

Minutes

2025: Open Library Community Call

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Call Leader: Note Taker:	Drini Scott	Lisa Drini	Mek Lisa	Scott Jim
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Call Details:

- Community call ([link](#)) every Tuesday at 9 AM Pacific.
- Design call ([link](#)) every Friday at 9 AM Pacific (for folks interested in design)
- Communications call ([link](#)) at 10 AM Pacific once a month (Thursday) - Next call to be held in September (*stay tuned*) 10am PDT, Thursday (for folks interested in our comms team)
- [How this call works](#)

Community: Add to the list of Open Mic topics for discussion and Blockers (i.e. issues personally faced) as needed.

Document Secretary: Mek (as of 2025-01-01)

Each week the **Document Secretary** is responsible for: (1) updating the ↓ (MM-DD) ↓ chart, (2) copying this week's minutes template, (3) reminding the community via slack in advance that the Community Call will be taking place. For example:

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Howdy @here -- our Weekly Community Call is today in X_hours (9:00am PT)
This week's call-leader is @Mek, notetaker is @Lisa (aka Sapphire)
https://zoom.us/j/369477551
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Agenda & Notes

If there's a topic you'd like brought up, please add it to the [Agenda](#) under *Open-Mic Topics*

This is a template. Scroll past this section to find the section for today's meeting

2025-11-11 (Facilitator:)

- Notetaker:

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Check out our [prompt](#) for inspiration!

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
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Next Week?

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Unresolved Action Items

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Prompt: New to the Call?

1. What's your **name**? *Pronouns?*
2. Where in the world are you **geographically**?
3. What's your primary **occupation**? *Student? Employed? Hobbyist? Job searching?*
4. **Which part** of the Open Library do you hope to work on? *Coding? Design? Comms? Librarianship?*
5. What is your top **reason** for being here? *To get a job? To learn? Find community?*
6. What is one way we can **support** you? *Finding a good issue? Getting setup? Code review? Docs?*

2025-11-25

-  Open Library 2026 Community Planning
 - Prompt
 - Do you agree that retention is a challenge for us (or is there a bigger / more significant challenge elsewhere?)
 - Why do you think people may not stick around?
 - Hypotheses: How might you address this problem?
 - Contributors
 - Lokesh
 - Participation is limited because of communications: patrons don't instantly understand why Open Library is different.
 - Amplify the differences/opportunities:
 - 1. Independent & nonprofit - a library, not a store
 - 2. Community-built - anyone can improve the catalog
 - 3. Open data & APIs - borrow, study, and build on your work
 - "The people's library". Feeling to go for: "This is my library. I can use it and help make it better."
 - Liz
 - If we communicated only one clear value proposition, this would increase retention because their expectations of the problems we can solve for them
 - Make the reader the hero of our story!
 - Mark
 - Clarifying value propositions
 - Gamification re: librarianship – awards from staff (note of thanks)
 - Catherine
 - Research, learning, how do I find a book
 - Communicating what feature / value is available
 - Onboarding
 - **Is there an app?**
 - Storygraph: Understanding what you're reading, simple, reading challenges
 - Fresno
 - If we improve granularity of read tracking (log updates), people will use Open Library + reading streaks
 - If we stop using generative AI, more demographics may be drawn to Open Library
 - Lisa
 - Setting expectations; what is Open Library here for.
 - From Patron Services perspective; I don't understand what Open Library is doing.
 - Point them to Lending Library
 - Point them to Reading Log

- Participate by customizing carousels
- Ray
 - If we had better infrastructure to deliver updates to patrons, we could help engage patrons in the way(s) they want (subscribe to notifications option)
 - Trending this week
 - Digest of friend group activity
 - Give patrons feedback about your impact (pokemon go, google maps, linkedin)
- Mek
 - Opportunity to centralize librarianship efforts

2025-11-18 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • Nancy Drew	• Nancy Drew	•
Liz	•	• Print Disability blog post? Yes, it went in May. • 2025 EOY? Liz votes for 2 diff posts FWIW. • Just sent a bunch of Nancy Drew stuff to Lisa. • Added a volunteer funnel version to the funnel doc.	• Blog posts • Quick meeting / followup / alignment doc
Eileen In NJ CS grad Job searching	• Welcome! 🙌 😊	• Looking to work on backend tasks	•
Freso	• Librarianing	•	• Table of Contents UI could be better for unscanned books! (e.g. preview; table view)
Ray	• Fastapi	• Fastapi	• n/a

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	Think about frontend systems	- Run author script	
Ishank	Occupied with Midterms	- Save page now pull request next steps - Explore more issues related to search recommendation	
Shikhar	- Added feature (add work to existing list from Bulk search) - Opened a PR in Lenny	Building Medium using FastAPI	
jchamp	- Implement activity feed review notes - work towards bookshare oauth flow	- ia -> ol ocaid sync - Wrap on activity feed - PR catch-up - continue work on bookshare oauth flow	
Mek	- Lenny lending flow w/ Roni - Open Library OPDS updates - Print Disability Access board report - BookServer Board Report - Added an integration test for Open Library login - Planning for Friday front-end call	- Open Library Board Report 2026 Planning - Project Management Very behind on PRs + issues	
Catherine	Sick so no work done :(	- Finish Canada Reads blog post - Add books for 2018 & 2019 to CR collections - Write instructions for how people can create/contribute a Special Collection - Wanting to help improve the Subjects page	- Unsure about the best way to organize the Subject page and who to contribute with
Edgar Toronto	No OL time last week	Hello! 🙌	
Roni	- Implemented addbook script within lenny to upload custom books within instance. - Add patch fix within Lenny	- Enable lenny to provide OPDS feed with single book feed. - Work on Lenny-app upload web-page.	Nope

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	Installation script. • Test lenny Installation on Live clusters to make sure it works.		
Nishant 	• First time on call! • Finding duplicate authors in db	• Add delete option to librarian ILE toolbar	•
Drini	• DDOS + Trap links • Solr perf tweaks/experiments	• Chapters in Solr perf trial • So many PRs... • BR A11y audit	•
Lokesh	• POC: Lit web components - Prototype - PR OL repo • POC: CSS clean up (PR incoming)	• Front-end meeting prep, additional POCs	•
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Open-Mic

- What's going on around the library?
 - a. Google auth weekend breakage?
 - b. DDOS?
 - c. Power outage?
 - d. Front-end discussion? (Friday)
 - e. Tagging effort? (Zo)
 - f. Table of contents editing

Next Week?

- 2026 Planning & Happy Thanksgiving!

