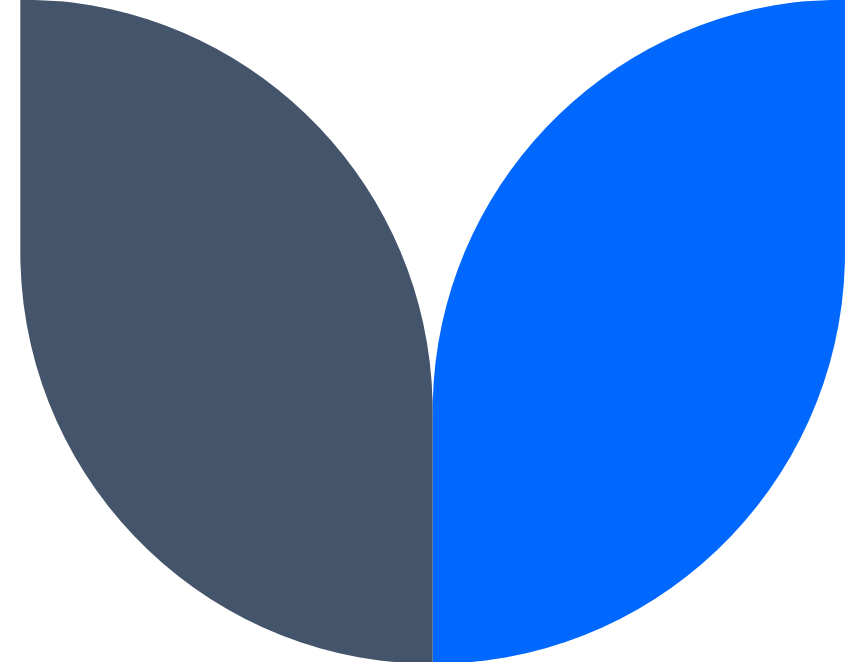


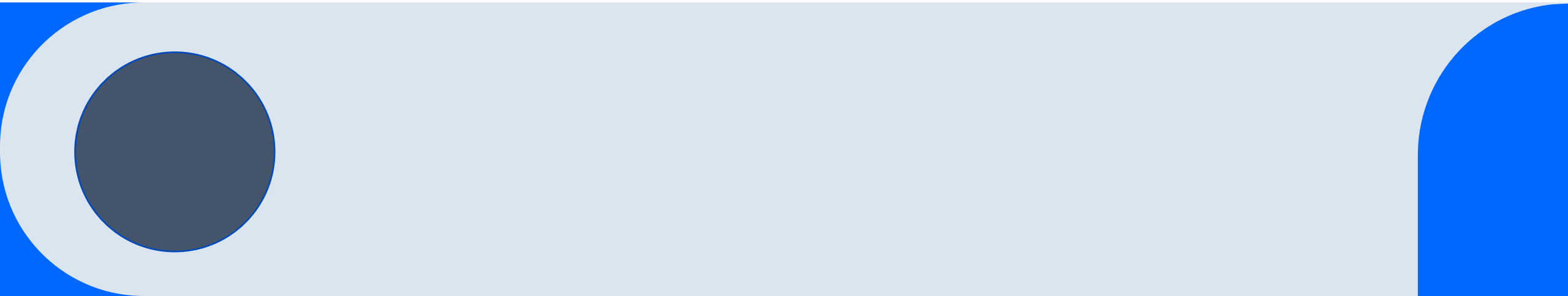


Spring 2026 OAC Meeting

ODIN Director's Report



Jason Bedsaul
May 1, 2026



Overview

- General Office Updates
- Alma / Primo Updates
- Polaris Updates
- Vega Implementations



Liz Mason Retiring

- 26 years of Service to NDUS (NDSU, BSC, ODIN)
- Was at Fargo Public Library before
- Last day is May 15
- Interviews for replacement this week



Griggs County - Go Live May 11



- Griggs County Public Library
- Director - Lexi Broschat
- Cooperstown, ND

New Member – Sitting Bull College

- Fort Yates, ND & Mobridge, SD
- Director: Jodi Thunder Hawk Mongoh
- Joining on Alma / Primo
- First to go on our revived “THOR” network (Tribal, Hospital and Other Research Libraries)
- Will share resources on a single Alma IZ with other colleges and hospitals



