



Member Update
May 2024

Agenda

- Introductions and Welcome
- Upcoming Member Events
- New and Upgrading Members
- PrairieCat System and Services
- Vega
- Questions and Comments
- Member Sharing



PrairieCat Users Group Day

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2024 | VIRTUAL

Connecting Libraries to Strengthen Communities

Now Accepting Program Proposals | [Submit](#)

Registration and Final Program Announced in June

Virtual PUG Day Sessions on September 26 and 27



Featured Sessions | PUG Day 2024

Censorship and Materials Challenges

Kelly Jensen | Book Riot

Booktalk Your Way to the Friendliest Library in Town

Becky Spratford | RA for All

Demystifying Genre

Becky Spratford | RA for All

Library Finances: Budgets and Levys

Alex Todd | Deiters & Todd Library Consulting

Back to School Session

School Libraries

Save the Date for the PrairieCat Back to School Session

Tuesday, Sep 10, 2024 | 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online via Zoom | [Register](#)

Join PrairieCat staff and your fellow School Libraries to hear the latest from PrairieCat and get some refreshers on PrairieCat procedures as you get back into the school year. Topics will include Vega Discover, Help Desk, FAQs, and more. We'll also have guests from RAILS to share about RAILS Services for Schools.

Member Events | Upcoming

New Director Welcome

- Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- 10 – 11 am | [Online via Zoom](#)

◦ **All Upcoming Meetings**

- Posted on PrairieCat website
- Open to all



News

Mailing Lists

▸ PrairieCat eNewsletter

eNewsletter Archive

Read recent issues of the [PrairieCat eNewsletter](#).

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PrairieCat eNewsletter

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From the website – News > PrairieCat eNewsletter

eNewsletter Archive – View recent issues

Membership Update | Upgrading

- **Mills & Petrie Memorial Library and Gymnasium | Lee County**
 - Upgrading from Union List to Basic Online
 - Project Schedule TBD
 - Population Served: 967
 - Registered Cardholders: 465
 - Annual Circulation: approximately 4,863 items
 - Items: 17,073
 - Sierra Code: MI
 - RAILS Delivery Code: MPMY-12



Membership Update | Elwood Branch

- **Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District | Will County**
 - Fully Participating member
 - Adding branch location in Elwood, IL
 - Project Schedule TBD
 - Population Served: 15,250
 - Registered Cardholders: 6,500
 - Annual Circulation: approximately 96,000 items
 - Items: 49,500
 - Sierra Code: MT
 - RAILS Delivery Code: MTBB-2

Job Post: User Experience Specialist

PrairieCat has an opening for a User Experience Specialist.

This position will help support our end-user products like Vega Discover, LX Starter, Kids Catalog, Mobile App and more. See the job post for details.

[Posted on PrairieCat website and RAILS Job Board](#)



PrairieCat Systems and Services

Reprint Patron Bills

A new feature was introduced in Sierra 6.1 (effective 04/10/2024) that allows you to reprint bills for patrons. This is useful if a patron indicates they did not receive a bill.

To be eligible for reprinting, the bill must have been created within the last 60 days (after the effective date of the release) and the bill must not have been fully paid.

Documentation on this new feature is available [here on the PrairieCat support site](#).

PrairieCat Systems and Services

Print Additional Bills

A new feature was introduced in Sierra 6.1 regarding additional replacement bill notices. Currently, replacement bills are mailed to patrons at 21 or 28 days after the due date (for fine-free libraries) or 44 days after the due date (for non-fine-free libraries). Once the replacement bill has been generated, no further bills are produced.

