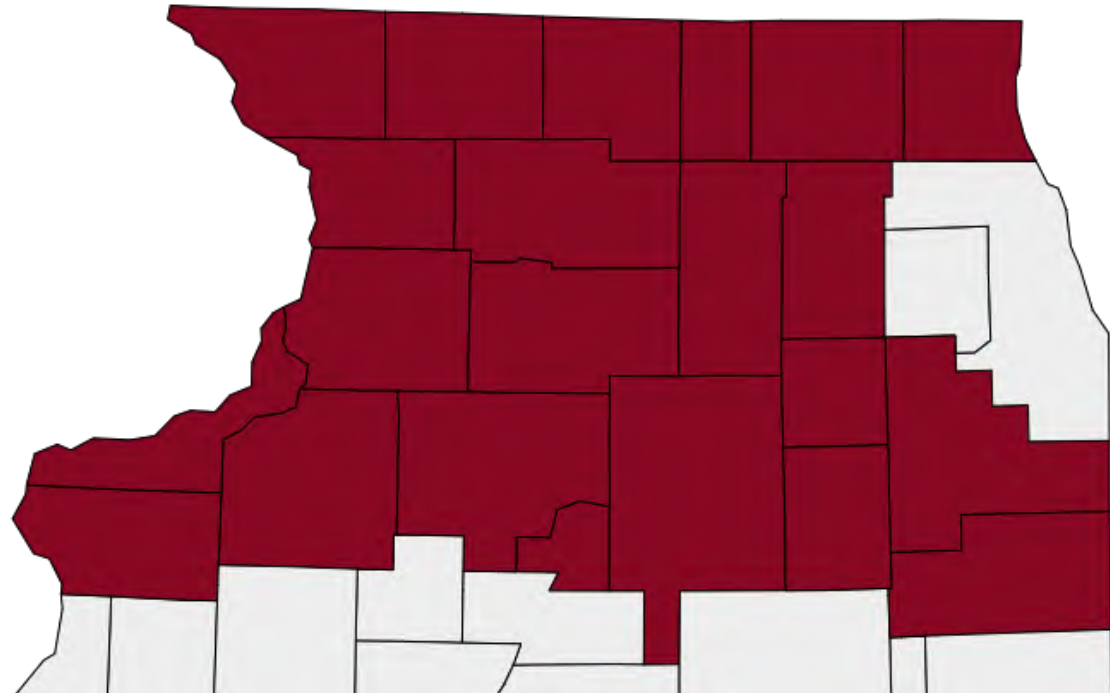# Member Update
December 11, 2025

Welcome

❑ Name

❑ Library

❑ Are you a fan of the snow? Cold weather? Or are you already ready for Spring?

Agenda

- ❑ Introductions and Welcome
- ❑ Upcoming Events
- ❑ RAILS Updates
- ❑ PrairieCat Systems and Services
- ❑ PrairieCat Budget
- ❑ Mobile App
- ❑ Vega
- ❑ Questions and Comments
- ❑ Member Sharing

Events

Wednesday, Jan 07, 2026 | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

PrairieCat Libraries Mobile - Quarterly Check-In and Q&A | Zoom

Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am

PrairieCat Vega Discover Homepage Builder QA | Zoom

Directors University 2026 | Save the Date

Monday, Apr 27, 2026 - Thursday, Apr 30, 2026

Directors University Advanced

Monday, Aug 10, 2026 - Thursday, Aug 13, 2026

Directors University Core

Details will be available on ILA website when applications open.

L2 Account Promotion

L2 Account

❑ Any Illinois library staff member should have an L2 account! (Trustees are also encouraged to have accounts)

❑ Make it part of your onboarding and offboarding checklists to keep your library's L2 accounts up to date.

❑ You NEED an L2 account to access member only information on the PrairieCat website including training resources.

❑ Keep job titles up to date and accurate to help your library colleagues.

❑ L2 Flyer and Resources

Palace Project

E-Read Illinois Collection is live on the Palace Project App

Circulating public and academic PrairieCat members went live throughout the week of Dec 1.

School members will go live in the coming weeks.

Training Sessions

Marketing the Palace Project App
◦ Monday, December 15 at 2 p.m.

Palace Marketplace
◦ Tuesday, January 13 at 2 p.m.

Palace Q&A Session
◦ Wednesday, January 21 at 2 p.m.