2026 ODIN Workday Sessions

<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/about/odin-workdays>

Academic:

- **Library of Things, Tech and Tools**
- Primo NDE UI
- Letter Configurations
- **Library Spotlights: A Day in the Life of a Health Sciences Librarian & VSCU Programming Stories**
- Checking Data in Analytics
- **Copyright: The Basics**

Public, K-12, and Special:

- Leaping into Acquisitions and Serials
- Checking your data in SimplyReports
- Polaris Reporting Options
- Vega LX Starter – what are you waiting for???
- **Public Library Discussion: Collections and Programming**
- Vega Discover – coming soon!



ODIN Annual Survey Open



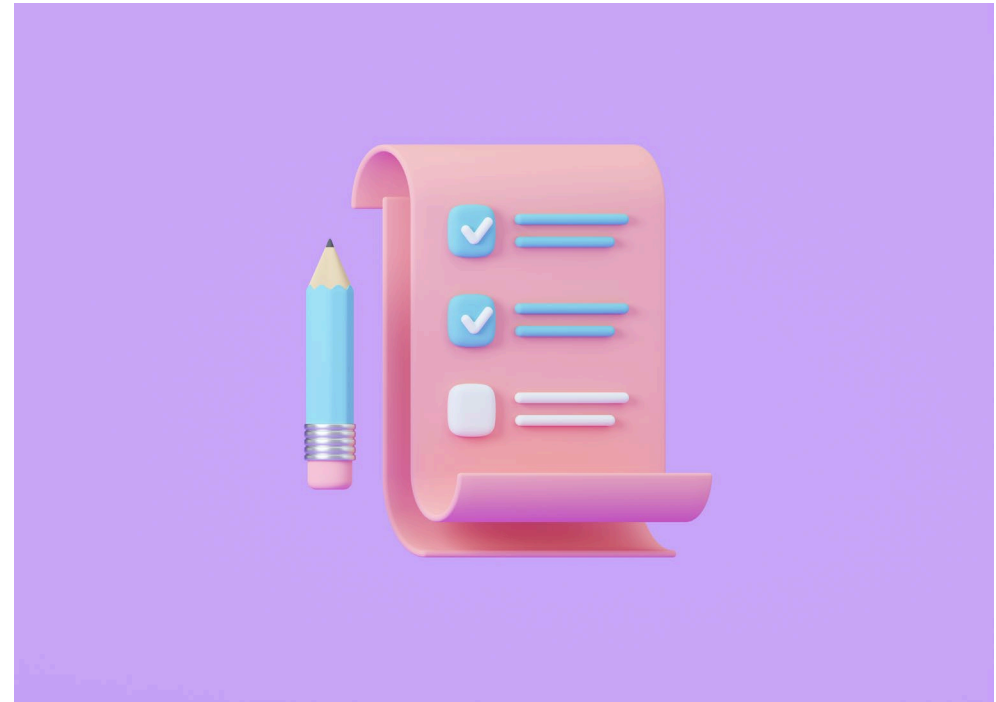
- Opened on Monday
https://ndus.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3w3JVRvbUPTeqgK
- Thank you for the feedback on how we are doing and for helping us keep our systems and services in line with your needs.



Listservs

<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/about/listservs>

- We have two primary listservs:
 - ODIN-PKS-LIBS
 - ODIN-ACAD-LIBS
- Recent confusion with evening/weekend outages
- Easiest way is to send us all staff contacts with an email