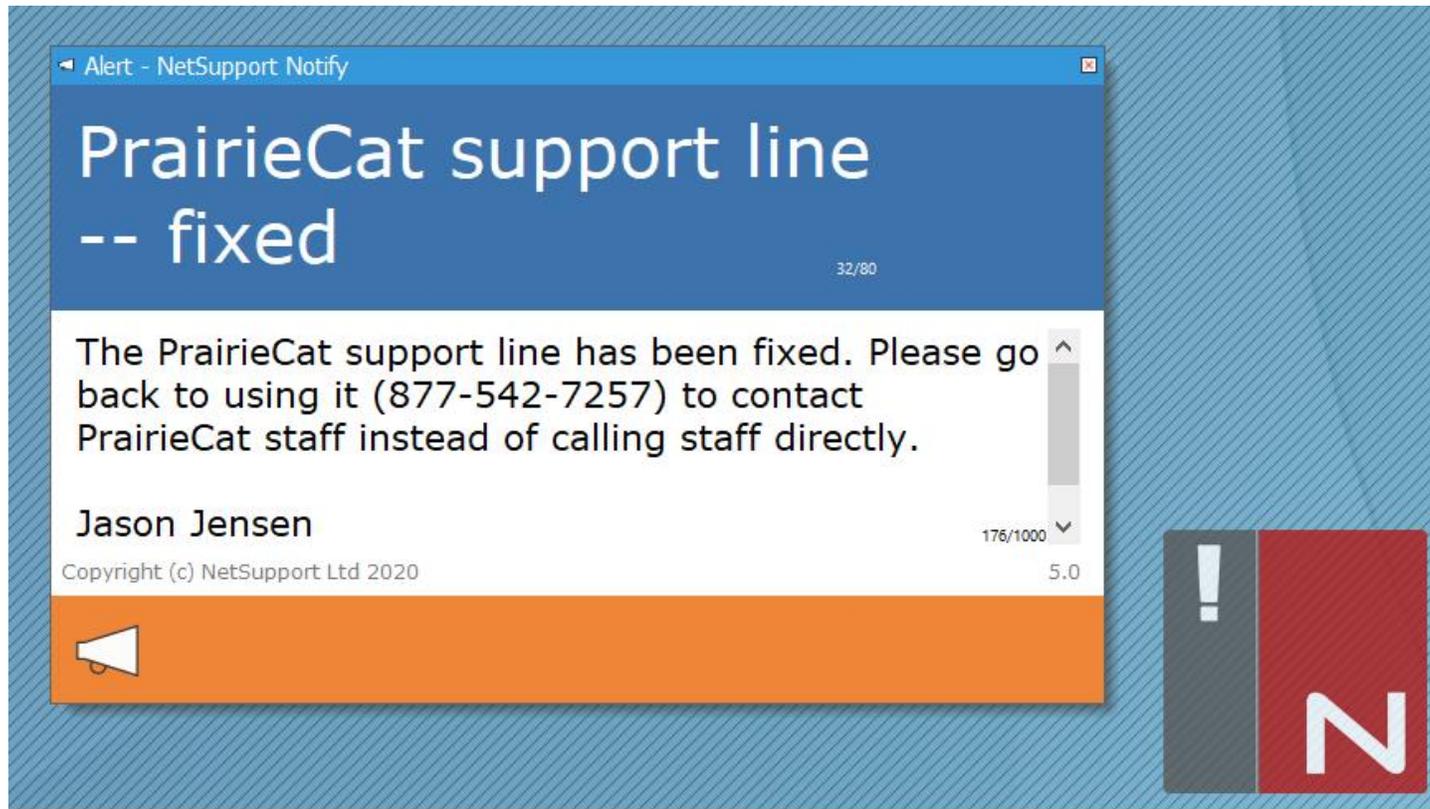
This new feature will enable us to send 2 additional bills, 30 days apart.

Libraries can choose to have these additional bills sent or not.

PrairieCat will be testing this feature for the next 6 months with volunteer member libraries.

Once testing has completed successfully, PrairieCat will release this functionality to all libraries that choose to use it.

Net Support Notify



Verify that NSN is installed on all workstations at your library.

The installation instructions and download for NSN are available under Software Downloads.

If you have questions about the instructions or installation, please submit a Help Desk ticket specifying Net Support Notify as the Topic.

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Vega Discover

CATEGORIES

All ideas

My feedback

JUMP TO ANOTHER FORUM

[ILS - Polaris](#) 304 ideas

[ILS - Sierra](#) 230 ideas

[INN-Reach](#) 10 ideas

[Innovative Mobile](#) 46 ideas

[Innovative Phone Alerts](#) 13 ideas

[LX Starter](#) 71 ideas

[Vega Discover](#) 303 ideas

[Vega Guide](#) 2 ideas

[Vega Program](#) 108 ideas

[Vega Promote](#) 15 ideas

[Vega Promote Web](#) 1 idea

How can we improve Vega Discover?

Enter your idea



HOT IDEAS

TOP

NEW

STATUS

122

VOTE

[Facet Navigation and Display Improvements](#)

Improve Facet display by better utilizing space in Refinement Panel and utilizing word wrapping when necessary to display full facet value.

In All Facet view display data in a single column of scrollable data and utilize word wrapping when necessary to display full facet value.

For Limited Value facets such as: format, location, collection, age group, language, donor; allow the full facet content to display in the refine panel when expanded and in all facet view by adding scroll.