Questions: ereadillinois@railslibraries.org

Offline Circulation

What Is the Sierra Offline Circulation System?

Sierra Offline Circulation lets your library keep checking items out during outages or maintenance.

Be ready before you need it!

Don't wait until an outage to set up the Sierra Offline Client.

Don't have Sierra Offline Circulation client installed?

Submit a Help Desk ticket (https://support.prairiecat.info/help) to request the download link.

Documentation

Documentation is available on the PrairieCat support site and is being revised.

PrairieCat Systems Update

IP Project: PrairieCat is working on an annual project to verify the IP information that we have from the libraries. Verifying the IP's in use by the member libraries allows us to clean out both our Limit Network Access tables as well as our firewalls allowed access table, allowing us to help prevent unauthorized access to Sierra.

Sierra Upgrade: Upgraded to version 6.4 on 11/19. A few relatively minor changes to the Sierra 6.4 software that affect circulation. These are detailed on the support site.

PrairieCat Budget FY27

PrairieCat received RAILS Grant for FY27

Governing bodies will review budget for FY27 and vote on budget at April Delegates Assembly

Visit the RAILS site for the latest new on IMLS Advocacy.

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.

NSN has released an iOS client and we are looking into providing it to member libraries.

If you have questions, please submit a Help Desk ticket.

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Quick System Status: ✔ Sierra   ✔ Vega Discover   ✔ eCommerce   ✔ Mobile App

Home > Help Desk

View | Access control | Edit | Unpublish | Outline | Delete | Revisions

Help Desk

Standard Support Hours

8:30 am - 5 pm | Monday-Friday
(877) 542-7257

Critical Phone Support Hours

5 pm - 9 pm | Monday-Friday
9 am - 5 pm | Saturday
12 pm - 5 pm | Sunday

Special Support Contacts

Billing issues:
Contact Carolyn Coulter

RAILS delivery issues:
railsdelivery@railslibraries.org

Contact Help Desk

PrairieCat staff are available to assist employees of member libraries.

Library users needing assistance with the PrairieCat catalog, please contact your home library.

Submit a Ticket   Phone: (877) 542-7257

Known Issues

Status
○ All
● Open

Issue	Added	Updated	Status
Vega Issues - Public Web Browser	02/23/2024 - 2:47pm	05/23/2024 - 2:08pm	Open

Help Desk

Quick System Status

Known Issues

PrairieCat eNewsletter

From the website – News > PrairieCat eNewsletter

eNewsletter Archive – View recent issues

Member Forums Now Available

❑Peer-to-peer discussions

❑Library related topics

❑Log in to view and post

❑Can subscribe to topics

❑ Please share with staff

support.prairiecat.info/members/forums

Members

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▸ Member Forums

Member Forums

Forums are a place where PrairieCat members can discuss topics of interest within our consortium community. We encourage you to create forum topics for discussions and information sharing. Share your expertise and ask your fellow PrairieCat members for advice.

Forums are intended for peer-to-peer discussions around library service and PrairieCat related topics. Members must be logged in to view and post comments. Receive email notifications by clicking the Subscribe slider at the top of each forum page. Subscribe to a main forum category to be emailed when a new sub-topic is created. Subscribe to specific sub-topics to be notified of new comments.

To create a forum topic, select the appropriate category and select **Add a Forum Topic.**

Review the Forum Policy before participating.

