



SWAN Fireside Chat

June 30, 2026

Agenda

- Backstage Update & Rebuild Indexes
- SWAN Expo Update
- ILS Search
- Aspen Update
- E-Resource Update
- Resource Sharing Update
- Documentation/Training Update
- Group Meeting Updates
- Future Meetings

Backstage Update & Rebuild Indexes

- Backstage Library Works
 - Extract of bib records
 - Editing of older cataloged records were frozen from 6/19-6/22
 - Loaded updated bib records & authority records
 - Close to 66K Bibs and 9300 authority records
- Headings Index/Rebuilds
 - July 4th weekend
 - Start July 3rd after libraries are closed
 - Only SWAN **Aspen catalog will be available**
 - Please refrain from accessing Workflows during this process
 - All clear message will go out when WorkFlows is accessible again
 - Labor Day weekend for Authority Index and Thesauri Rebuilds

SWAN Expo

SWAN Expo Update

When: Friday, August 21, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: NIU Naperville Conference and Events

Cost: \$45

Conference program is live!

Library of Things Petting
Zoo: Looking for volunteers.

Register through August
14th!

Register for SWAN Expo!

swanlibraries.net/expo

ILS Search Announcement

ILS Search

Board vote at June meeting

Includes ILS and analytics

Aspen and other third-party solutions will remain

Projected one-year timeline for RFP, demos, and membership involvement

Began discussions at ALA

Aspen Update

Non-fiction holds changes

Place Hold on Killers of the Flower Moon : the Osage Murders and the birth of the FBI ✕

Holds allow you to request that a title be delivered to your home library. [View all holds.](#) You will then have 7 days to pick up the title from your home library.

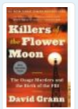
I want to pick this up at
Oak Park Public Library Main Branch ▼

Always use this pickup location

You are placing a hold on an earlier version of this title. If you need the latest information, you can request the newer edition instead, though wait times may be longer.

Do you want to place a hold on the suggested edition or a specific edition?
Place hold on specific edition ▼


Select This Edition



2018.. Vintage Books, A Division of Penguin Random House LLC. x, 377 pages : illustrations, maps ; 21 cm. 1 of 4

On Shelf


Select This Edition



[2017]. Doubleday. x, 338 pages : illustrations ; 25 cm. 2 of 4

On Shelf

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Available from

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eBook Available Online

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Changes to the Titles On Hold page

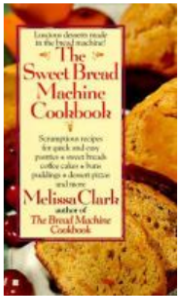
[Catalog Home](#) » [My Account](#) » [Titles On Hold](#)

Titles On Hold

Status: All selected Account: Sally - Oak Par... Source: Libby, Physical ... Format: All selected [Apply Filter](#)

Holdings Ready For Pickup

Sort by: Expiration Date [Hide Covers](#)



1) The sweet bread machine cookbook

Author [Clark, Melissa](#)

Format Book

On Hold For Sally - Oak Park Public Library

Pickup Branch SWAN Headquarters

Date Placed Jun 18, 2026

Available Now

Pickup By Jun 25, 2026

[Cancel Hold](#)

[While You Wait](#)

Allowing patrons to update phone – in testing

Discussed at the June Circulation Networking meeting.


Patrons can currently edit their email address, and we're exploring a change to allow them to edit their phone number.

[Catalog Home](#) » [My Account](#) » Contact Information

Contact Information

Full Name	<input type="text"/>
Expiration Date	
Preferred Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	915 HARGER ROAD SUITE 260
City	OAK BROOK
State	IL
Zip	60523
Primary Phone Number	<input type="text" value="555-555-55"/> <small>* Phone number must be exactly 10 digits.</small>
Email	<input type="text"/>

[Update Contact Information](#)



E-Resource Update



New EBSCO Links

After July 1

Links ready

Where to find your links

New links for EBSCOhost databases will be posted here:

swanlibraries.net/documentation/95045

A SWANcom will go out once the links are ready

FinancialFit, LibraryAware, and Learn with NoveList Plus are not included.