Idea Exchange | Innovative Enhancement Process

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Browse ideas

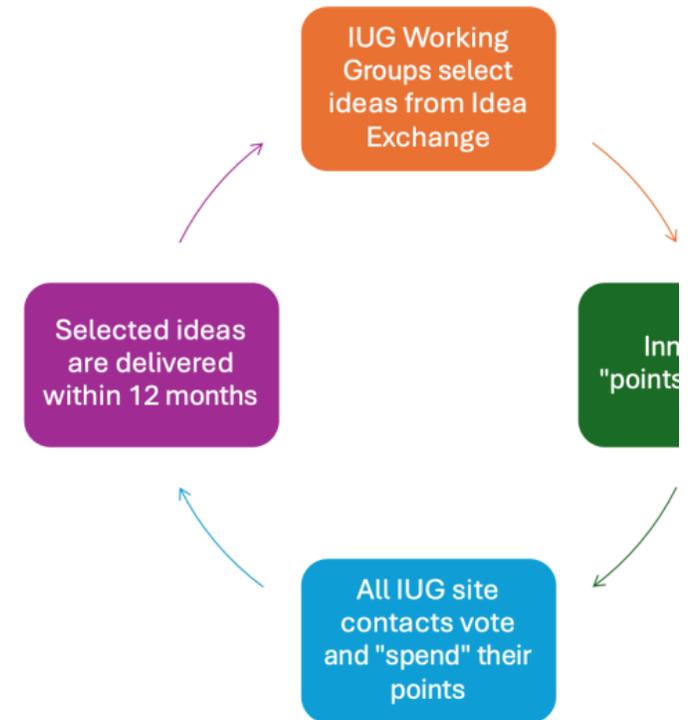
Create an account to vote and comment

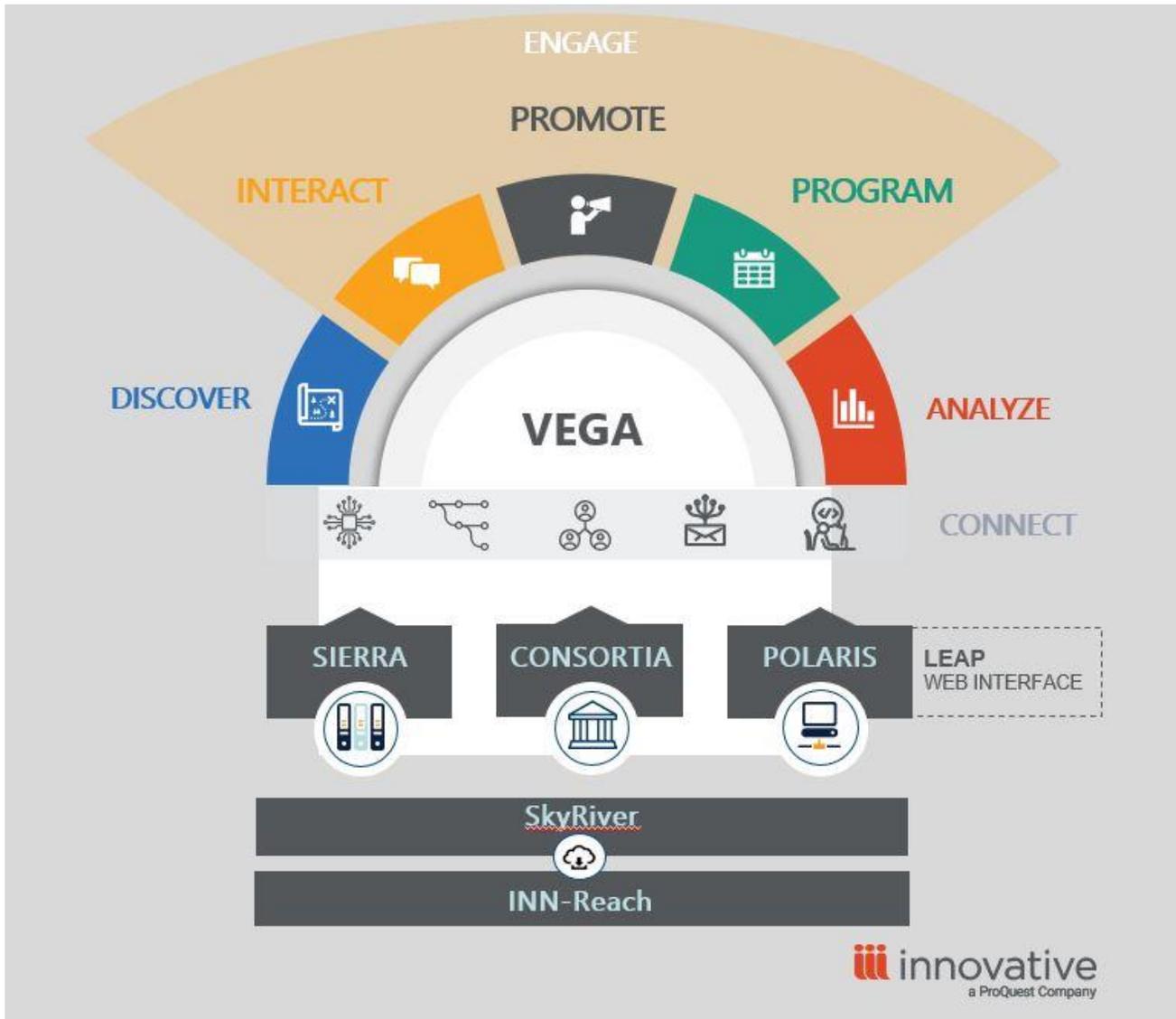
[FAQ about Idea Exchange](#)

Customers using any Innovative product are welcome to participate in [Idea Exchange](#) and are not required to be IUG members.