2025-11-11 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

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Lisa	- Patron/librarian support - Nancy Drew!	same	Ongoing performance issues (frequently slow, but usually not down completely)
Scott B	Small PRS change with mek	Sentry prometheus metrics.	
Freso	Some librarianing		
Liz	Community call blog post		3 blog posts to get out this year - Want to align on focus for 2026
Roni	- Fix pyopds2_lenny and Lenny's OPDS feed. - Testing book server app with Lenny's OPDS feed. - Explored LangGraph	Working on Cursor, Lovable like app, was exploring E2B sandbox's	
Lokesh 👉	- Taking some time to work on personal/community projects. - Looking to work on the design systems.	Sharing proposal for design system implementation plan and prototype	
Edgar	Back to volunteer a bit more.		
Ray	- FastAPI - Look at delete queue	- FastAPI - going well - Review/run Author merge bot - Merge authors identical in every way that both only have one work (the same work)	
Mek	- Pyopds2 - PRS service	- November Planning + Project Management - Blog post for 2025 OLCC 2025 Board Report 2025 Board Video - Unblocking Roni (Lenny) - Unblocking Lokesh (Design System)	Performance Updated DDOS Guide

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		- Project for Thomas (BookReader? Library Explorer?) 2026 Community Plan	
Drini	- OL OPDS feed w Mek - DDOS - BR e2e testing fixes - Community call slides	- DDOS + Trap links - Perf of chapters in solr - PRs	
j champ	- wrapped on activity feed - working on/debugging Bookshare OAuth flow	- PR catch-up - Continue work on Bookshare OAuth	

Open-Mic

- Drini: OL Import experiment
- 2026: Brewster: [Tools for] Participation
 - Explaining the Prompt: “Hypotheses” (5 why’s, unpack)
 - **Hypothesis:** we don’t have enough info to know why patrons are bouncing, and we could if we encouraged more feedback via the site
 - **Hypothesis:** A more unclear conception re: platform priority (to guide + align *internal* development, focus)
 - **Hypothesis:** if when people visit the website we prompt them to install the PWA/TWA then we’d get more retention
 - This may increase discovery/conversion, not retention
 - When?** Nov 25th
 - Why is Open Library not “making the list” (eg Goodreads, storygraph)
 - What feedback we’ve gotten why people don’t use the site:
 - Not metadata
 - Performance (unusable)
 - We don’t know; we could get/encourage
 - Can’t control how their personal information is displayed
 - Could add a sort of “rate this site” prompt to understand why folks might be discouraged

Next Week?

2025-11-04

Open Library celebration

2025-10-28 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Scott B	• PRS WAF change with mek	• Try to get Sentry going in the affiliate server / Bookworm?	•
j champ	• OOO	• Wrap on activity feed • Test Bookshare OAuth flow (IA task) • PR catch-up • Consultation w/ U. Mich. students	•
Lisa	• October event	• Catch up	•
Liz	• Planning for 2026	• Presentation slides for Nov. 4	• Would like to quickly align on followup with Mek
Catherine	• Busy so not much!	• Writing blog post about Canada Reads • Prep for Nov 4 presentation	• Question: can you customize the order of a carousel?
Ray	•	• Fastapi? • Bot review •	•
Roni	• Creating my own SMTP server & scaling for learning how technologies work. • Fix small fix on new pyopds2 library. • Travelling to Delhi. Currently, in the hacker house.	• Change lenny's old OPDS feed to new pyopds2 library. • Test feed with Marc's book server app. • Finish PPT slides with 3 mins lighting talks for OL • Create archive.org pyopds2 example for public usage. • Focus on old ongoing personal projects like N8N clone & SMTP server.	• None
Mek	• 2026 Planning • Pyopds2 w/ Drini	• Remaining PRS Issues •	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Shikhar	- Working on openlibrary issue #11348 - Reading SBOL document's	- Working on open issue's - Migrating Sbol codebase from Java to Python	
Drini	- Chapters in solr now in staging solr + testing - Handle DDOS - OPDS endpoint improvements w Mek - Fix bug with list carousels - Performance test fast API w Ray 2026 planning w team	- Performance test chapters in solr - Finalize haproxy changes for fastapi - More OPDS work - Prep for community celebration	
Freso	Some librarianing		
Nick			

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- Ray: How to handle bot review? Should I run it if it looks good or staff want to review it?
 - With one off scripts we haven't always added them to the openlibrary-bots repo, but at least put it in a collab so it's public. We also want people be able to get credit for the work they've done.
 - Review can be Ray ensuring it looks good and then simply running it.
- Updates
 - 2025-10-29 This Wednesday: Mek @ Boston Library Consortium Digital Lending
 - 2025-10-31 This Friday, meeting w/ UMich Friday students
 - 2025-11-04 **2025 Open Library Community Celebration**
 - 2025-11-17 **ABC Roadmap Planning call**
 - 2025-11-25 **2026 Community Roadmapping**
- Ray: Is the postgres upgrade still under consideration?
 - Answered in Slack, where the answer is: to be determined.
 - Put Open Library in read-only mode during data dump + migration attempt
 - LVM + piece-wise upgrade psql from 9.3 to 17
 - Can we use write-ahead log to apply changes to latest dump?
- Ray: Monospace font for titles on work merge UI?
 - Ray: this is specifically in the merge UI where you see the titles all next to each other.
 - Mek: all diffs should be monospace.

- Catherine: What is the protocol for adding/modifying the general [subjects](#) page?
- Drini: Demo subjects/tags + TOCs in search

Next Week?

2025-10-14 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
j champ	• Fix reading log exports (deleted item) • Fix and run legacy preference updater script • Worked towards an activity feed	• Activity feed	•
Lisa	• Metadata • patron/librarian support	• Same • Prepare for october event	•
Scott B	• Nothing. 😞	• Try to get Sentry working on the Affiliate Server / Bookworm	•
Shikhar	•	• Working on openlibrary repo open issue's	•
Nick	• No updates this week	• Learning and staying up-to-date with communications	•
Freso	• Librarianing	•	•
Catherine	• Added carousels to the Collection:Canada Reads subject page and added info to make it a more informative page!	• Continue adding book metadata and canada reads tags for books from 2017-2019 • Write blog post about my experience w Canada Reads project	• More of a question: how to clean up the carousel on the tag page that only shows one book? (I think it's the original carousel on the page)
Ray	• Traveling	• FastAPI	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		- Wikidata - Wikipedia pages for works?	
Liz	- Met with Nick - In San Francisco	2025 Comms Retro 2026 Comms Strategy	
Roni	- Exploring OPDS - Sync with Marc for OPDS fulfillment for Lenny.	- Test current OPDS feed on Marc's bookserver app. - Explore E2B & firecracker sandbox Tech.	None
Drini	In SF		
Girish 🖐️	- First time - From India - Friends with Roni - Passionate about coding and open source - Works for small startup		
Mek		- Library Leader's Forum - UMich survey - Boston Library Consortium - Nov 4th, Community Celebration - Lenny (Library-in-a-box) Auth Flow - Update Volunteer Form?	

Open-Mic

- Roni bhakta OpenLibrary MCP server (side project idea proposal)
- Ray: Is the postgres upgrade still under consideration?
- Catherine: What is the protocol for adding/modifying the general [subjects](#) page?

Next Week?