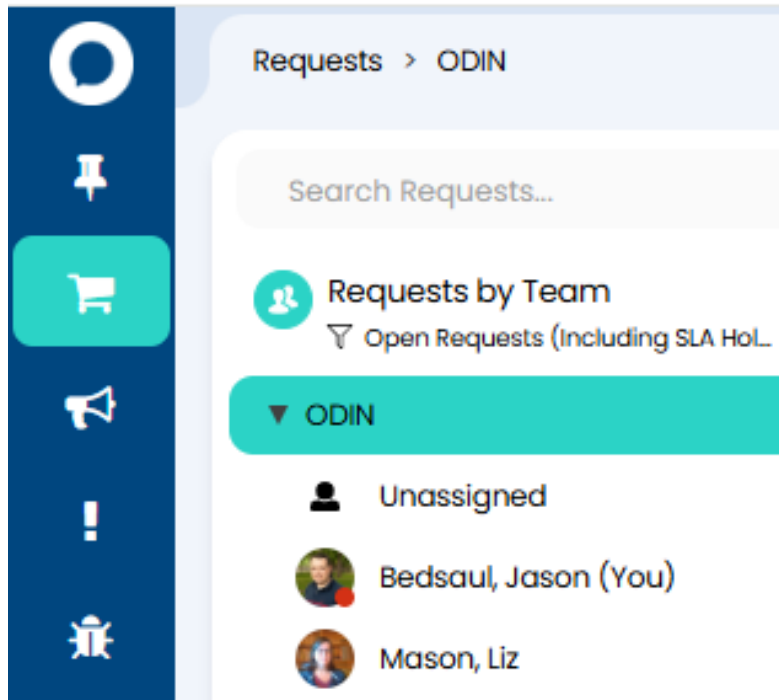
Digital Accessibility

<https://www.odin.nodak.edu/digital-accessibility>

- Justice Department issued an extension last Monday for an additional year
- We continue to work towards full compliance for us and our vendors
 - All new contracts require compliance or a clear roadmap for meeting compliance
 - ODIN Office have been going through and captioning videos, improving contrast, adding more descriptive Alt text to screenshots, etc.
 - Page above has resources and a link to our VPAT/ACR list we will curate and keep for the community to reference



New Ticketing System / Form



- Go Live May 11
- Halo ITSM
- Some tweaks to our Help Form
 - More Service centric (i.e. Choose Alma, Polaris, etc. first)
 - Consolidation of groups
 - General language updates



Alma / Primo Updates



ExLibris®

Part of **Clarivate**



Alma February Feature Release

- Build Custom Indexes on any MARC field now ([link to Webinar Session](#))
- AI Assistant added for Funds and Ledgers
- New Linked Open Data Editor (BIBFRAME editor)
- Additional Resource Sharing options/settings



Alma/Primo May Feature Release

- On Sandbox now; Production on Sunday
- Continued focus on improving Resource Sharing
 - Automatic OCR detection and remediation
 - Shared enforcement of loan policies across FN
 - Additional informational fields in request forms
- Automatic Due Date Adjustments for Expiring Patrons
- Look for ODIN Highlights Session Mid-May