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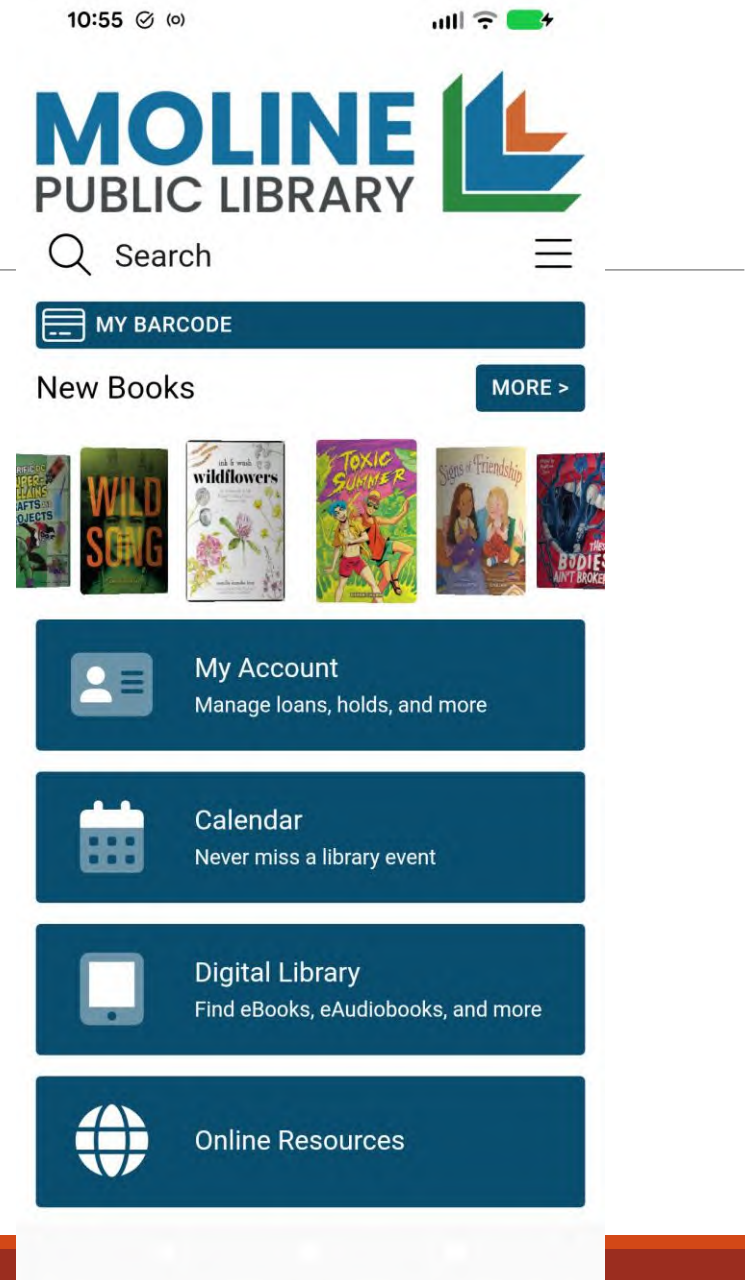
Download the New Mobile App

Search for "PrairieCat Libraries Mobile" in the Google Play or Apple App stores to download.

PrairieCat On the Go

Service for the previous PrairieCat Libraries mobile app will end in October 2025.

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Mobile App

January 7, 2026 | PrairieCat Libraries Mobile - Quarterly Check-In and Q&A

