

INNOPAC-robotics

*Creative contortions
for
unusual circ and stats*

Two projects in need of automation...

- Keeping in-house use statistics on unbound periodicals
- Circulating item record-less unbound periodicals

Background: In-House Unbound Periodical Use Statistics

- General use by day (divided into morning, afternoon, evening)
- Monthly use of individual titles (large binder containing alphabetical list of titles, re-printed quarterly at 50+pp)
- Statistics entered manually into Excel spreadsheet



Proposal: Increase efficiency, exploit technology

- Create a special item record for each active title
- Items have unique **location code** and **barcode**
- Barcode attached to index card with periodical title
- Barcode scanned in Millennium (**Count Use**) and increases **INTL USE** field



Implementation

- Load item records into ILL system
- Create cards with journal titles
- Add barcodes to cards & records...

Voila!



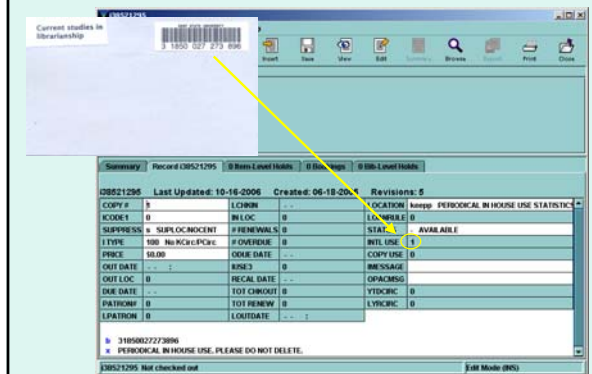
Statistics Records : staff view

The screenshot shows a library system interface with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Go, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar. The main content area displays a record for 'Current studies in Marxism' with the following details:

| # | Accession | Call Mass | Barcode | Location | Due Date | Holdings | Bookings |
|---|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 330521295 | No Call Number | 31850027273096 | Interp | AV48 JAN 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 330944992 | 25 (C001) | 31850026171953 | Int | L 01 USE ON | 0 | 0 |

At the bottom of the window, it says '330521295 Not checked out' and 'Attached Item Records'.

Statistics Records : staff view



Background: Circulating Unbound Periodicals

- Tandem with change in circulation policy - equitable policy for all users at all times

Snags:

- Loose issues have checkin but not item records
- Loose issues are eventually bound and one item record per volume is created

Background: The old days...



Proposal: Create standard procedure for Periodicals Staff

- Create "dummy bib" for each active title with easy-to-identify bibliographic nonstandards
- Create item records on-the-fly as checkout is required

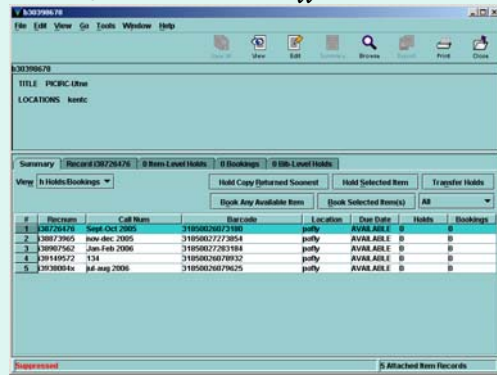
Implementation

- Load bib records into catalog
- Create unique location codes for bibs and items, and default item templates
- Train staff

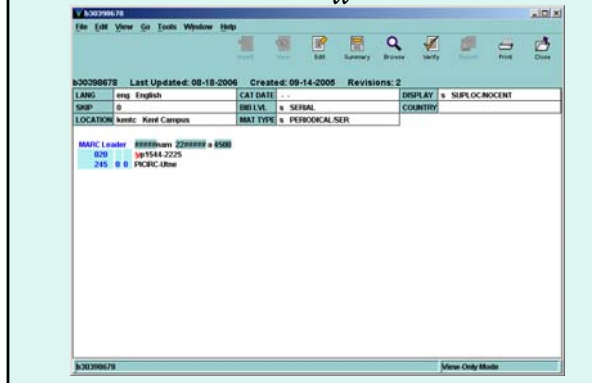
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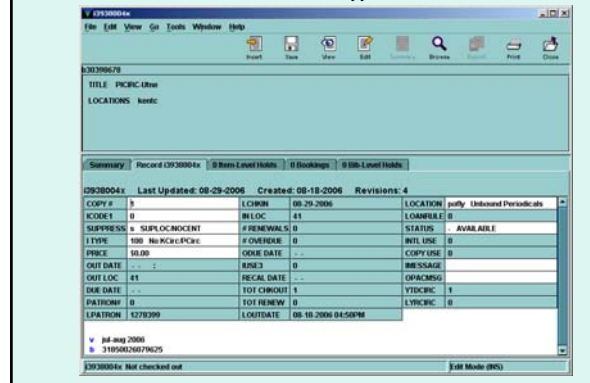
Unbound Circ Records: Staff View



Unbound Bib Record: Staff View



Unbound Item Record: Staff View



Challenges ("lessons learned")

- Creating the lists to load – not so easy
- Training on a pretty complex procedure
- Communicate with affected departments
- 3000+ index cards are also pretty hard to manage

Systems Perspective: Nuts & Bolts

- Exporting Serials Data.
- Creating a Load Table.
- Loading Data.
- Creating Branch Codes.

Systems Perspective: Nuts & Bolts

- Circulation Setup for Internal Use and Circulation.
- Creating Bibliographic and Item Record Defaults.
- Implementation and Training.

Systems Perspective: Nuts & Bolts

- What would systems have done different?

Future plans

- Gathering Statistics.
 - Internal Use
 - Total Checkouts
 - Total Renewals
- Using Statistics for Canceling and Weeding Serials Collections.

Questions?

Thank you!

