LibLime Koha 4.10 Release Notes

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1 New Features

1.1 SIP2 differentiation between item-level and title-level holds
The SIP2 code was essentially forcing a priority hold regardless of whether it was a title-level or item-level hold. The code was altered to account for an item level hold by testing for an itemnumber and non-found status in the reserves table.

1.2 Enhance SIP2 for ITG communication to pass messages regarding 'Lost Item' status
25834983 Sponsor: SCLS (added in 4.10.3)
Enhance SIP2 for ITG communication to pass messages regarding 'Lost Item' status, The CH message field in SIP2 will be used to convey the data in the check-in response (Message Number 10).

1.3 Enhance SIP2 to pass message regarding shelving location
25834941 Sponsor: SCLS (added in 4.10.3)
Expand SIP2 communication information so it uses the items.location value for the SIP2 sort bin field (CL). This SIP2 field is only used in the response message (10) to a checkin.

1.4 Improvements to holds management within a bibliographic display
This feature re-designed the underlying code in circulation that relates to working with a title with multiple holds. Increase performance time when 1) retrieving the holds for the title; 2) re-organizing the holds queue related to a title; 3) changing the pickup location for a hold; 4) removing holds from the title; and 5) suspending and resuming holds from the title. 15220885, 15220885, 16417217, 17087005

1.5 Implement Talking Tech customer 43/44 message pair
This feature is a customization added specifically by TalkingTech. The point of this is for TT to send phone call failure/success on a realtime basis rather than waiting for all of the calls to be processed. The current design is to have a failed call be enqueued as a print notice.

1.6 Retain Last borrower regardless of patron reading history retention.
When a patron “opts-out” of retention of their reading history, LibLime Koha offers the option of retaining (on the item record) the “last borrower”. This information is useful if a multi-volume piece is returned incomplete or damaged; by retaining the last borrower circulation staff can work with the patron to resolve. To use this feature, two systems preferences must be set correctly and a cron job must be run.

The systems preference "SplitStatistics": This boolean pref aids history scrubbing by splitting statistics entries into two decoupled entries, one for tracking borrower activity and one for tracking item activity.
Sites which have been using saved SQL reports to query the statistics table for monthly circulation usage will need to modify those reports. In the past, the statistics.type field was set to ‘issue’ or ‘renew’ and the reports checked for that value. If the SplitStatistics syspref is turned on, two entries are generated for each transaction. The statistics.type field changes to ‘issue_item’, ‘issue_patron’, ‘renew_item’, or ‘renew_patron’. Reports should be modified to select for issue/renew either item or patron, but not both. Use issue/renew item if a breakdown is desired by item type, collection code, branchcode, or other item aspect. Use issue/renew patron if a breakdown is desired by patron category, branchcode, or other patron aspect. The issue/renew item entries contain the item number and item type in statistics.itemnumber and statistics.itemtype; you can link to the items table on item number for other item information. The issue/renew patron entries contain the patron’s borrowernumber in statistics.borrowernumber; you can link to the borrowers table on that for other patron information. While there is a branch field in the statistics table, it records the branchcode of the library where the checkout was done, which in a multi-library system may not be the branchcode desired for statistics. If you run these kinds of saved reports for statistics, but want to start using the SplitStatistics syspref, it’s recommended that you turn it on early on the first day of a month so that your monthly reports are complete.

Other statistics table entries, such as returns and fine payments, are also split into different types, and any reports querying for those transactions will also need to be modified. However, those are less common than checkout and renewal queries.

Additionally, the systems preference "KeepPreviousBorrower" is now part of LibLime Koha. This boolean pref, if turned on, will enforce a policy of keeping a record of the most recent borrower associated with a returned item. When the item is checked out again, this most recent record is then anonymized (if the patron has their reading record turned off).

The cron script is misc/cronjobs/anonymise_previous_borrowers.pl. It can be run daily or as often as desired. It will, regardless of the setting of KeepPreviousBorrower, anonymize the past borrowing history of all patrons (with disabled reading history) for all items checked in more recently than "KeepPreviousBorrowerInterval" days in the past. This script should only be run if you want to automatically expire most recent borrower tracking after a given time.
1.7  Expand creation of authority records created upon bibliographic import
20749431

The Authority stubby that original Koha created is one-time-use stubby; this stubby cannot be automatically linked. The tag 008 of the stubby Koha creates is very limited. The stubby needs to be manually linked to a biblio record after the initial creation. This means if another biblio is created that could have used a previous created Stubby, it will not but it will create a new stubby, This creates duplicate Authorities. This feature improves the creation of stubby authority records by changing the tag008 needs to be changed to pos11 "a" position 14 "a' position 15 'a' and position 16 "a".

1.8  Provide local customization of zebra relevancy rankings
12917055

Sponsor: SCLS

Adds possibility to adjust relevancy ranking search by allowing user to prioritize segments of the CCL query. For example, a user could specify a CCL snippet like:

\( rtype=a \ not \ format, regExpr-1=[a-z] \) and language=eng

in the AdjustRelevancyRanking syspref. This will generate a search result which will prioritize book materials in English. If blank entry is specified the syspref, Zebra will use the regular relevancy ranking defined in Koha.

| AdjustRelevancyRanking | Specify CCL code to adjust the default relevancy ranking when performing a search in Zebra. |

2  Fixes and Functionality Enhancements

2.1  Administration/Tools

2.1.1  16468403 Patch to fix an error when running the longoverdue.pl script.
The script was requiring a user branch code if the CircControl syspref is set to Pickup Library.
This was changed so the longoverdue script does not depend on a user environment branchcode.

2.1.2  16042719 Normalize null options and default values of sysprefs upon install

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2.3.15 24502945 Fix for running Suppressed / withdrawn or notforloan item through checkin removes suppress status (added in 4.10.3)
Removed the assignment of default values to an item’s withdrawn, suppressed, or not for loan status.
2.3.16 Add ClearNotforLoan status for certain authorized values
This patch incorporates a new syspref (ClearNotForLoan) that, when enabled, will set the item.notforloan status to zero when an item is checked in and previously had a negative value.
27547969 (added in 4.10.5)

2.3.17 26190279 Add unique identifiers to table, headers on Checkout History tab;
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2.6  New systems preferences in 4.10

2.6.1 KeepPreviousBorrower  
This boolean preference, if turned on, will enforce a policy of keeping a record of the most recent borrower associated with a returned item.

2.6.2 KeepPreviousBorrowerInterval  
This integer preference establishes the number of days that must pass before the previous borrower is expunged from old issues if that item has not since been checked out.

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