor Day holiday. Shared system staff will use the holiday hours to perform system maintenance activities. eLibrary (and WorkFlows) will be made available for use as much as the maintenance work allows.

Passwords Changing

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012 the passwords for all xxxstaff and xxxtech accounts to Workflows will be changed. You will receive your new passwords in delivery during the two weeks prior to the change. Each password will be unique to each library. Passwords will continue to be changed on a regular basis every 6 months.