Check out the libguide for documentation, resources, marketing – in early 2026 the resources will be moved to the PrairieCat support site.

Please complete Mobile App Project Implementation Survey

New user guide video added to the PrairieCat YouTube channel

 - 10-minute video

- shorter versions focusing on specific features like searching, holds, checkout history

Vega Discover User Roles (Reminder)
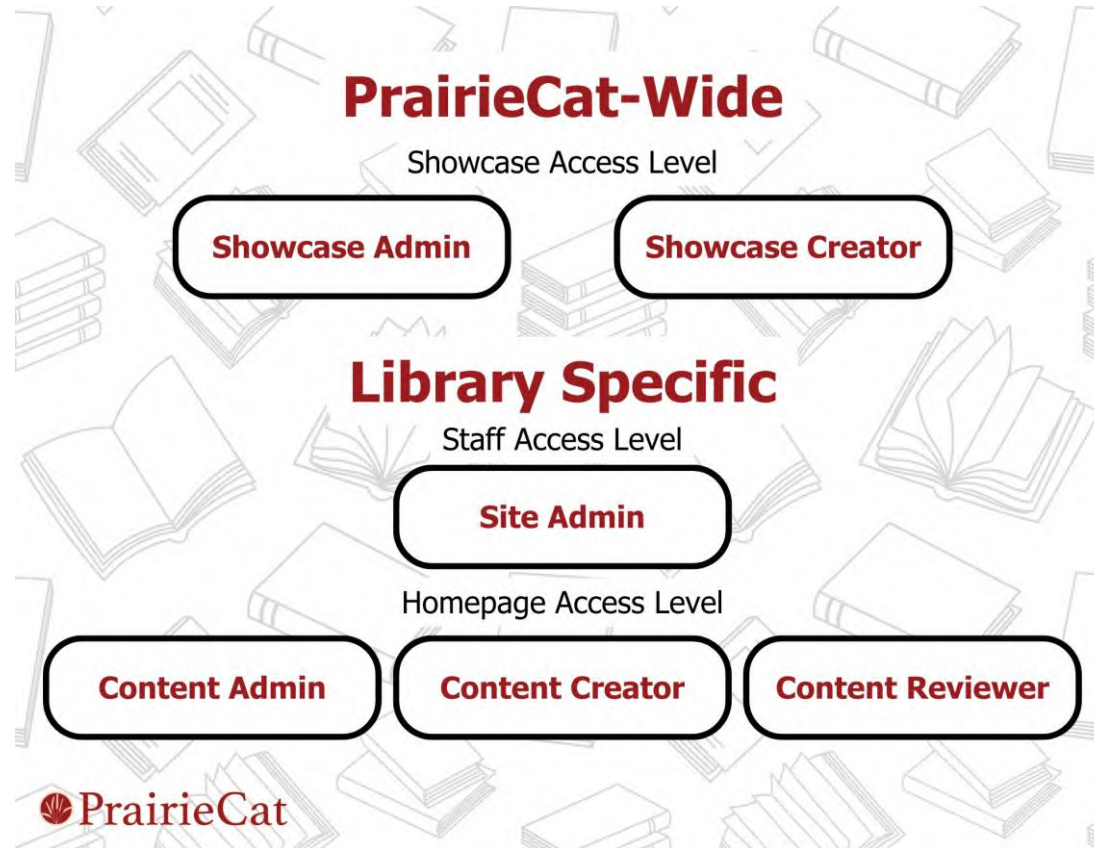
Vega Discover Courses (Reminder)