2025-10-07 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	- IA/Librarian support - Metadata (IA/OL) - Worked with Drini & Jude to improve MARC import tool	Same	
Scott B	Nothing!	Hook up prometheus to ol-solr0	
J. Champ	- Fix patron exports when <code>/type/delete</code> items present - Fix issue with legacy preference updater script		
Elizabeth	○	- Planning for next year - Maybe fix the video - Coordinate travel	
Mek		Library Leaders Forum presentation	
Shikhar	Attended solana event	Trying to make some impactful pr's	
Drini	- Solr on-track for prod deploy tomorrow (w Scott) - Finished marc assigner tweaks for Lisa - Surprise downtime during deploy due to updated nginx njs package - Worked with Jim Shelton for his BR work - Storage issue on ol-home0	- Solr prod migration in progress - Acquisitions in solr demo-able - Translations code reviews for Sandy - Tocky search demo-able	

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Next Week?

2025-09-30 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

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Weekly Updates

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • Metadata issues • IA EU meetup	• Patron/librarian support • Metadata issues	• performance
Nick	• October (November) Celebration ◦ Save the date: Blog post ◦ LinkedIn: Update Posted ◦ BlueSky: Update Posted	•	•
J. Champ	• Create script to update legacy preferences • Fixing patron reading log export bug	• Fix reading log export bug • Integrate BookShare API • Catch up on PR reviews	•
Jessica	• Worked on source records issue #11307	•	• Waiting for PR https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/11307
Shikhar	• Familiarizing self with codebase	• Reading OL docs	•
Roni	•	• Researching other applications' usage of OPDS	•
Drini	• Performance fixes - blocking	• PRs	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	suspicious traffic • BR readAloud •	• Translations for BR • Solr updater • Acquisitions field to solr support	
Freso	• Librarianing	•	•
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Next Week?

2025-09-23 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Mek

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Weekly Updates

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• ... sad face ...	• Maybe investigate /isbn more. • Automate TLS certificates for non-public facing hosts, such as jenkins (?) • Add prometheus analytics to Solr.	•
Liz	• Tried web book AI bookmarklet / reported bug • Wrote 2(ish) community celebration posts	• Hopefully get some blog posts / social out?	• Blog posts edit/approval by Mek • Bookmarklet issues • Personal / work

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Mek	- Refactored Lenny Make system - Prototyped Open Library OTP auth - Solr re-index - Remove/set Internet Archive IDs - Curators now have the ability to Tag (and I think edit page?) - Reduce Archive.org metadata issues (	Last round of October planning	
Ishank	Updated s3 fetch logic with internetarchive python library for SPN integration	PR review and test help	- Check if ia uses ~/.config/ia.ini for storing creds in production
Lisa	- IA Europe open house - patron/librarian support - metadata	- Same except open house - Carolyn Keene disambiguation	
Mark	- Librarian Work - OL Reader app - Other projects	The same	
J. Champ	- Fix identifier editing - Open tag editing/creation to curators - Add safemode to query carousels	- Prep to remove preferences from thing DB	
Drini	- Half-week while on holiday 250 CS books TOCs extracted	- Translations - Some BR issues for TTS - PRs - Solr acquisitions - Tocky tweaks + improvements	
Catherine	- Canada Reads collection for Special collection and as a subject/tag collection - Looking at other people's codes to understand how to code queries for carousels - Batch edited books tagged as collection:canada reads into specific years - very	- Continuing to fix metadata and add subjects to Canada Reads books from 2002-2022 - Working on understanding code for carousels	- Writing queries for carousels (help me pleeeaaase!) - Subjects created that are labelled 'collection:' and having them categorized as collection vs subject

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	efficient! • Submitted GitHub ticket about permission to edit subject pages to add carousels for curators		
Alex undergrad	• CS undergrad, volunteered at a library before • Open Library - great place to find English books :) • python + javascript • Debugged the developers/routes/ page	• Learn more about Open Library • Find another issue to work on	•
Roni	• Find the fix for Radium Thorium reader to crash within Lenny. • Prepare PPT for GSoC lightning talk. • Add support to other bugs on call with Mek, fixing cloudflared Tunneling for Lenny	• Finish API refactor for Lenny with new workflow and test the endpoints. • Test OTP check within newworkflow Lenny does and work on demo script. • Continue work on other personal projects. • Was a speaker for GSoC 3 min lightning talks event virtually today	•
Shikhar 🙌	• Typscript & python	• Familiarizing self with codebase	•
Nur	•	•	•
Freso	• Tiny bit of librarianing	•	•
Nick	•	•	•

Open-Mic

- **[Freso]** MARC and languages (cf. [#6709](#), [#11054](#))
 - a. What would be needed to support languages that are not supported by MARC?
 - Do MARC language codes mostly correspond to ISO codes or are there a lot of code conflicts?
 - Do we export things in MARC format?
 - Would we need a mapping for languages with ISO codes that don't have unique codes in MARC to be able to translate from one to the other?
 - Are languages their own "objects" in infogami? Can they have properties so the mapping could live directly 'on' the language (e.g., `languages/tcy` could have `marc-code=dra`)?
- **Liz:** Bookmarklet issues:

- a. Let's use testing.openlibrary.org
- **Catherine:**
 - a. [Answered] Subject tags that are 'collection:' - how to categorize them as a collection vs a subject (and how to make them searchable) → Seems okay, I'll continue tagging subjects as I have been
 - b. Queries for carousels - assistance understanding the code to create them
- OcToBeR 🔥
 - a. <https://blog.archive.org/trillion/>

Next Week?

2025-09-16 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Freso	• Wee bit of librariansing • Went to Open Food Facts Days ◦ Found a queer feminist bookshop-café and accidentally got some books. "Oops." 😊	• Bunch of RL stuff	•
Liz	• OL What We've Done This Year • OL Goals Next Year • Use cases to Mek and Drini • Tested bulk search for Drini in collections context • Tested OL AI feature test of bulk search • OL personal lists from bulk search testing / creation • Proofread Sept. 12 blog post • Wrote / sent social for Sept. 12 blog post	• OL social 4 blog posts • Send OL social on lists • Edit long blog post? • Community Celebration Blog Post?	• Soft-live blog posts • Social needs check from Mek • Not-live blog posts (will need editing after alignment) • Web book import (bookmarklet) – merged, maybe deployed today? • Timing predictability would be great as we get better at this. • Set date for community celebration
Mek	• Blog post for Solr • Auth to Open Library	• BookShare	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Roni	- End-to-end Lenny Demo script - Lending bug fix within lenny - Finished final blog post. - Cloned n8n webhook trigger (personal project) - Created 3 min powerpoint presentation for GSoC Lightning Talk series	- Try fixing demo script for encryption. - Continue working on personal projects - Explore langChain & langGraph agents. Integrate it with n8n clone webhook trigger	None
Jessica 👉	- Considering career change into archival studies - Front-end experience - In job-search mode - Interested in learning python	Blocked on 1:1 w/ Mek re: fellowship opportunities? (front-end + back-end)	
Catherine	Got privileges to create collections, so reading and learning how to create one for Canada Reads	- Actually creating the collection page! - Continuing to update the book data related to Canada Reads collection	- Not fully understanding how to create the collection page in Open Library - need help understanding the instructions - How to build a carousel
Ishank	Worked on spn migration to ia.py	Next steps for PR	Correct source of truth to obtain s3 keys through some IA library → using `internetarchive` python tool
Nur 👉 From Italy	- Using Open Library for personal librarianship - Working on Italian books - Italy does lots with Wikimedia		
Drini	- JS security fixes - Surprise solr performance issues - Tocky - run with 250 CS books – 180/250 done		
J. Champ	Work towards preference validations	- PR catch-up - Update carousels for safe-mode - Prep to remove preferences from thing DB + BookShare conv :)	