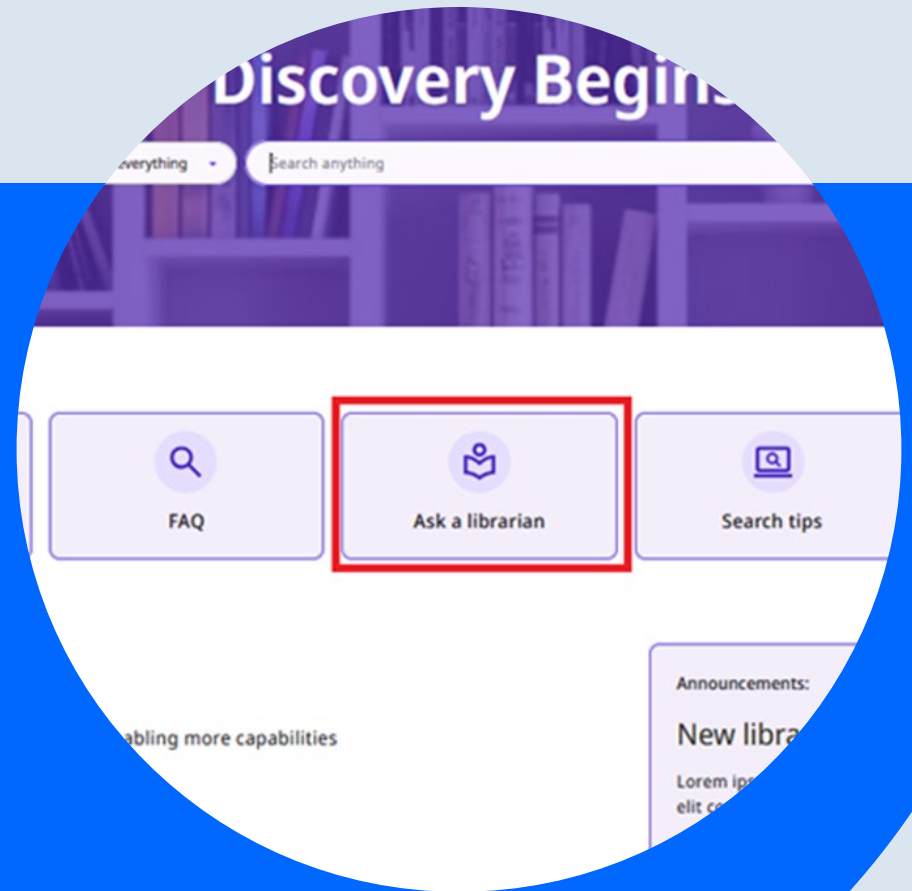
ODIN/ExLibris Customer Success Meeting

- Had training session on Cloud Apps in December
- **Focusing on improving Analytics** usability and ‘surfacing’ hidden gems
- ExLibris is still working on KPI data from similar groups to ‘compare’ ODIN to similar consortia
- Goal of the program: Improve utilization of the tools and services, simplify workflows, and improve overall satisfaction with the system



Primo NDE

- May Cohort begins Tuesday, May 5
 - 4 week Program to step through Transition
 - Several libraries have signed up
- Discovery User Group has been working/meeting on this all Winter/Spring
- This is an upgrade-in-place and can go live when ready



Polaris / Vega Updates



Part of **Clarivate**



Polaris 8.0 Updates

Installed on Production in February

- Dated Patron Notes
- Automated Patron Aging
- Most Admin Settings into Web SA
 - ODIN exploring ways to allow for more access to staff to view admin settings



Polaris 8.1 (July/August)

- Find Tool...with Tabs! (MEEP)
- Return to Place in Record Set (MEEP)
- Customizable TOMs - Better support for Library of Things/non-traditional material types
- “Stackable” Sorting (sort by more than one column in Find Tool and Record Sets (MEEP))

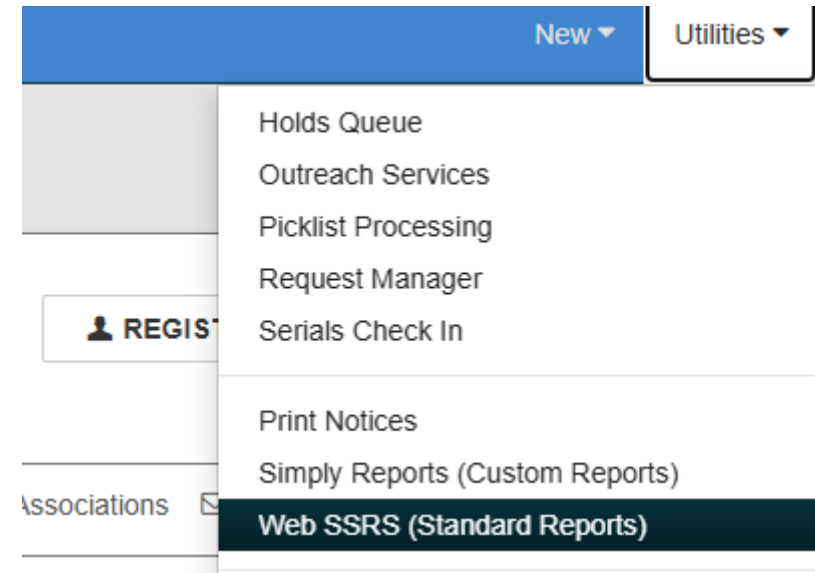


MEEP Results for 8.2 (Early 2027)

- Ability to place holds on all items in a record set
- Create multiple items in Leap
- Create a new status of lost and paid (Top pick for ODIN libraries)

Reporting Options now accessible from LEAP

- Added SSRS (Standard Reports) access from LEAP
 - Schedule Reports
 - Create Favorite List
 - Save reports directly to computer
 - No longer need to go to Client



Shoutbomb SMS Additional Features

- Rolled out options to send additional messages:
 - All (“The library will be closed today due to the weather. Stay safe and warm!”)
 - Channel (“Reminder we have our book club meeting tonight!”)
 - Closures (“The library will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.”)
- Monthly Usage Reporting
 - Reminder: The opt-out and invalid lists require some manual cleanup from the library