Available Now on TalentLMS

- Vega Discover Basics
- Vega Discover Showcases
- Vega Discover Site Admin
- User Roles and Homepage Builder

Innovative Users Group | IUG

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What's New in Vega?

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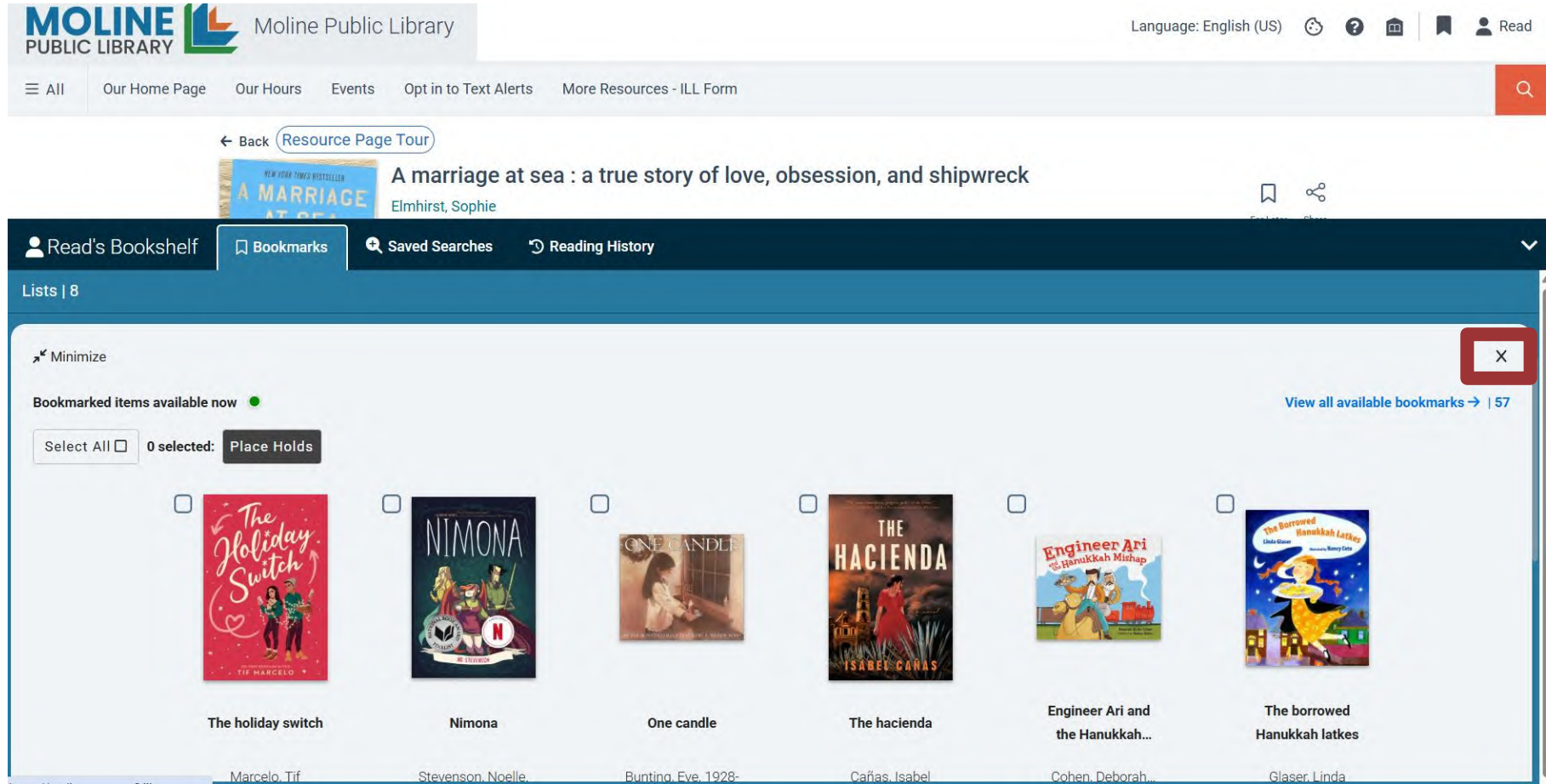
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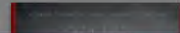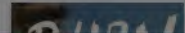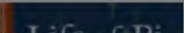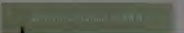|	
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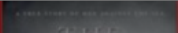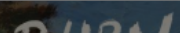|	Publication Date	Edition	Publisher
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Innovative Roadmap

