



Director's Report December, 2020

Click and Collect

Sirsi has released a full working version of the Click and Collect feature that comes at no additional cost in the LMxPress Plus app. We've tested it successfully, have set up some test users and will share a short overview video to LMxAC members, after which Jonathan will create a webinar that libraries can sign up for to either get training or just to ask questions. We think that this is a valuable tool for patrons to do their curbside circulation of held items that become available. We realize that the downside is that with this build, there's not an appointment function but staff can set hours and thresholds and this may be enough to make this a fairly useful product.

Loading Student Records

The first load of provisional cards for middle/HS students went in on November 12, for students in Keyport. The cards went in as provisional, they can't be used to check items out, only for electronic resources. Like our other provisional cards, they can be upgraded to full 3 year resident cards upon presenting proof of residency. A big setback was discovered after the load-- it seems that the school system blocks email from the outside of the district, at least for students, so none of the 900 students received their welcome pin letters. We did a load of teacher/staff cards and those emails were received, so we assume the issue was due to email filters.

Cataloging

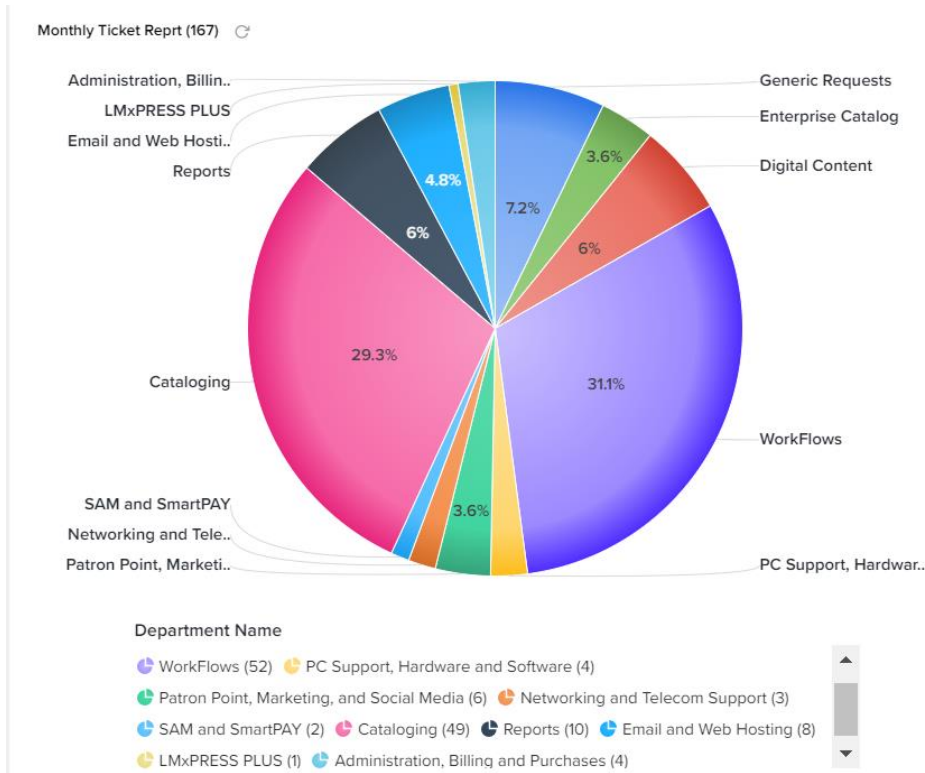
We've agreed to pilot BTCAT, a cataloging utility from Baker & Taylor something like SmartPort but (supposedly) smarter, which may end up cutting down on duplicate records and also allow us to get an ON-ORDER record into the system automatically for anything any library orders.

We will also be downloading and testing the OCLC Connexion client, which we haven't used in the past due to cost, which is no longer being levied. This should enable us to bring in records with non-Western characters which couldn't be imported with the web client.

Patron Point

Three training sessions have already been held with our trial libraries, and a final training is scheduled for 12/2, to cover automated library card renewals with the validation feature. LMxAC Staff will have a follow up training session to work on creating welcome email templates that include the patron barcode and PIN. No date for that meeting has yet been set. The existing trainings were recorded and hosted on Zoom for any participant to review (or additional LMxAC members to watch). Once the pilot libraries are up and running we'll open things up for other libraries.

Activity Report:



October Statistics

New items added	16221
Bib records added by LMxAC	4
New bib records added	3924
New user records added	1880
Brief records upgraded to full MARC	449
Duplicate records merged	154
API reports and transactions	7
Authority records added	0
Authority records modified	0
RBdigital Mag new users/checkouts	40/8367
SMS Hold/Overdue/bill notices	2220/658/-
App Usage –new devices/uses	260/11417
Titles/Items created by LMXSUPER vendor ON-ORDER	5763 (report is a work in progress)

Respectfully Submitted,

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