IUG | Member Enhancement Process

- IUG member libraries vote to prioritize enhancements.
- Innovative commits to delivering the enhancement within a specified time and assigned to a release. The benefit of features that make it through this process is that they will have a guaranteed delivery date.
- Innovative will continue to use other market signals and information from additional sources to determine all the features to add to their products.
- PrairieCat has a IUG membership, but only gets one vote. Individual member libraries may elect to purchase their own IUG membership. (price ranges from \$110-150).
- [More information](#)





Vega Discover – Project Update

Vega Discover | Update

Vega Discover is the new primary catalog for PrairieCat.

Known Issues

- ❑ Placing multiple holds on volumes – go to Edition Information and use Place Hold button
- ❑ Patron authentication error – report to help desk
- ❑ Syndetics Unbound content links to the main PrairieCat Vega site.

Updates

- ❑ eRead integration is about 80% complete. See the status of your library's integration on the [website](#).
- ❑ Hoopla integration for consortia is now available with limitations. TBD how it will function within PrairieCat.

Vega Discover | What's New

Linked on the homepage of the PrairieCat website are:

- ❑ [Vega Discover resources](#) and project updates including FAQ and training resources.
- ❑ Innovative Roadmap – Recently Released
 - ❑ Fiction/Non-fiction facet – Type of Work
 - ❑ Games do not rollup
 - ❑ Kids Catalog
- ❑ [Innovative Roadmap](#) – In Development / Planned Development
 - ❑ In Progress – User Roles and Permissions: Allows for library homepage customization: Vega Admins can create users with roles that can manage Site Level configurations, Home Page Administration, Content Review, Showcase Publishing, and Showcase Creation.
 - ❑ In Progress – Syndetics Unbound Features for Consortia
 - ❑ In Progress – Location Facet Improvements: allow sorting, preferred locations, and view of all locations without searching

LX Starter

What is LX Starter? Modern Patron Notices – it offers a modern interface to easily send dynamic and exciting email circulation notices and other patron messages for account registration, renewal, and anniversaries.

When can we start using it? LX (Library Experience) starter is available for Sierra libraries and included with Discover, however, not yet available for consortia.

PrairieCat is a **LX Starter Consortia Beta Partner**. PrairieCat will be putting a call out for volunteer libraries to help with the testing.

LX Starter Features

Web-based Admin – library staff have an online portal where they can manage patron messaging and view patron records in the same place.

ILS Integration – a two-way sync between Sierra and LX Starter ensures patron records and email messages stay up-to-date with email address changes and updates to contact information

LX Starter Features

Re-designed ILS Notices – professional, modern email templates that libraries can customize

Free Image Library – access to over 4 million images

Cover Images from Syndetics

Automated Bounceback Handling and Workflows

Patron Journeys for Email – Welcome, Renewal Reminder, Anniversary – automatically scheduled to send in response to specific patron information

Engagement Metrics – email opens, clicks

LX Starter

Notice
Email
Example:

Items for
Pickup
with
Library
Info

Middle Country Public Library logo

HI RYAN,
YOUR HOLDS ARE READY FOR PICKUP.

The items you requested are ready for pickup. They can be picked up in-person or by scheduling a curbside pickup. You can schedule a curbside pickup of items held at Centereach or Seiden by visiting pickup.mcplibrary.org or by calling 631-585-9393.

Pickup at: Test-Branch (DO NOT USE)

ITEM(S) FOR PICKUP:

Item Type	Title	Pick Up By
BOOK	Versailles	2-24-2023

Author: Davis, Kathy **Main Branch**

Staff Picks

Great Circle, Kara and the Sun, The Night Watch, The Overshory, The Stationery Shop & More...

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Notice example – long email cut in thirds

Item Type	Title	Pick Up By
DVD	Venice [video DVD] : journeys through the glass	2-17-2023
Item Type	Title	Pick Up By
Printed Material	The Marvels	2-17-2023
Item Type	Title	Pick Up By
Printed Material	Dark sacred night	2-17-2023
Item Type	Title	Pick Up By
Printed Material	Golden Girl : a novel	2-17-2023

Have you heard about...

Home Delivery Your Library, Delivered

Museum Corner ENGINEERING AT WORK

FRIENDS OF MCPL OF MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Home Delivery Do you or someone you know face issues in getting to the library? If so, please call 631-585-9393 ext. 302 to learn more about the possibility of having library materials delivered to your home.

Museum Corner The Museum Corner's new exhibit is open! Come in during regular library hours to enjoy fun and engaging hands-on learning activities that will increase interest in engineering.

Friends of MCPL Click here to learn more about the many ways the Friends of MCPL support the library, and to learn how you can become a friend of the library!