❑ Account Portal – Jan 6/7

❑ Account Linking (available on Jan 6/7) – PrairieCat is waiting to turn on to better prepare documentation and training

❑ Single Staff Interface: Vega LXAdmin and Vega Discover settings can be managed in a single combined staff interface. (70% Complete)
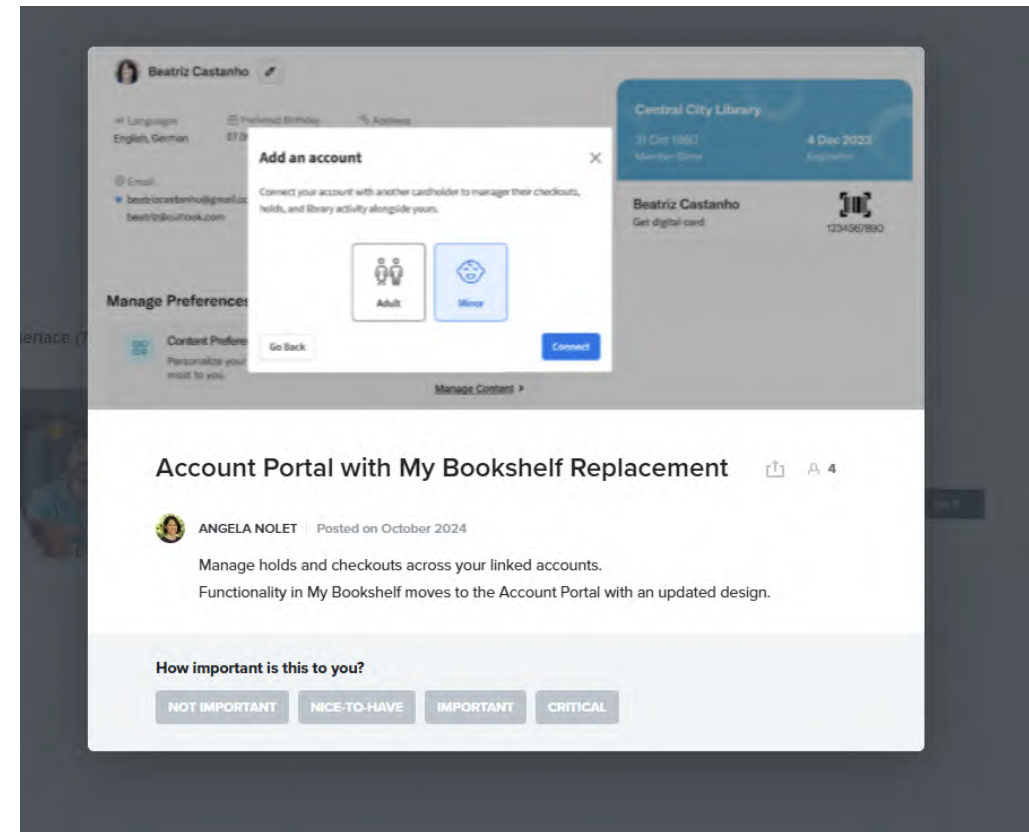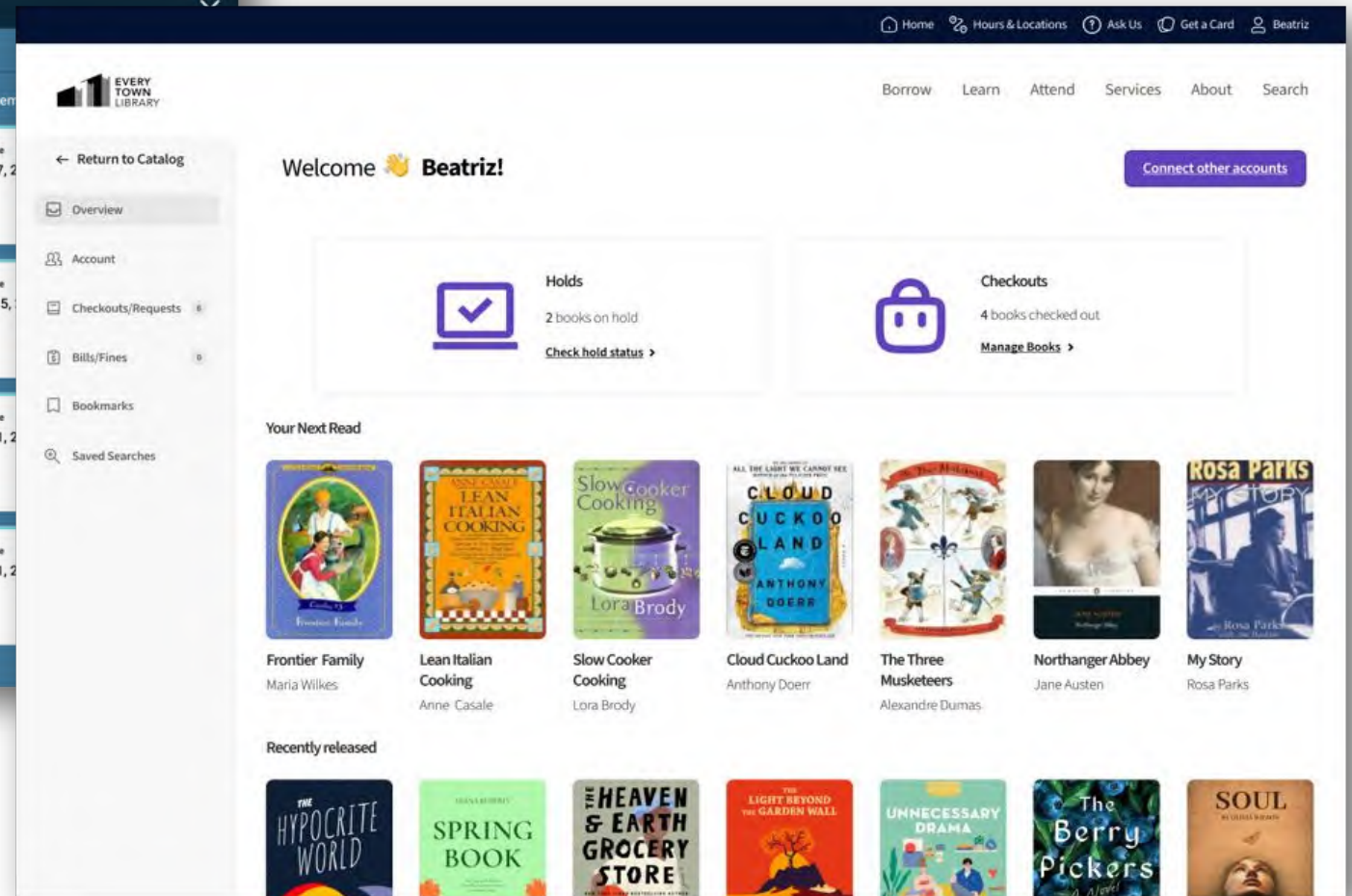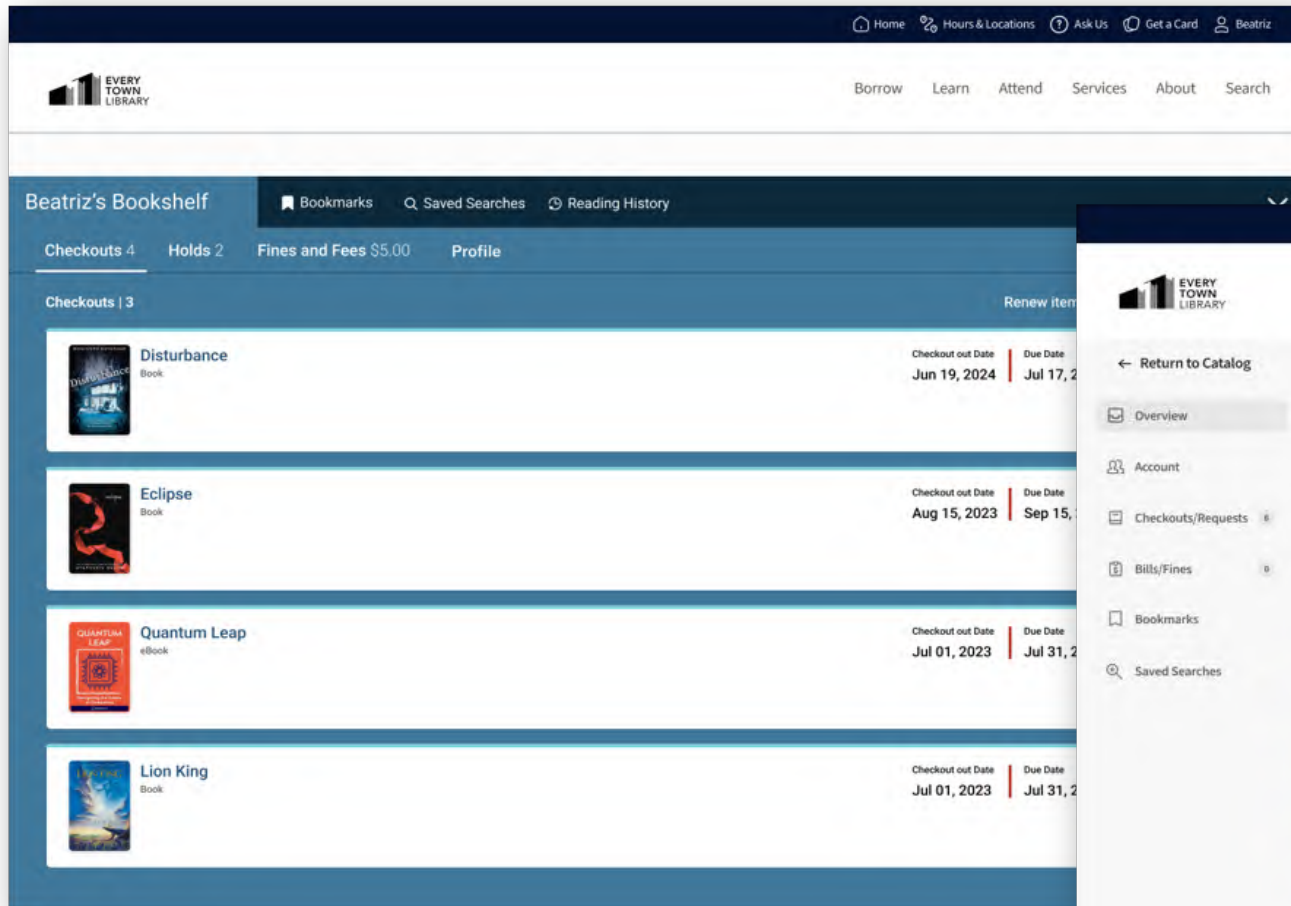
Vega Discover | What's Coming MEEP