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- Community Celebration **Nov 4th!** → mek to create calendar invite
- Nur – Bugs? Github Issues?
 - a. When creating new books, the image/cover was breaking (possibly solr or 503?) – submitting too quickly can crash?
 - b. Creating new books sometimes go directly to book... editing the edition sometimes creates a second record for same books
 - c. How to delete books you've created?
- Demo of collection pages (record)
- Catherine: Collection Pages
 - a. <https://openlibrary.org/help/faq/collections>
 - b. Finding collection (search not working)
 - c. Subject/Tag Pages: On the [collection:canada reads](#) page, the books are being added but they aren't being displayed in the carousel
 - carousel text filter might be for borrowable books only, can add a custom carousel to the page body
 - Difficulty searching for the collection:canada reads tag/subject on the site
 - d. Open Library [Collection Guide](#) instructions - help understanding how/where to create a collection page (directly in url!)
 - e. Liz would like to note that there are similar projects hitting similar roadblocks. And that it does seem important to also tag things with collectionID:whatever for the reasons Mek noted (collections pages not searchable). Also, pls schedule joust.
- MARC and languages (cf. [#6709](#), [#11054](#)) (Freso)
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Next Week?

2025-09-09 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • IA metadata quality improvement • Still sorting out the George Martins • Adding tables of contents with Tocky • Gave feedback to Liz (see open mic) • IA Europe meetup • Misc other IA stuff	• Same • QA bookserver collections	•
Scott?	• Thorium-web merged •	• Thorium-web • Reconcile run • Covers with mek on Wednesday.	•
J Champ	• Discovered a number of ocaids in the store that can be linked to OL records •	• DB upgrade prep	•
Liz	• Edited long blog post somewhat • Video draft (works, editions, adding web books) • Put in GitHub ticket (collections, lists) • Wrote social	• ?	• It would help to know when projects are releasing (including comms projects)
Freso	• Not much of anything OL related	• Off to Open Food Facts Days this weekend	•
Mek	• PRS Thorium Web • BookServer conversations	• Open Library OTP • Fix Amazon automatic cover imports on Wednesday • Exploring Open Library account activation from openlibrary.org	•
Roni	• Working on Blog post • Explored reverse engineering Trading platform (personal) • Explored TimescaleDB, Redis & websocket.	• Finish Blog post. • Woking on reverse engineering n8n platform & finish working on Trading platform project.	• None
David	•	•	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Catherine	Updating Canada Reads collection w book details	- Adding book details to Canada Reads collection; adding covers & descriptions - Started adding Collection:Canada Reads tags to books	- How to bulk edit tags from personal lists so I can add Collection:Canada Reads to the books - Need permission to create the collection? - Collection:Canada Reads tag is appearing but not all the books added are displaying in the carousel
Jaye	Family stuff	- Created a PR yesterday for issue #10620 - Working on improving mobile experience! (#11216)	
Drini	- Translations w Sandy - Improve TTS - avoid headers/footers	- Deploy 3 PRs to merge before deploy - Some small JS security fixes before deploy - Run solr optimize - Kick off solr reindex - Tocky experiment with models to begin 10k set - Release translations into public beta - Add some new fields to solr for supporting an experiment in the IA called bookserver	
Ray	- Add timeout for localhost - Ruff rule for top level imports	- Fastapi for search?	August 1 Typehints Retry POST mergeUI - How to instrument fastapi endpoint for search?
Nick			

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- Lisa: Publisher names format for web books should not be a URL...right?
- Lists, bulk search and collections
- Ray: Instrumenting fastapi endpoints vs usual endpoints?
 - a. They'd be at the same url but nginx redirecting % of traffic
- Catherine: searching for [Collection:Canada Reads](#) & works not displaying in the carousel

Next Week?

2025-09-02 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Check out our [prompt](#) for inspiration!

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • IA metadata • Author conflation • IA stuff	• same	• Community lists permissions?
Scott B	• Lack of success with penpot.	• Hopefully success with penpot. • Try to look at cover image imports for AMZ.	•
Liz	• Blog posts (multiple) • GitHub tickets • Learning how library stuff works	• Video?	• Let me know when okay to do social on the blog posts.
Catherine	• Created all the Canada Reads lists from 2022-2024 using the bulk search - SO helpful! •	• Continue reviewing book info for the lists	• How to add tags in bulk to all the books in my Canada Reads lists • Are tags subjects?
J Champ	• More work on ocaid disassociation + patron anonymization	• More prep for DB upgrade	•
Roni	• Worked on a Blog post. • Looking into Lenny-app feature needs. • Worked on a personal Trading Platform project. • Learned about redis features, how it works, etc.	• Work on the final GSoC blog post • Work on OPDS support for Lenny-app. • Continue to work on a trading platform. • School exams.	•
Drini	• Translations W Sandy	• Translations w Sandy	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	○ Downloaded latest FF models ● Sandy blogpost ● Mockups	● Toc extraction	
Ray	● FastAPI work continues here	● Review emma PR for harding IA cover upload button when cover is already uploaded ●	● Retry for mergeUI POST request PR review
Devyanshi	● Not much to update this week – focusing on learning.	●	●
Nick	● Just here to say hi.	●	●
Mek	●	● Reduce Archive.org metadata requests ● Deploy Today ● Friday October Goals ● Friday presentation for University of Michigan ● Lenny / OTP ●	●
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Open-Mic

- Catherine: Lists works v editions
 - a. A related question I have is: When you add a cover image for the edition, the work seems to inherit it. That doesn't seem ideal since different editions may well have different covers and that is inaccurate. [When rendering a book, it pulls a cover from an edition that seems most relevant to the user.]
 - b. Is a list showing works or editions? Manually can do either. Bulk search works diff. than manual (adds the work or prefers an edition that's readable). Or maybe there's a bug?
 - c. So we should be using works in the list? Seems yes.
- Ray: Is data about loans (borrows) available?
 - a. For example: If I wanted to see books with:
 - an IA edition
 - And Published before 1930
 - And no Project Gutenberg edition
 - Sorted by most borrows (recently)?
 - b. The idea is to share this with the Project Gutenberg folks (and probably find some works to merge along the way)
 - c. Answer: You can see "views" from IA API. But probably easier to use want to reads.

- Ray: Is it possible that our OL experiences a performance slowdown when the IA becomes slow, specifically because our synchronous codebase causes all WSGI workers to become fully saturated while waiting for IA responses, thereby preventing them from processing other requests that don't rely on IA?
 - a. Answer: Yes. Also, Mek has been working hard to get IA out of the critical code path.
 - b. Partials.json would be a great candidate for the FastAPI early endpoints.
- Liz: Lists in general are important/strategic. If we're going to have people use personal lists for now, we need to make it easy to export/import them to community lists. I made a ticket.

