SIERRA 6.3 UPGRADE EFFECTIVE DATE TBA

ENHANCEMENT: PLACE HOLDS ON MULTIPLE ITEM OR VOLUME RECORDS ON ONE BIB WITH A SINGLE ACTION

IMPORTANT! Item-level holds (holds placed using the Hold Selected Items option) should only be placed on your library's copies and only for internal library purposes (cataloging, repair, etc.). This option should never be used to place holds for patrons. PrairieCat does not page item-level holds.

With release 6.3, you can place holds on multiple volumes of a single bib all at one. In this example, your patron wants volumes 3-5 of a graphic novel:

Highlight the first volume you want, press <CTRL> to select the remaining volumes. When the requested volumes are highlighted, select Hold Selected Volumes.

If you're in the Search/Holds function, the Search for Patron box will display. Select your patron as you would normally and the Place a Volume-level Hold box will display. Complete placing the hold and you'll see the following. Select Ok to place the holds:

The same patron, pickup location, limit to location, not wanted before date, not wanted after date, and hold note will be used for all holds placed with the same action.

ENHANCEMENT: REDUCE TIME FOR PATRON RECORD PAYMENT LOCK

Sierra shows a lock message when a staff member tries to open a patron record that's locked due to a fine payment process. The message tells you which user has the record locked and when the lock will expire. You can either clear the lock to complete the transaction or wait for it to expire automatically. The clear action requires permission 44 (Circulation Financial Functions). All actions to clear the lock are logged automatically by the system.

RESOLVED ISSUE: MISLEADING CHECKIN DISPLAY

In Sierra 6.1, when items were checked in that generated pop-up messages, those messages displayed the item's title, author, call number, and barcode. The call number was pulled from the bibliographic record (not the item record) and would display a volume if a call number field was not present in the bib record. The call number displayed may not have matched the item. Example below (item in hand was actually volume 1). This display issue is now resolved in Sierra 6.3.