



# SWAN Fireside Chat

April 29, 2025

# Agenda

- 2025 SWAN Expo
- Ticketing System Launch today!
- Aspen Updates
- E-resource Update
- Resource Sharing Update
- Documentation & Training Updates
- User Group Update
- Upcoming Meetings

**SWAN Expo 2025**

## 2025 SWAN Expo



- Save the date! Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Seeking session ideas  
[support.swanlibraries.net/expo](https://support.swanlibraries.net/expo)
  - (Closes tomorrow)
- Submit your roundtable topic ideas
- This year's theme “How Can We Help?”
- Sessions to include:
  - Online learning
  - BLUEcloud Analytics
  - MessageBee
  - New ticketing system

**New Help Desk Launch Today**

# New Help Desk platform

The screenshot displays the SWAN Help Desk interface. At the top left is the logo 'SWAN Help Desk'. On the top right, there are navigation links: 'Back to SWAN support', 'Report an issue' (highlighted in yellow), and 'My tickets' next to a user profile icon labeled 'SB'. Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search tickets and services' and a magnifying glass icon. The main content area features three white cards on a teal background. The first card, 'Make a request', has a teal plus icon and text: 'Request non-urgent services from SWAN.' The second card, 'Report an issue', has a pink exclamation mark icon and text: 'Report an issue to SWAN staff.' The third card, 'My tickets', has a teal ticket icon and text: 'View your open and recently closed tickets, and view their progress or update them.'

SWAN Help Desk

Back to SWAN support Report an issue My tickets SB

Search tickets and services

**+**  
Make a request  
Request non-urgent services from SWAN.

**!**  
Report an issue  
Report an issue to SWAN staff.

**🎫**  
My tickets  
View your open and recently closed tickets, and view their progress or update them.

## What to know...

- help.swanlibraries.net URL still requires configuration
- All library tickets are visible to all users
- Support Site platform page:  
<https://support.swanlibraries.net/platform/94846>
- Log-in is via L2
- E-mail available to all

# Getting in touch



**Service Desk:**

<https://swanlibraries.haloitsm.com/portal>



**E-mail:**

[help@swanlibraries.net](mailto:help@swanlibraries.net)

# Aspen Updates

## Aspen Series Development

- Novelist Select integration no longer
  - Using Syndetics Unbound for enhanced content
  - No impact on Novelist Plus or Novelist K-8
- More control over series displays
- Please be patient with us!
- Report issues using new Series form or ticketing email