Next Week?

2025-08-26 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Check out our [prompt](#) for inspiration!

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Freso	• Not much; a bit of librarianing	• Probably also not much, with a bit of librarianing :)	•
raghav	• Not much; communicating on the channel	• Getting together for a job	• None
Liz	• Lenny blog editing • Wrote but did not send social on some collections	• Send social • Start video • Template	• Work • Not blocked but curious about how the "approve" button is going. • FYI collections note
Jaye	• Worked on issue #10620	• Met with Mek, Drini, and Sunny yesterday about improving the UI on the search page • Wrapping up issue #10620!	•
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • Metadata • Author conflation • Mostly non OL stuff this week	• The usual	• Question, not a blocker. It looks like all patrons can now add an ocaid to an Open Library record. Is this on purpose?

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
J. Champ	• Migrated pd preferences to store • Update preferences API + pd dashboard query • Fixed account anonymization bug	• OCAID disassociation • Wrap on anonymization	•
Roni	• Worked on Lenny send-mail limiter and other parts like auth check workflow. • Provide support to PRS project with thorium web reader • Worked on lenny blog post • Lenny-app support with Nginx reverse proxy	• Finish up final GSoC blog post • Test the whole system workflow with lending + borrowing inside lenny. • Work on PRS finishes wiring up with redirects. • Work on lenny-app sandbox. • Personal project, cloning exness trading platform	• None
Drini	• Designs for search facets • New solr dashboards/metrics • Update to latest solr • New solr fields for finding web books, list seed_count • Orphan fixed merged! Waiting on a full reindex - next Tu	• Translations/GSOC wrap up w Sandy • Tocky	•
Mek	• Spinning up teams ◦ List Showcase ◦ Search Facets; met w/ Drini, Jaye, & Sunny! ◦ Import Queue • Penpot? 🎨 • PRS?	• Finalizing GSoC w/ Roni • Sep 5, 2025 presentation for UMich • Clarifying BookServer September push (& mobile) • October goals ◦ Bookshare integration? ◦ Simplifying Registration?	• Out Thurs: Immigration Interviews • Approve Button • Performance, homepage • OL calling metadata too much • Patrons allowed to add ocaids?!
Mark	• Librarian work • Other projects	• Same	•
Ray	• FastAPI ◦ 20x throughput for authors ◦ Nice results for APIs • Review PR for better IA Covers for Editions	• MergeUI retry logic? • Coming months (Wikidata next steps)	• PR to remove old redirects (3 weeks old) • PR to add typehints (2 weeks old) • Two upload buttons on the Cover image form? – mek • 429 merge POST failure?

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott	Penpot PRs.	Merge the penpot PRs.	
Catherine	Working on a collection for Canada Reads book nominees and winners from 2002-2025; editing books details and adding them to personal lists	- Continue editing book details and creating lists for 2022 onwards - Continue learning how I want to best contribute to OL	Wondering how to add the collection to Open Library once I'm ready to have the collection available - send the info to someone or access permission to create the collection myself?
Nick	Just tuning in.		
Ishank	I have gone through the API contracts as mentioned in this document and got the S3 access and secret key.	Working on integration this week: Issue	Not Yet

Open-Mic

- Ray: POSTs and rate limits.
 - a. Ray will create an issue here.
- Liz: Lists / Collections / Permissions / Bulk – in the context of Canada Reads, Pulitzer biographies, Booker List, etc. / Q about tagging/collections
- Drini: Feedback Mobile Search + Facets Designs

Next Week?

2025-08-19 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Check out our [prompt](#) for inspiration!

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Freso	Maybe some librarianing?	Ipv6 web book? (wayback)	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• PRS	• AMZ imports and covers. • Prometheus exporter for HAProxy, possibly Solr (with Drini). • Push penpot forward for more broad usage?	• Imports – covers • Import Queue ◦ Approve batch
Lisa	• Patron/volunteer support • IA metadata • Author disambiguation	• Same • Off Thursday and Friday	•
Mek	• Performance Issues • October Planning	• BookShare? • Support Roni on OPDS + Lending → implement testing.openlibrary.org opds	•
Krishna	• Raised PR for issue 11139 • Raised PR for issue 11114 • Provided designs related to activity feed cards to David.(wireframes 😊)	• Learning Figma for contributing to designs related to activity feed. • Looking out for more issues.	•
J. Champ	• Created new <code>pg_dump</code> from production + ran <code>pg_restore</code> • Update pref-to-store script • More work on IA->OL acct anonymization	• Fix account anonymization bug • Work towards IA->OL ocaid disassociation	•
Onno	• Mainly merge reviews, • a bit of work on cleaning up Richard St. Barbe Baker, • Creating readable books for public domain books that are not yet available on OL	• Probably same	• Where to best upload the finished files for the public domain works so that others can easily use them? ◦ Open mic question? —F • “The Open Access Library”
Roni	• Lenny-app supports docker now. I.e TurboRepo + Docker. • Lenny auth redirect html pages for user inputs + auth logic refactor. • GSoC final blog post changes with on-going work and updates.	• Work on lenny auth checks with a new approach. • Add more clarity and details to the blog post and report to Liz and provide support to make the blog post much better. • Make sure everything works and lenny-app is able to load Lenny OPDS feed to it, and once Mek is done with the	• None

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		xAuth integration part trying OPDS on Moon Reader app on Mobile apps.	
Liz	- Met with Mek - Tested bookmarklet - Glitch investigation - Fixed some bookmarklet documentation - With Scott's and Mek's help, used GitHub and tried to do a P/R for the ChatGPT code - Used bookmarklet on web books in the spreadsheet - Created an AI social bookmarklet that can take a book newly added to Open Library and create a baseline for the kind of social post I want written about it - Tried but failed to do the same thing for a collections social bookmarklet. - Started editing blog post re. Lenny	*Edit blog post re. Lenny	- Does the AI bookmarklet add editions to works? I don't think so. - I thought the works I added worked, but I don't see them in the library. Ah, Scott just explained that. - If there is a design call someday, I really would love a sharable badge. - Notebook LM question – I assume the Lenny video is Notebook LM. Do we have a “remove watermark” version. And is it okay to use for other videos? - Busy week
Drini	- Designs for search facet bar - Solr/performance monitoring	- Translations - More issue/pr catchup - Tocky work	
Azure			Busy schedule
Ray	- Improving mergeUI errors (deploy soon!) - Caching Random - Fastapi async python	- Project Gutenberg book request - Tutorials	- Old Redirects PR here (charles) - PR for typehint literals here (jim) - Flagging this error
Nick			

Opportunities

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Open-Mic

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Next Week?

- October & Strategy
- Designs

2025-08-12 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Weekly Updates

Check out our [prompt](#) for inspiration!