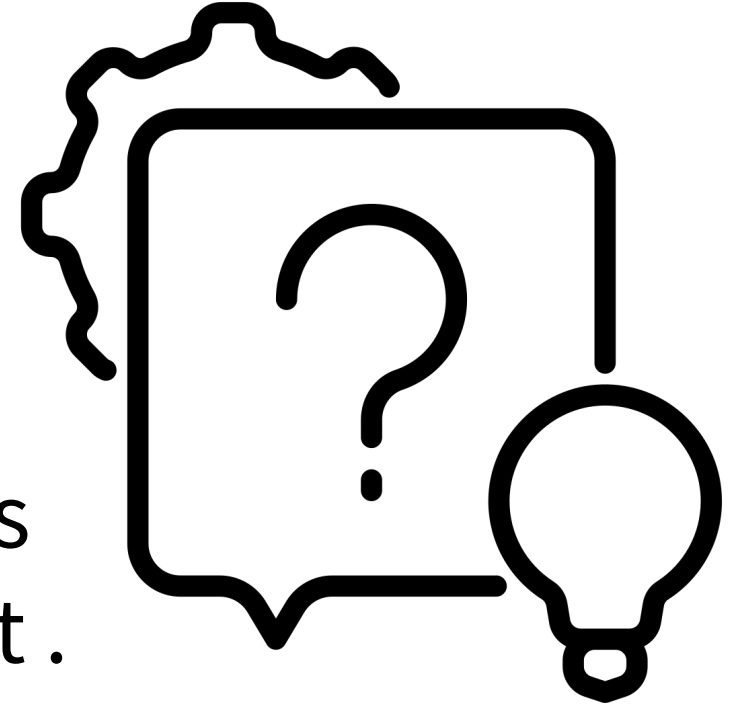
Links for these products will come directly from EBSCO to the library contact on file

Resource Sharing update

Did you know...?

SWAN [maintains](#) Custom Holdings Groups of reliable suppliers to expedite fulfilment .

- In-State
- Nearby states (Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky.)



Training & Documentation

Documentation

Buy

Before You Buy

Before signing a contract for a new vendor or platform, use this checklist to ensure you'll be able to authenticate and successfully implement a new service.

First, check if your platform is already supported - this can mean the implementation process will go more quickly. If a vendor is not on this list, your next step is to review the rest of this page and open a ticket with SWAN.

Vendors currently working with SWAN

Accessibility

Is this platform accessible?

Public libraries are required to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Before signing any new contracts, ensure that the platform will meet accessibility standards and requirements.

- [Check the RAILS VPAT database](#)
- Request a current VPAT (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) or accessibility statement directly from the vendor

When reviewing a VPAT, look for conformance with [WCAG 2.1 AA](#) (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines), the standard required for ADA compliance.

Keep in mind that a VPAT or statement alone does not guarantee compliance, but it is a good starting point. If you are unsure whether a platform meets requirements, contact SWAN before moving forward. RAILS also offers guidance and support through their [Digital Accessibility](#) page.

Accessibility should be revisited at each contract renewal, as platform updates can affect compliance over time

On this page

- Accessibility
- Authentication
- Integrations
- Vendor access policy
- Is there a discount or is this included in your SWAN membership



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Search third-party vendors

Platform	Parent company	Description	Authentication method
ABC-CLIO	Bloomsbury Publishing	ABC-CLIO is an educational publisher and database provider that offers curriculum-focused reference resources, historical content, and research tools for schools, libraries, and academic institutions.	OpenAthens
ABCmouse	Age of Learning Inc.	ABCMouse delivers research-validated curriculum for preschool through 2nd grade. Features 13,000+ learning activities across reading, math, science, art, and social studies.	TLS-SIP2
AtoZdatabases	DatabaseUSA	Detailed information on 65 million businesses and executives and 2 million new businesses. Includes data on over 240 million residents as well as new movers/ homeowners.	OpenAthens