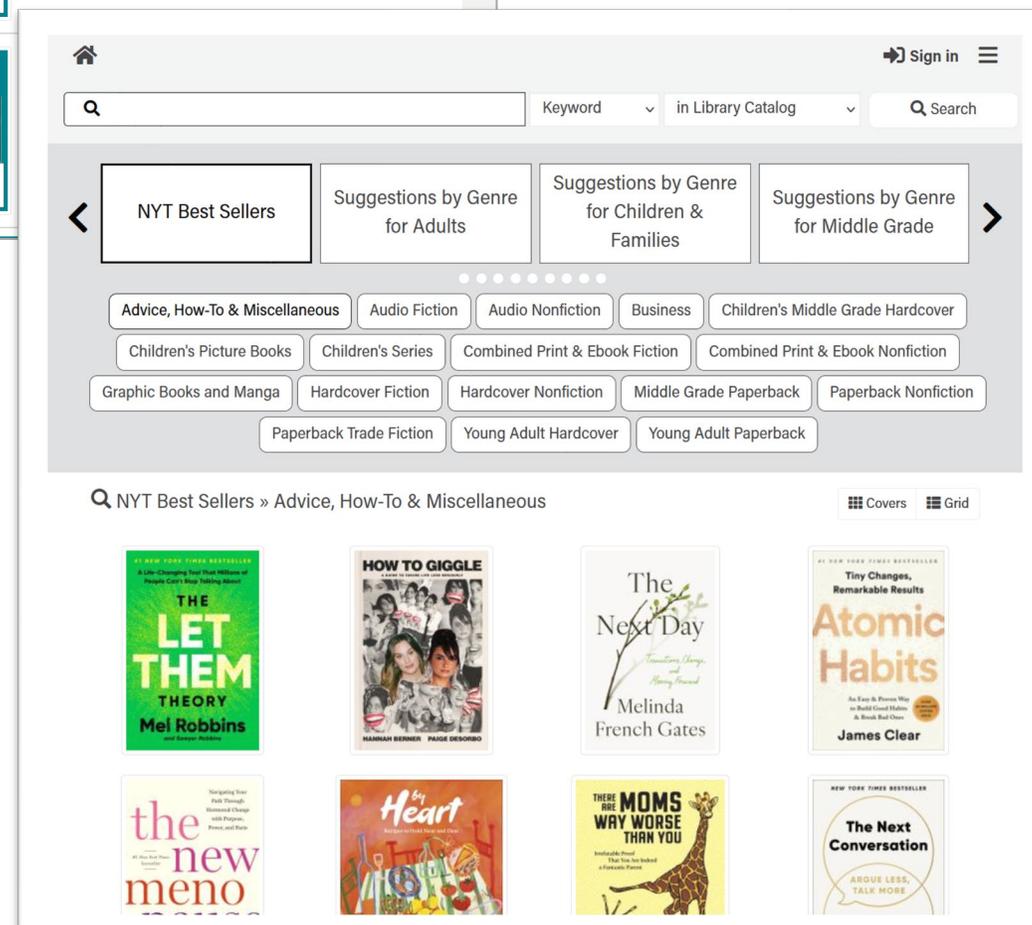
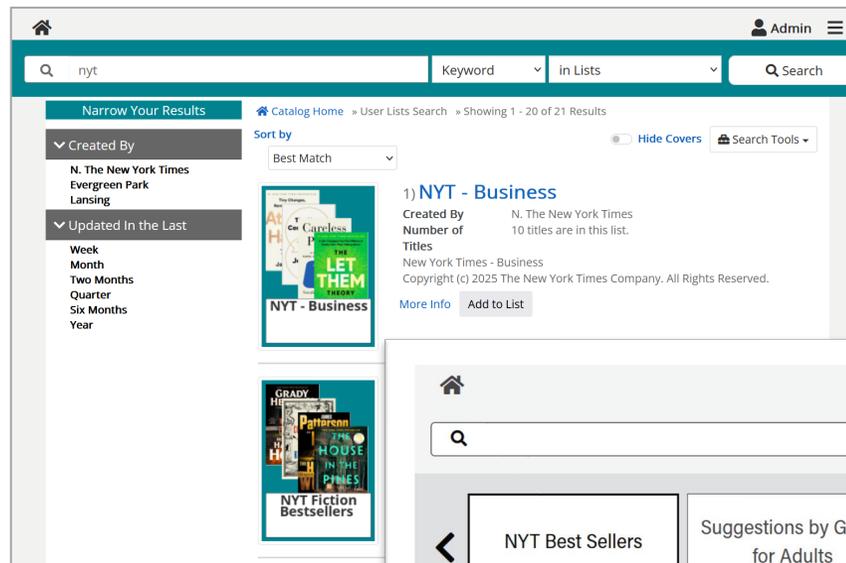
**Checkout history  
has been partially  
restored**

- Some patrons experienced checkouts that were not recorded to history between November 2024 and March 2025
- Not all titles could be restored; any titles that could be restored were added to histories last night (April 28th)
- Patrons can manually add titles to their histories  
[Patron site> Your Library Account>Checkout History](#)

# New York Times Book API

Aspen uses the NYT Books API to import NYT bestsellers lists into the catalog. NYT recently announced they have deprecated the API, but as of this morning it seems to be back!

SWAN is continuing to monitor the situation.



# SSO Update

- L2-based authentication being introduced for SWAN Community Forums

# New login procedure for forums with SSO

Initial login will require extra steps, but once you are authenticated with L2 for anything (this, the support site or L2 itself) you get right in.

- We expect the authentication process to be more streamlined as more services are connected to SSO
- Going live early April – watch for further communication!



The screenshot shows a login form with the following elements:

- Email \***: A text input field with a red asterisk and a red eye icon on the right.
- Enter your email address.
- Password \***: A text input field with a red asterisk and a red eye icon on the right.
- Enter the password that accompanies your email address.
- 4**: A purple button with the text "LOG IN".
- [CREATE AN ACCOUNT →](#)
- [FORGOT PASSWORD? →](#)

Upon authenticating with L2, you'll be redirected back to SWAN Forums.