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• PRS deployment help.	• A bit more PRS deployment help. • Amazon cover import issue.	•
J. Champ	• Delete all <code>merge-authors-debug</code> entries from store • Investigate <code>store_count.py</code> failures	• Migrate <code>pd</code> settings to store • Account anonymization via IA • Kick off new <code>pg_dump</code> in support of DB upgrade effort	•
Freso	• Librarianing	•	•
Liz	• Met with Sterling • Met with Lisa re. Video • Followed up with Catherine • Loaded up blog post • Social on blog post • Tried and failed to use the bookmarklet	• Bookmarklet • Video? • Roni-social, etc.?	• Bookmarklet • Life
Drini	• Holiday!	• Fix issue with some zombie authors • Translations w Sandy • Catchup on PRs/issues	•
Kenneth 👋	• Python dev • Looking for python projects to contribute to • Background in dev, and literature, and books!		

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Jaye SC	- Welcome back from 2023! - Taking some time away from a stressful job	- Got dev env set back up! - Dipping my toes back in	
Roni	- Re-designed Lennyforlibraries.org website. - Added encoding to Radium manifest.json PRS - Lenny auth-flow fix. - Hospitalized for last 4-days	- Continue support for lenny auth-flow. - Add login/otp webpage support to lenny.	None
Robert 🖐	Looking to see where I can contribute!		
Onno	Reviewed merge requests, cleaned up Agnes Grisebach and Arnold Hottinger, started cleanup of Hans-Joachim Gehrke	same	Creating Table of Contents is really annoying
David		Leading a team to implement list cards with a follow button to encourage folks to engage more	
Adrian 🖐	Investigated issue #486 regarding edition's book cover's alt text showing the wrong author	Looking to develop python/fe skills + experience contributing to OS + working in a team	Waiting for response from issue lead → drini@archive.org
Mek	What is PRS? A way to make all Archive.org epub's readable in the browser!	- Working on a new volunteering process - Meeting with David Ragipi + the List Showcase & Follow Team! - Open Library is shaping a position - October Roadmap	
Krishna	- Completed tasks assigned in this table - Understood Solr DB and how Openlibrary's backend works under the hood. - Completed the feature request for this issue		

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Ray	- Final(ish) typehints - Caching random 		- Drini: Fix mergeUI ratelimit issue here Merged! - Various small PRs
Lisa	- Patron/librarian support - Met with Liz - Metadata - Fixing author conflation - Issue for stats page	Same	- History re:source files and when they were associated with item - Maybe something with account verification
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Open-Mic

- Code culture for new contributors - pair programming?
- Popular books – [Open Library - Popular Releases](#)
 - a. Where to find these books?
 - NYTimes Best Sellers Bot (client library & Firewall rules)
 - F[can you post the link Onno?]
 - <https://metabooks.com/>
 - Mek to check Better World Books
 - Publishers Weekly? – Krishna
 - b. How to make “loggable” books less confusing
 - Books to read v. Books to log ☐
 - Variable home page
 - c. Can we re-enable amazon imports if ISBN is known
 - d. How do we know how we're doing?
- Quick Demo Tocky

Next Wee

2025-08-05 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
J. Champ	• Sitemap generation bug fix • Work towards adding OL account anonymization to IA account deletion flow	• Continue IA -> OL account anonymization • Migration of pd settings to store	•
Scott B	• Get penpot (open source Figma alternative) going • Current design system.	• Public Radium Service.	•
Nick	• Curated list of web books • Incorporated Liz's feedback for preferred web books	• Continuing with curating web books • Experimenting with repeatable prompt to share with other contributors if needed	• May not be on the call today (no blockers)
Liz	• Reviewed Nick's web books list • Coordinated with Ella • Corrected documentation framing • Volunteer form input	• One last look at trending blog post • How do I use the bookmarklet? • Create documentation for bookmarklet • Video for Lisa	• Trending blog post • Bookmarklet • What should be in the video
Roni	• Upgraded Lenny with Latest Radium Manifest server & Thorium Web Reader version. • Added TurboRepo support to Lenny-app.	• Write some tests for OTP check within Lenny. • Sync with Mek, helping each-other to get the auth-check workflow on the right path. • Upgrade PMS Radium manifest server with latest Radium version. • Add a video which explains Lenny's whole idea of how Lenny works..... On the current lennyforlibraries.org website.	•
Lisa S.	• Patron/librarian support • Metadata backlog	same	• Would be nice if the record history displayed source records on the date imported.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
			- Intermittent performance issues, yesterday and today https://openlibrary.org/status is sometimes very slow
Ray B.	- Ruff modernization (merged) - Merge UI fixes (waiting on Drini) - Remove old locations from authors Fly Report	Fix docs deploy	- PR to remove dead location code #11100 - Broken author page - PR review from Jim for typehints here and here
Evan X 👋	Recently joined →figuring out how to help out	Continue to help with cataloging and documentations	
Azure 👋	- Recently joined the slack - UMich Library Science 2024 grad student - Volunteering at University Archives	- Onboarding - Develop priorities for volunteering	
Catherine G. 👋 Ottawa, CA	Recently joined slack, finding my bearings and how to help out	Continue reading documentation and determine tasks best suited to my skillset	
Sterling 👋	- Just joined the slack channel - I work with Chris Freeland; director of Library Services	Get more involved	
Krishna G. 👋	- Fixed bugs related to Lists Card components. - Made a community label for community lists. - Golang, backend	Working alongside David to design and fix Lists.	
Devyanshi T.	Focusing on an exam at the moment.		
David R.	Working on some frontend development (list showcases) to make the platform a bit more social so people can better connect.		

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Mek	• Project management: Milestone for August • Meeting with University of Michigan about a course collaboration	• Performance • Supporting the community ◦ Homepage padding ◦ “Waitlist” ◦ List Showcase • Deploy	•

Open-Mic

-  Open Library - Popular Releases

Next Week?

- October!

2025-07-29 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Sentry distributed tracing	• More distributed tracing.	•
Freso	• some librarianing	•	•
Lisa	• librarian/patron support • la metadata stuff	•	•
Roni	• Worked on Lenny-app setup • Lenny Auth check	• Refactor Auth check for lenny • Work on providing OPDS feed with-in Lenny-app	• None
Liz	• Web books documentation request for Mek & Drini (sent over my docs + awesome step-by-step created by Nick) • Joined GitHub • Reviewed trending blog edits • Updated spreadsheets	• Work with Nick on Web books • Web books bookmarklet • Want to rewrite the welcome doc • Hopefully send trending blog post to copy editorM	• Mek, do you need to see trending blog post before it goes to final copy edit? Mek will take a quick look today but trusts Drini.

[illegible]

Open-Mic

- Better volunteer onboarding
 - a. Librarian video – maybe Liz can work with Lisa?
 - b. Add [Onno's docs](#) & FAQs into docs.openlibrary.org
 - c. Lisa: Librarian volunteer minimum criteria
 - Lisa: it might be good to give more context so people know what they're applying for: have you used Open Library, have you made at least 50 edits to book records, etc.
 - Liz: there is also sometimes a task mismatch, where some of the tasks that can and should be done right now might not fit neatly into librarian work, dev, comms, or design. These tasks have no home yet.
- Design Process [Open Library Design System](#)
- Open Library Tour! (recorded: 20min)

Next Week?