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Middle Country Public Library Podcast

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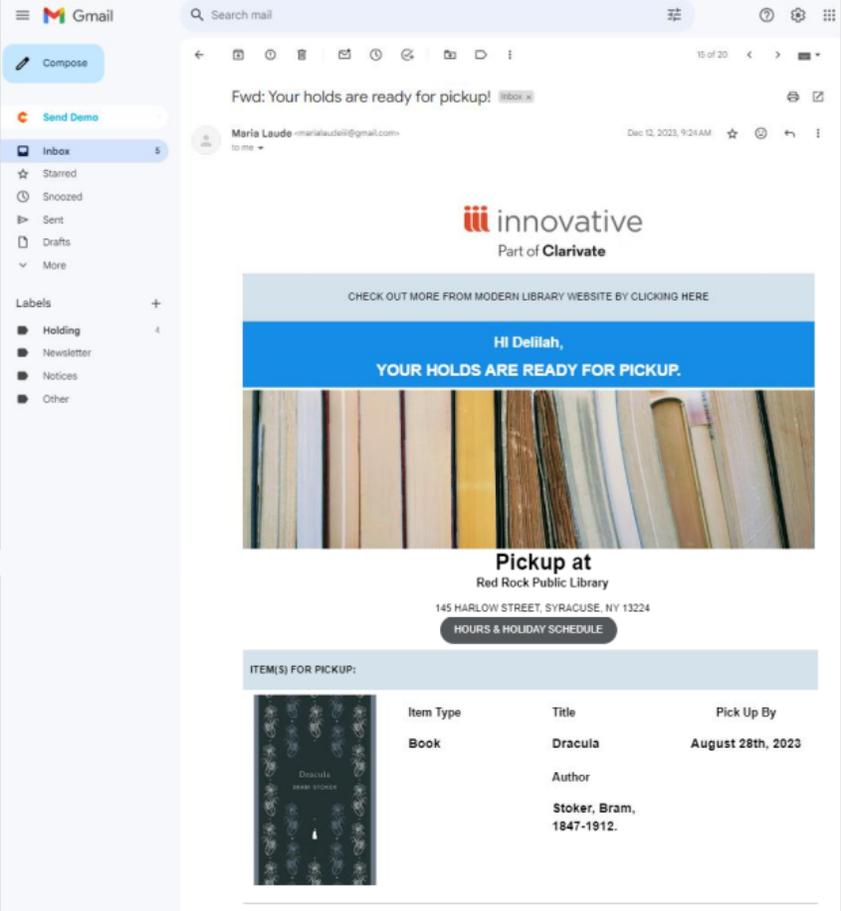
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Notice Example – cut in half

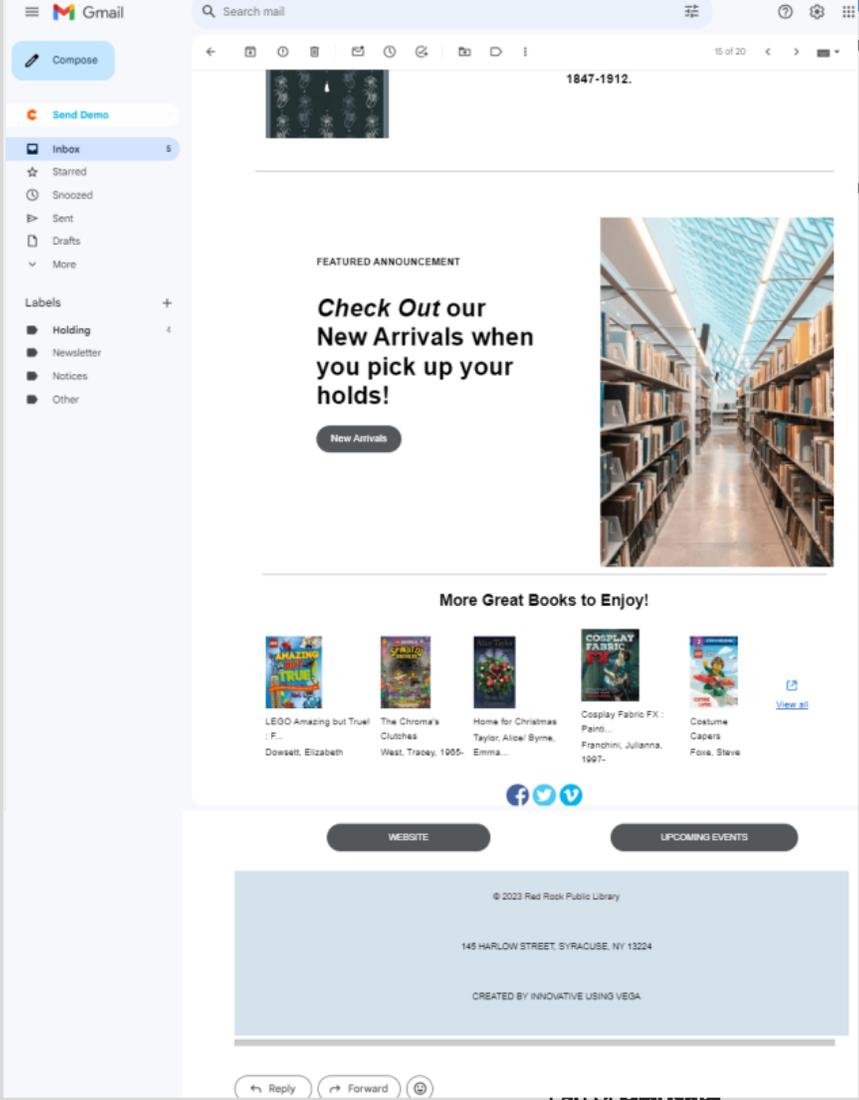
LX Starter

Notice
Email
Example:

Holds
Ready for
Pickup
with
Library
Info



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LX Starter

Notice
Email
Example:

Items Due

Notice Example

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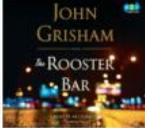
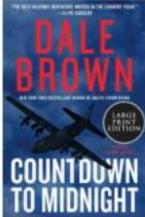
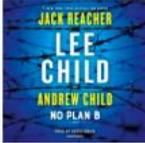


Hi Carolyn,
Please review your due dates below.