Vega Discover Implementation

- Rollout of new Patron Interface (OPAC)
- May 18 - Start configuration work
- Late May/Early June - “Soft launch”
- June/July – work with public and special libraries on carousels, tweaks, Overdrive, update search forms, etc.
- August/September – work with schools



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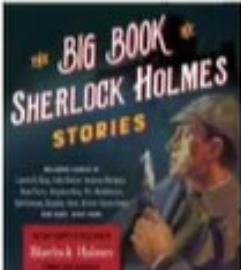
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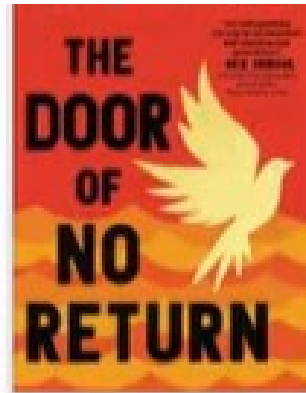
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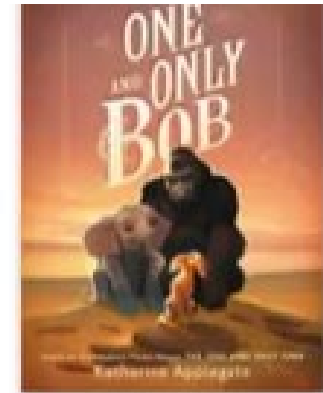
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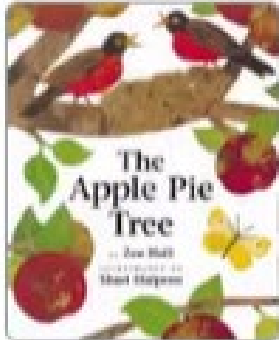
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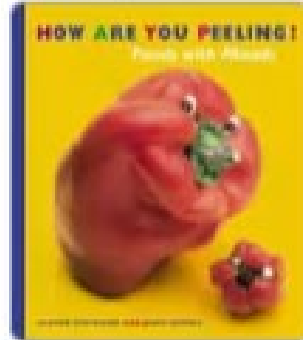
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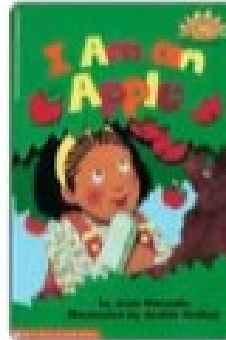
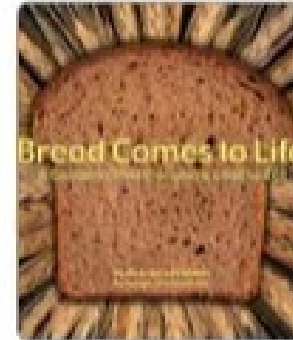
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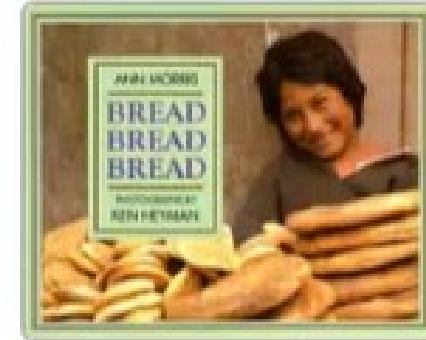
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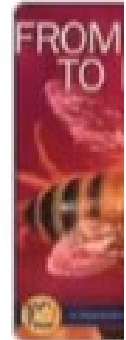
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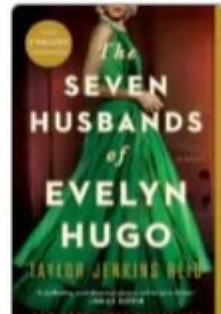
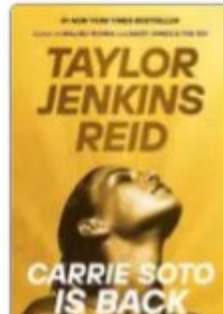
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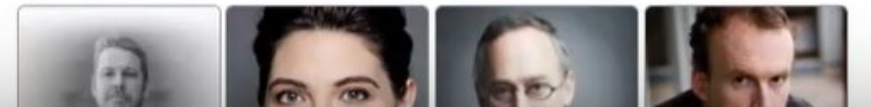
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Vega Mobile Implementation