2025-07-22 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • IA metadata stuff	• same	•
Freso	• librarianing	•	• Blocked by a merge
Onno Settled in to new job!	• Finished improving Faye Kellerman author profile • Reviewing Merge requests • Happy with the completion status bar • Settled in new job	•	• If a work has multiple ISBNs, the work internal search only finds the topmost ISBN.
Liz	• Blog post – trending • Tested ChatGPT thing • Got 2FA enabled on blog • Thoughts to Mek/Lisa after last meeting • Edited onboarding comm	• More web books / ChatGPT thing	• Reading levels make live (Mek) • Trending (Drini then Mek then Ella) • Also, Q about this bookmarklet thing...where would I put the JSON, or is that a dev thing? ◦ http://openlibrary.org/import/batch/new ←

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Roni	• Prototyped the borrowing books inside Lenny • Tried hosting personal server using my old machine power by coolify • Struggled on writing blog post,	• Refactor the whole Lenny DB schema again with new requirements • Plan something for the New Lenny-app (website) project for people to try the Lenny system with a new Landing page.	• None
Ray House sitting!	• UV PRs • Web book bookmarklet improvement	• Import matching idea: right now if an author has a date in OL we won't match to an author with no date. What if we have it so if they have a work with same title then we merge	
J. Champ	• Worked on remediation script for some remaining store entries for anonymized patrons • Create endpoint for account anonymization • Make improvements to the author merge debug data deletion script	• Finish remediation script • Continue store clean-up • Deployment today •	•
Raghav	• Win - Im on a speech/talking fast today & its been a long long one, as most days are! & a 10 mile (is that 16km?) wun today! • On deck - working on a issue on gitpod (which I am surprisingly excited for...) • working well - i am excited to contribute to finetuning the search inside OL	•	•
Drini Enjoying Albania	• Implementing ability to select books in carousels for ILE actions (merging, tagging, etc) • Add trending to search sort options • Make subject/publisher page edition-aware + sort by	• BR / Tocky next steps • Translations w Sandy • Add field to find web books in solr • Trending	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	- trending by default • Add UI to search results to view trending score • Explore small style/font tweaks to OL • Make autocomplete edition-aware • Investigate search ranking issues • Fix bug with author pages, list pages not showing read button for web books • Refactor: DRY up rendering of trusted book provider read buttons		
Mek	• Q3 & Milestone Planning • Registration Revamp • Shared Account Deactivation • Lenny Lending	• Deploy → deploy 2 P1 fixes My Books & Exports	•

What's working well this week?

- **Onno:** OL is Faster!
- **Liz:** Blog Posts more streamlined
- **Drini:** Trending gives lots of ways for librarians to improve Open Library
- **Mek:** Trending is working well on the homepage
 - Collection pages are easier to make and the pages themselves perform faster (async carousel)
 - Follow counts have increased based on David's "List Cards" work

Open-Mic

- Ray: New Authors & authors w/ and w/o birth dates
 - a. No solution yet :) Use solr? Use work titles?
- Drini: Design tweaks to fonts/bg colour
 - a. Test accessibility
- Mek: Drini can you show carousel ILE?
 - a. Context menu (for a single item) versus select box (for multi-select)
- Drini: Trending pill in search results

Next Week?

2025-07-15 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • IA metadata	• Same	•
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Liz	• Went through the spreadsheet; identified 55 books to add • Oh and also the TBP's are also noted in the spreadsheet.	• Can I / how do I test the AI thing you demo'd to add those books? • Update comms channel	• Reading blog post • Can you send me the AI thing to test?
Freso	• Some librarianing	•	•
J. Champ	• Test and run author merge debug data removal script • Investigate OL account anonymization on IA account deletion	• PR catch-up • Store data clean-up: anonymized account data	•
Scott B	• Got distributed tracing working on OL + IA Petabox.	• ?	• None
Roni	• I worked on the Radium CLI version update for lenny. • Deepdive into Radium LCP architecture to get it integrated into Lenny.	• Work on the Borrowing Workflow through Lenny. • Work on Blog post, thanks to Mek for help. •	• None
Mek	• Fixed Deploy script • Merged AI script for web books • Created "Programming Languages" collection • Fixed Nginx: logged in patrons exempt from blocking rules	• SqlFluff • Fixing P1: My Books (fix solr if deleted/redirected books) • Project Management catch-up • Fix covers in imports • ILE for Carousels • Subjects page (powered by)	• Give Liz access to ChatGPT prompt for web books

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Drini	- Trending released! - Translations planning for Sandy	- Small updates to trending - Trending blogpost prep for Liz - BR / Tocky next steps - Add field to find web books in solr	
Raghav		- Update our "Project using Open library APIs" page w Lisa - Testing the search option - Try Gitpod	

Open-Mic

- **Raghav:** Lists improvements
- **Mek:** How to get cover urls (in import record) working again (proxy)
- **Mek:** Rolling out librarian access to the public? (have an opt-in toggle)
- **Mek:** Increase visibility of librarian tools; e.g.
- **Mek:** Implement (click-to-edit → merge request) for at least one field
- ~~Liz: Were we going to discuss catalog vs. reading? We ran out of time last time.~~
- **Liz:** Home page, now that trending is awesome—change the order of the lines? And sometimes the verbiage? (See notes in Slack [here](#) and [here](#).)
- Liz summarizes what she means by audience funnel stages:
 - Awareness (the product exists) → Strong because IA, Wikipedia, Google, etc
 - Consideration / Interest (research using it among other alternatives) → Weak because of (f)
 - Engagement (interact with the brand) → Click an initial action
 - Conversion (use the product / buy the product) → Registration
 - Retention / Loyalty (use it / buy it again / repeat customer / user) → Reading Log, Reading history, Following
 - Evangelism (tell others about it)
- Funnel & Opportunities
 - Carousels
 - Trending, has cover, ILE
 - Buttons
 - Fix Locate button
 - Improve Registration flow & Onboarding
 - Onboarding (doc): Tell us the type of patron you are
 - Following
 - My Books activity feed
 - should include Lists
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Next Week?