Training



**New
Training
Alert**

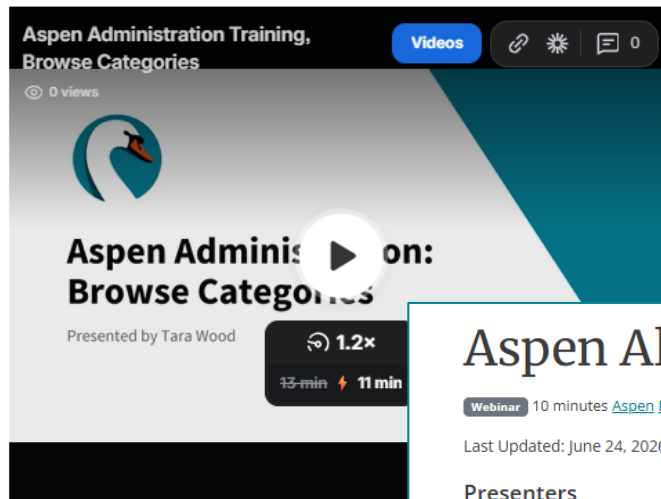
Aspen Admin Training: Browse Categories

Webinar 12 minutes [Aspen Discovery & User Experience](#)

Last Updated: June 23, 2026

Learn how to customize the home page of the catalog with highlighted collections.

Before you view this training, we recommend that you complete the [Aspen All Staff Trainings](#) and are familiar with creating lists and using search filters in Aspen.



[Take it today!](#)

Aspen All Staff: Masquerade Mode and Holds

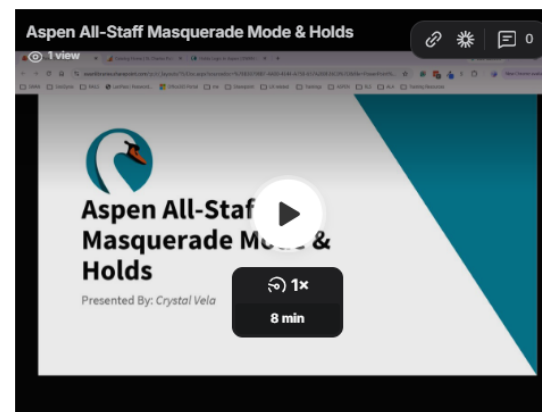
Webinar 10 minutes [Aspen Discovery & User Experience](#)

Last Updated: June 24, 2026

Presenters

Crystal Vela, *Training & Development Consultant*

All library staff are welcome to join us to learn more about the Aspen Catalog. This training session will cover Masquerade Mode and holds.



[Learn Now!](#)

User Group Updates

Recordings or summaries of group meetings available on the [SWAN support site](#).

Circulation Networking Group

Co-Chairs:

Victoria Muraiti, River Forest Public
Library

Melissa Willer, Downers Grove Public
Library

- Physical vs Digital Library Cards
- Caregiver Cards
- NEVER expiration dates for library cards
- Patron accounts in Aspen
- BLUEcloud Analytics update
- Circulation vs visits
- Validation of Patron Point records

E-Resource Working Group

2026 Project Focus: Getting Patrons to Use Electronic Resources



Topic Selected

Working Group voted to focus on getting patrons to use electronic resources.



Challenges Identified (KWL)

- Patron awareness gaps
- Inconsistent platform login requirements
- Technology hesitancy among patrons



Action Ideas Proposed

1

Things to do in Aspen

- Catalog Placards
- Web Resources
- Staff Lists & Browse Categories
- Collection Spotlights

2

In-Building Tactics

- Placards in the physical catalog
- Screensaver/Wallpaper rotation on public catalog
- One-page Reference Card

3

Programs & Events

- What's Free with Your Card?
- Staff E-Resource Scavenger Hunt
- Desk Conversation Script

4

Digital Outreach

- Email Newsletter
- Social Media



Additional Discussion:

- New e-resource additions to the collection
- Discussed configuring the Aspen patron purchase suggestion form for e-book and e-audio requests



Next Meeting
September 24, 2026

Upcoming Events

Register now for **2026** user groups, governance meetings, and office hours!

swanlibraries.net/meetings



Circulation Working Group (July 8)



Cataloging Working Group (July 9)



SWAN Board Meeting (July 17)



DUX Working Group (July 23)

SWAN is
closed Friday,
July 3rd!



Next Fireside

July 28, 2026

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