The following Rochester Hills Public Library items are due back on the dates indicated.

Visit rhp.org to view your account and discover what you can check out next time you are at the library!

ITEM DUE DATE(S)

	Item Due Date May 26th, 2023	Title The rooster bar : a novel [sound recording on CD] Author Grisham, John, author. Item Type Audiobook (CD)
	Item Due Date May 26th, 2023	Title Countdown to midnight : a novel [sound recording on CD] Author Brown, Dale, 1956- author. Item Type Audiobook (CD)
	Item Due Date May 26th, 2023	Title No plan B : a novel [sound recording on CD] Author Child, Lee, author. Item Type Audiobook (CD)

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Main Library
300 Old Towne Rd Rochester, MI 48307
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LX Starter | What's Next

PrairieCat will be putting a call out for volunteer libraries to help with the testing.

More documentation and information on LX Starter available on the [Innovative LX Starter LibGuide](#) including [LX Starter Admin documentation](#).

[LX Starter Roadmap](#)

Kids Catalog

- ❑ One site for all libraries (may be option later on for individual library customizations)
- ❑ Limited by item location
- ❑ Does not include YA materials
- ❑ Feedback can be submitted to Elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.org

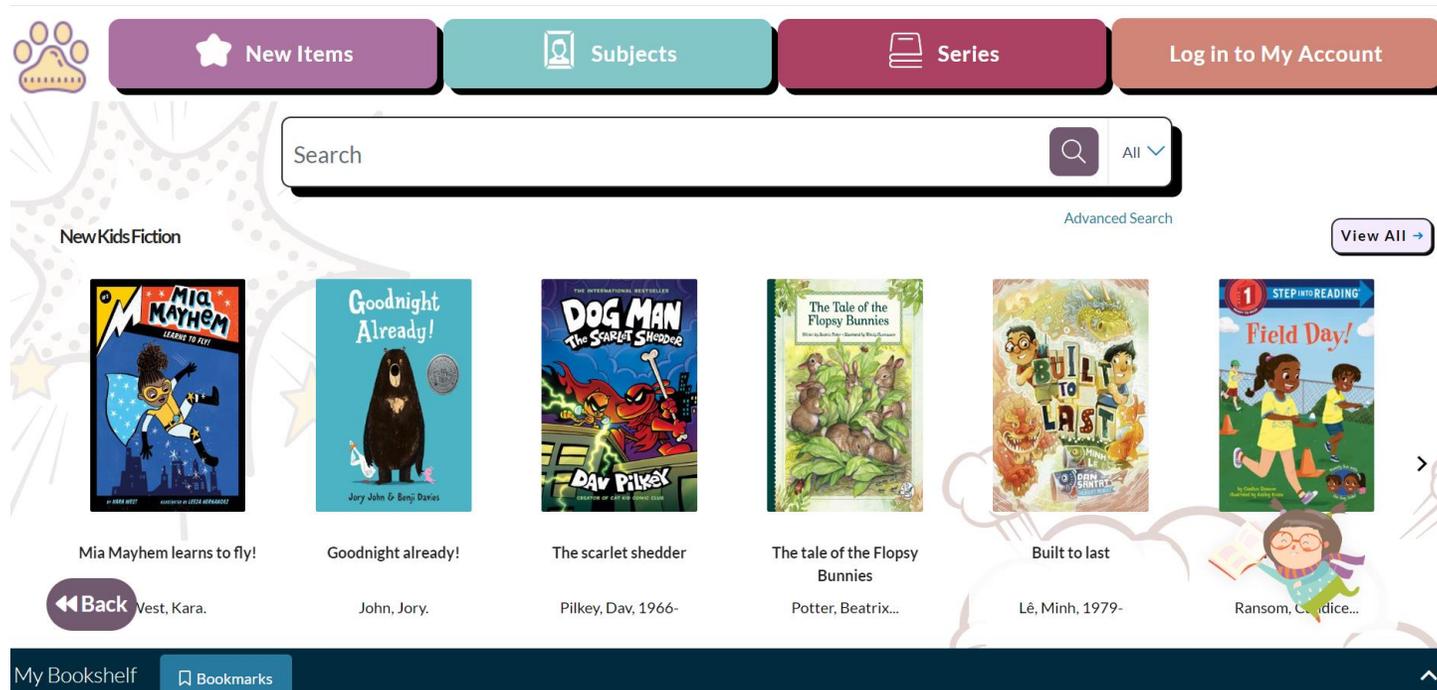
Demo site – does not include all collections at this time and the example searches have some quirks that are being worked out - <https://childtest-prcat.na2.iivega.com/>