Innovative Roadmap

❑ Accept initials or partial names in author searches

❑ Remove Apply step from Facet use

❑ Call Number Browse or Wildcard Option

❑ Separate Graphic Novels from other print items as they are not representative of the same textural work

From My Bookshelf to My Account Portal

My Account Portal

Tues, Jan 6 – Wed, Jan 7

My Account Portal changes will automatically occur in all Vega Discover sites, globally.

Note, PrairieCat staff will change the button name from "Account Portal" to "My Account Portal" for consistency.
This may take a few days to take effect.

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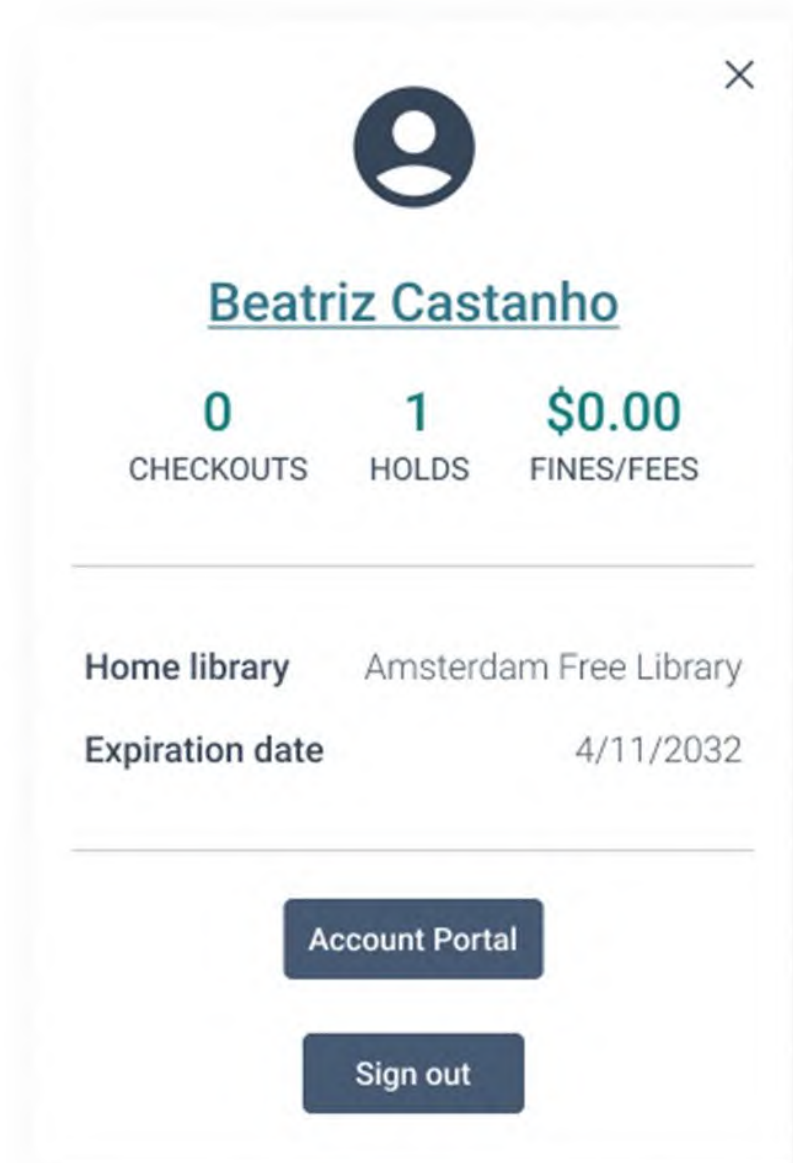
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Welcome 👋 **Beatriz!**

☐ Overview

👥 Account

☐ Checkouts/Requests   6

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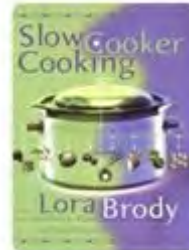
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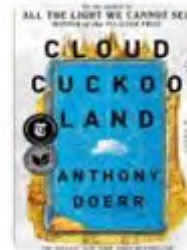
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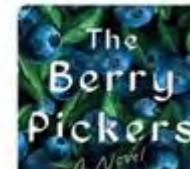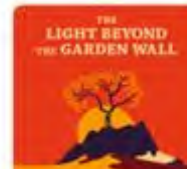
Checkouts/Requests

Checkouts

Hold Requests

History:
If your library has Reading History enabled, it appears under the Checkout/Requests page.

My Account Portal

What does the patron view look like in mobile view / browser view on a mobile device?

My Account Portal and more

❑ Changes to showcases workflows

❑ Updates to TalentLMS training videos and other training resources

❑ Account Linking – targeting early February

Any questions

Member Sharing