# E-Resource update

# Show & Tell EBSCO Databases

The Illinois State Library is hosting numerous webinars around the EBSCO databases available through the statewide package

- Event information can be found on L2
  - Filter by Keyword: Show & Tell
  - Filter by Sponsor: Illinois State Library
- Registration is required
- Webinars are not recorded

# Resource Sharing Update

# RSC 2025

## All recordings posted:

<https://community.oclc.org/t5/rsc-recordings/tkb-p/rsc-recordings>

## Recommended:

*ILL survival guide: Essential tips for new professionals 3/12/2025*

- <https://community.oclc.org/t5/rsc-recordings/ill-survival-guide-essential-tips-for-new-professionals/ta-p/57115>

*The Custom holdings connection: Enhancing ILL efficiency 4/16/2025*

- <https://community.oclc.org/t5/rsc-recordings/the-custom-holdings-connection-enhancing-ill-efficiency/ta-p/57682>

# Training & documentation

# New Class Alert!

## Acquisitions Training

Acquisitions Overview

Learn: What is Acquisitions



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## Learn: What is Acquisitions

Self-Paced Interactive Training 30 minutes

Last Updated: April 9, 2025

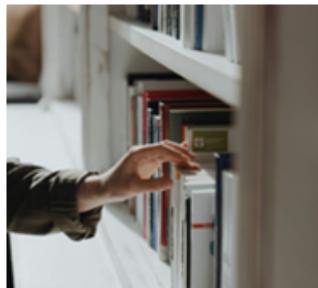
### Presenters

Samantha Dietel Consultant, Bibliographic Services

This interactive course will be the first in a series about Acquisitions. This course will acquaint you with the Acquisitions module and its options. You will also learn about the general building blocks of acquisitions: funds, vendors, orders, and invoices.

You will need to register for an account on [SWAN Online Learning](#) before enrolling in this course.

TS400: What is Acquisitions



[Launch Course](#)

# User Groups

Recordings of group meetings on the SWAN support site:  
<https://support.swanlibraries.net/meetings-trainings/meeting-documents>

## Cataloging Working Group

- Met in-person @ St. Charles
- Updates given
  - OCLC numbers clean-ups
  - Backstage contract
  - Travel guide standardization
- PRE-CAT course Proposal
- Julie Tegtmeier (SCD) and Dyslexic materials
- 6XX headings
- Tonies and Yoto materials
- Changes to SWAN documentation

# Circulation Networking Group

## Agenda & Notes

Next Meeting is in person!  
Eisenhower Public Library  
June 18th!

## SWAN Circulation Networking Group

April 16, 2025 9:30 AM–11:00 AM

Zoom

[Register on Zoom](#)

Join chair Peggy Tomzik and Victoria Muraity for a lively discussion of circulation processes, procedures, and software/application use related to circulation functions. This is an opportunity to network with peers and share successes. Participants will provide tips on providing service efficiently and optimizing software.

### Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. SWAN Ticketing System - Ian Nosek
- III. Forums Login - Crystal Vela
- IV. SWAN Expo- Crystal Vela
- V. Renewing library card accounts. Do you require the physical card to be present? For your patrons? For RBP patrons such as CPL accounts?
- VI. Renewing materials. How do libraries handle situations when patrons call wanting a library to override a renewal limit in place at the patron's home library?
- VII. Around the Zoom meeting

[Zoom Recording](#)

[View on L2 Library Learning](#)

## Upcoming Events

Register now for 2025 user groups, governance meetings, and office hours! On L2 and the SWAN Support Site:  
[support.swanlibraries.net/calendar](https://support.swanlibraries.net/calendar)

- Acquisitions and Cataloging Networking Group (5/8 **in person** at Downers Grove Public Library)
- e-Resource Working Group (5/22)
- SWAN Board Meeting (5/23)
- SWAN Fireside Chat (5/27)
- SWAN Quarterly Meeting (6/5)

**Next Fireside  
Chat  
May 27th!**