Self-Service Features



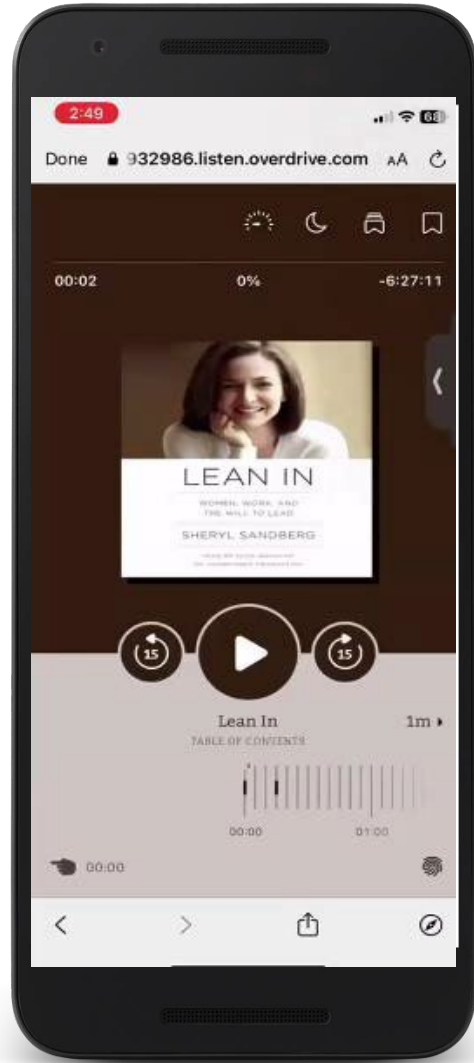
Digital Library Cards

In App Patron Barcode(s)
Google and Apple Wallet



Self-checkout option

Scan Barcode with phone camera
or RFID tags with NFC

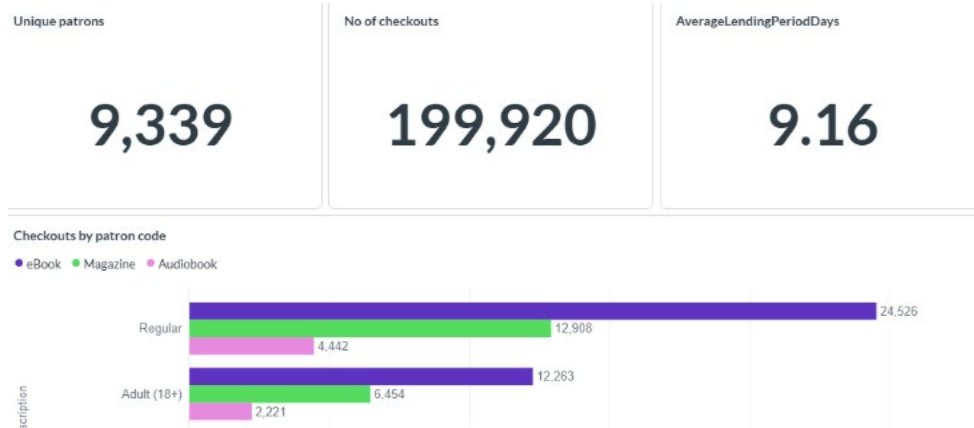


Integration with Overdrive Content

Push Notifications



Vega Reports



- Included with Discover
- Search dashboards and reports for usage statistics based on Discovery Data
- Coming in 8.2 (Q1 2027)
 - ILS Circulation Data
 - Overdrive Checkout Data



Some Inspiration...
with a little perspiration

Kid's Section Kiosk





Children's Kiosk or Catalog

Adding Carousels and CTA to LX Starter





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Each spring, Library Giving Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the role London Public Library plays in the lives of people across our community and the many ways community support helps the Library continue to grow and serve. This spring, please consider supporting your Library, a place where children discover books for the first time, where students study and explore new ideas, where families attend programs together, and where individuals find information, support, and connection.

Learn More

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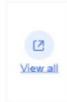
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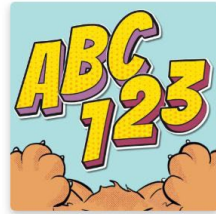
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