Other example Vega Kids Catalogs:

[Rochester Hills Public Library](#)

[Suffolk County Public Libraries](#)

PrairieCat Kids Catalog

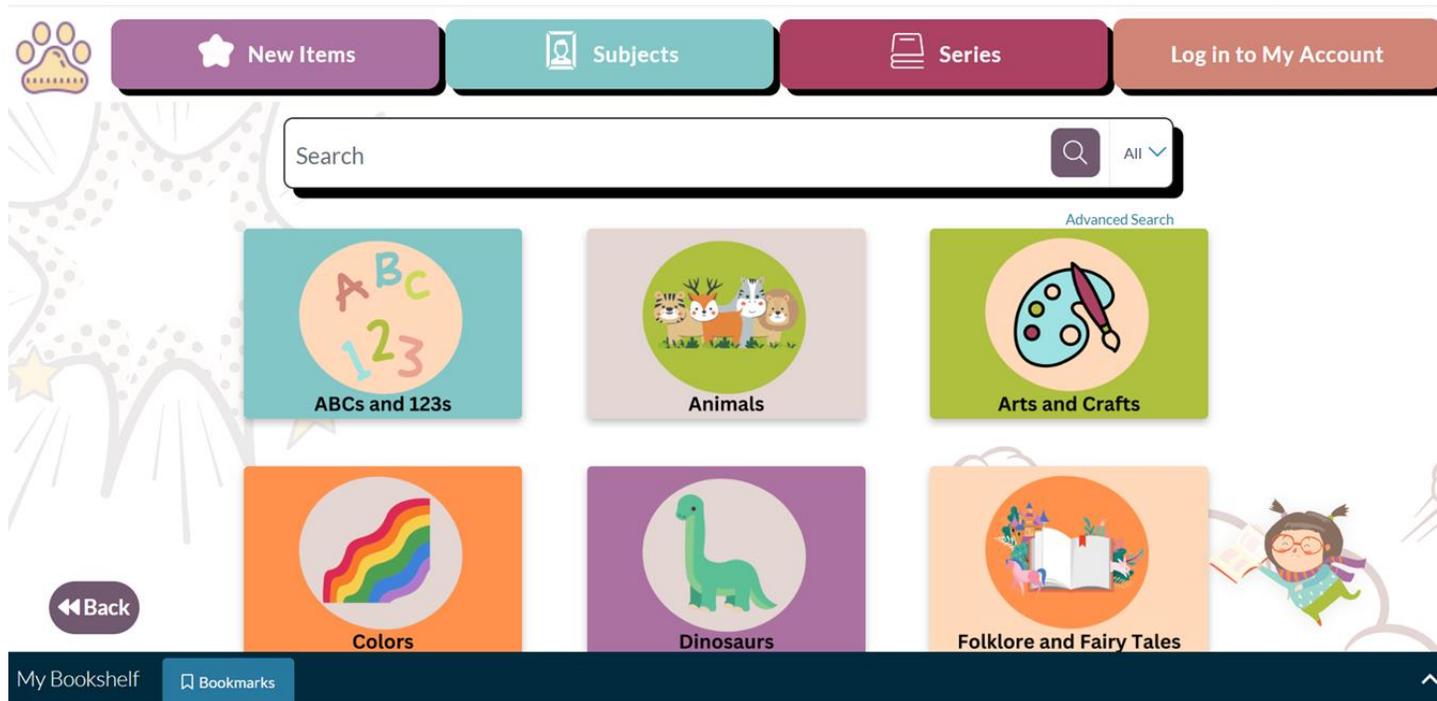


Homepage with new materials showcases

Large buttons at the top for easy navigation

Kid friendly colors and background

PrairieCat Kids Catalog



Subjects page offers 12 buttons with featured subjects

Members were polled and top subjects selected

Runs a saved search of the selected topic

(searches are being refined)

PrairieCat Kids Catalog

The screenshot displays the PrairieCat Kids Catalog interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: "New Items" (purple), "Subjects" (teal), "Series" (maroon), and "Log in to My Account" (brown). Below the navigation bar is a carousel of six book covers. The first row of books includes: "Howl of the wind dragon" (West, Tracey, 1965-), "Legend of the Star Dragon" (West, Tracey, 1965-), "Curse of the Shadow Dragon" (West, Tracey), "Cave of the Crystal dragon" (West, Tracey, 1965-), "Bloom of the Flower Dragon" (West, Tracey), and "Fortress of the Stone Dragon (CD)" (West, Tracey). Below the carousel is a "Series" section with four pill boxes: "Diary Of A Pug Series", "Bad Guys Series", "Amulet Series", and "Jake Maddox Graphic". At the bottom left, there is a "Back" button. The footer contains "My Bookshelf" and "Bookmarks" links.

Series page offers popular series titles

These can be displayed as showcases or as pill boxes

Currently, a saved list of that series

PrairieCat Kids Catalog

The screenshot displays the PrairieCat Kids Catalog interface. At the top left is a paw print logo. Below it are three navigation tabs: 'New Items' (purple), 'Subjects' (teal), and 'Series' (maroon). A search bar is positioned below the tabs. A 'Dragon Masters Series' banner is visible. Below the banner, six book covers are displayed in a row, each with its title and author below it. A sign-in modal is open on the right side of the screen, containing the text 'Sign in to PrairieCat Kid's Cat', 'To start using PrairieCat Kid's Cat, please sign in', and a 'Sign in' button. At the bottom of the page, there are 'My Bookshelf' and 'Bookmarks' buttons.

Dragon Masters Series

Howl of the wind dragon
Tracy, 1965-

Legend of the Star Dragon
West, Tracey, 1965-

Curse of the Shadow Dragon
West, Tracey

Cave of the Crystal dragon
West, Tracey, 1965-

Bloom of the Flower Dragon
West, Tracey

Dragon Masters Series

Sign in to PrairieCat Kid's Cat

To start using PrairieCat Kid's Cat, please sign in

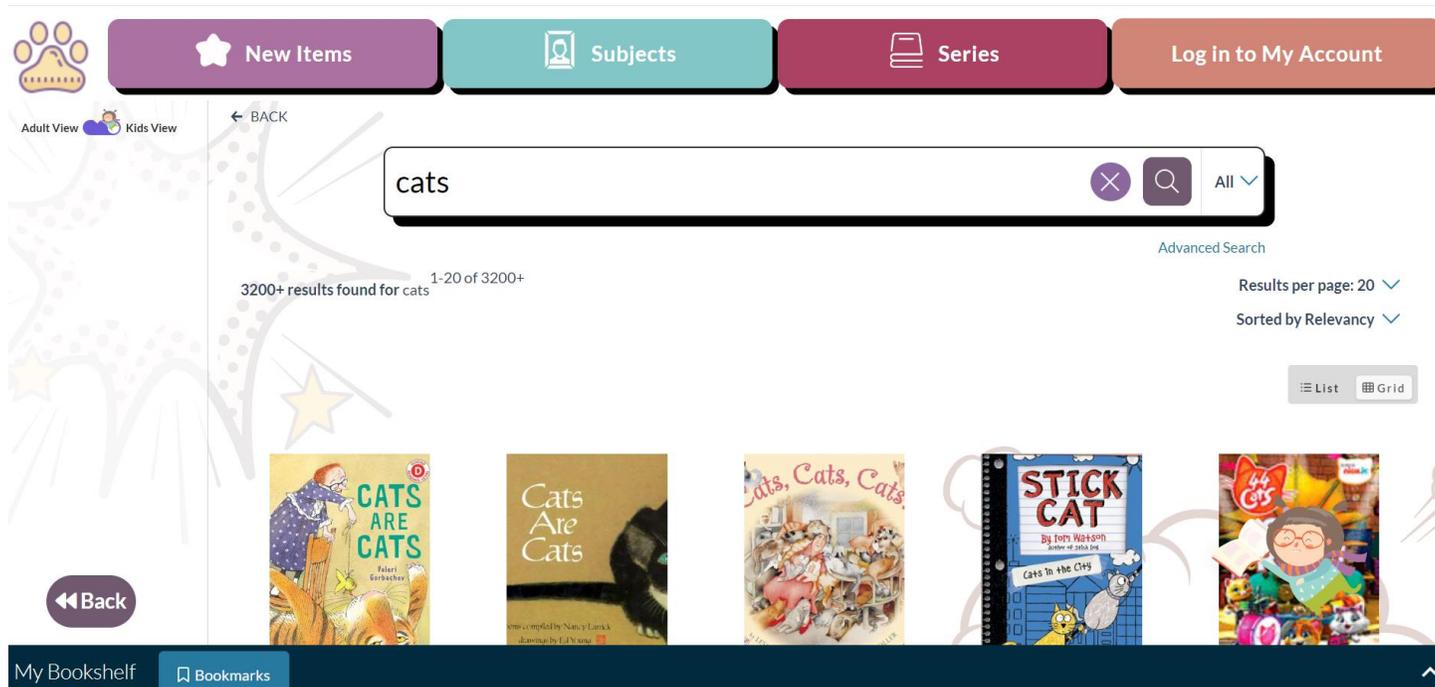
Sign in

My Bookshelf Bookmarks

Select the Log in to My Account to Sign In

In Idea Exchange, it is marked as “planned” to be able to edit the text provided by the Fairy Helper

PrairieCat Kids Catalog



A search defaults to Grid View, which based on III user experience testing was preferred by children

The list view is still an option

Note the Refine Results panel is hidden

Select Adult View to toggle it on and use facets

A map of Illinois with numerous grey location pins scattered across the state, indicating member locations. Major cities like Chicago, Naperville, and Schaumburg are labeled. The text 'Member Sharing' is overlaid in the center.

Member Sharing



Any questions