2025-07-08 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Distributed tracing	• Distributed tracing	•
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • IA metadata project	• same	•
J. Champ	• Completed check-in form refactor	• Remove author merge debug data from store • Address/remove bloat in borrow code paths	•
Liz	• Grappling with issue of web books • Discoveries – for the one-offs, these will often be technical or mathematical or textbooks. • 1 social post • Blog post brief form to trending SMEs	• Would like to start executing	• Reading levels blog post • Add a few new volunteers
Roni	• School exams	• Fix Radium LCP config to make things work for Lenny. • Work on lending logic for lenny. • Prepare a mid-term blog post for GSoC.	• None
Benjamin	• Internship Work. Haven't been able to make time for any OpenLibrary issues.	• Internship work. Hopefully, some time to address OpenLibrary topics by the end of the week– if only to answer some of Elizabeth's questions on Trending.	•
Raghav	•	• Digesting blog post information.	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Freso	• maybe a bit of librarianing? • also started looking into OL related project... 🙄	•	•
Drini	• Trending is now on prod solr • Grid view fixes – merged! • PRs	• Finish + merge trending • Translations w Sandy	•
Mek	• Returned from SF and recovered from covid • Bookmarklet	•	•
David	• Updating the look of the lists/book page. Adding follow functionality.	• Continuing on the changes.	•
Ray	• Cover loading indicators • Wikidata author photo suggestions • Unused css • Adding typehints ◦ Autotyping •	• Copilot custom instructions? •	•
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Open-Mic

- **Liz:** Also, now that we've found new trusted book providers in the web book process, who do we send those to?
 - a. Just make a web form for a single human who will develop eventual process for import-yaml file or import script
 - b. Github is for engineering, not content.
 - c. Put it on the milestones for a new hire to own the engineering half of this.
 - d. Perspectives from going through Web Books
 - e. There are a lot of PDFs, but I think having the scope is good for now
- **Mek:** Content, experience, relevance
 - a. [What content makes a good Book Page](#)?
- **Mek:** ChatGPT bookmarklet import
 - a. Ray: tell ChatGPT to "search the web"
 - b. Scott: Fix source record (multiple :s)
 - c. Liz: The provider name should be updated (confusing redirect page)

Next Week?

- **Raghav:** Lists improvements

- **Mek:** How to get cover urls (in import record) working again (proxy)
- **Mek:** Rolling out librarian access to the public? (have an opt-in toggle)
- **Mek:** Increase visibility of librarian tools; e.g.
- **Mek:** **Implement (click-to-edit → merge request) for at least one field**

2025-07-01 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Distributed tracing	• Distributed tracing	•
J. Champ	• Check-in form refactor	• Complete check-in form refactor • Remove author merge debug data from store	•
Liz M	• Lots and lots of testing of the webbooks / social process • More documentation changes	• More adding web books and writing social (the angle is diff than what we thought it would be)	• Blog post reading levels (not holding me up, but let's not forget)
Raghav	• Got a keyboard, catching up on writing work.	• Finish reading blog posts, experimenting with the text search function on OL and sharing results.	• None.
Nick	• Received guidance from Liz on Web book doc • Won't be on the call	• Made updates to web book doc, will polish up the form this week	• No blockers • Thank you Liz!
Jordan	•	•	•
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Open-Mic

- **[Raghav]** How to use full-text search on mobile?
- Ebook q (Liz)
 - a. The **Ebook** option on the search page isn't clear as to whether this includes web books. See https://openlibrary.org/search?q=title%3A+%22beautiful+racket%22&mode=everything&has_fulltext=true.

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Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
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Open-Mic

- Rolling out librarian access to the public? (have an opt-in toggle)
- Increase visibility of librarian tools; e.g.
- Implement (click-to-edit → merge request) for at least one field

Next Week?

2025-06-17 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
J. Champ	• User preference migration: preferences written to store • Fix last read date form	• Fix post-login actions • Continue fixing last read date form • Remove author merge debug data from store	•
Freso	• some librarianing	•	•
Roni	• Finished school hackathon • Identifying bugs in lenny and report it to Mek	• Make OPDs feed available to through the proxy URL from the local machine instance.	• none

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		- Adding print functions to logging in Lenny. - School exams.	
Mek	- Tried to fix wordpress for Liz - Bubblewrap (new PWA) - Lenny: Reading + OPDS - Public Readum Service – https://lennyforlibraries.org/read/honore-de-balzac_father-goriot_ellen-marriage	- Nginx rules to unbreak /editions (move to rate limits also instead of ban no-referer) - Thorium Web + encryption “Jank” community priorities	
Nick	No update (Need privs to add web book)	Working on web book	
Liz	- Onboarded new volunteer - Tried to add a web book - Added clarifications to documentation based on problems I ran into	- Web book social (adding web books)	- Wordpress access (for the reading levels post) - Can someone upgrade Nick to basic librarian access too? - Possible vacation
Julie (Welcome!)	- Librarianship - Where from? NM - MLIS graduate - How did you find us? - Did papers on Internet Archive - Anything you need help with? - For title metadata (title case or sentence case)		
Ray	- PR to improve cover pasting - Hide “staff picks” ?	Cover loading indicators	
Drini	- Tocky batches - Wikidata author identifier import w Stef - Demo: Clickable links in BR w Stephen	- Tocky saving into IA - Wikisource import	
Jordan	- Bad data work - Merging	- Moving, so can’t do much - More bad data - Merging	- Moving and starting new job - Started new course

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- [Help Wanted?](#) (For “Leads”, status of your “Help Wanted” issues)
- [Design Topics](#) – **Friday calls**
- [Needs: Community Input?](#)
- [PRs?](#)
- Mek was clarifying the value proposition as the call ended last week (catalog? Reader? etc.)
 - a. Clarifying core values: Discover, Log, & Read books (fix welcome to align?)
 - b. What is causing you to leave a < 3 star rating? What is preventing you from leaving a 5 star rating
 - Reports of book page in reader not saved well
 - Buttons are a bit confusing (e.g. Locate)
 - Improving the logging capabilities (multiple editions, multiple read dates, percentage/per-page tracking)
 - Goodreads Imports
 - Missing covers
 - Insufficient data about the book on the book page
 - ~Fake or low quality **works** highly ranked
 - Showing non-Latin symbol author/work/... names (Cyrillic, etc.) to Latin-alphabet users
- Questions for community: Which should we prioritize fixing?
 - a. Registration & Login?
 - b. Search experience?
 - c. Mobile experience?
 - d. Clarify our buttons?
 - e. Improve information on our book pages?
 - f. My Books Page?
 - g. Home page?
- Next week:
 - a. **Drini**: Live Web Book import!
 - b. **Drini**: Grid View Discussion
 - c. **Drini**: Link to Library Explorer

Next Week?

2025-06-10 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• patron/librarian support • Metadata (mostly IA)	• sameish	•

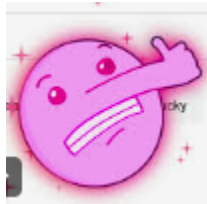
Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B.	• Begin to catch up on triaging issues.	• Catch up on everything. 😊	•
Freso	• n/a	•	•
Liz	• Onboarding new volunteer • Documentation for two social projects • Followup after last week's call	• Data quality tool blog post • Blog post brief template • Stay on Mek re. blog posts • Move the two social projects forward	•
Mek	• Big progress w/ Lenny ◦ https://lennyforlibraries.org we have a website! ◦ Thorium Reader integrated! • Talk at Boston Library Consortium.	• Started OL App re-upload (bubblewrap) – will create documentation • June 26 - July 4 in SF	• Needs Responses • Product Plan for OL (open mic) • Add rate limit for noref • Followup w/ Brady
J. Champ	• PD special access dashboard • Preference migration	• Preference migration • Fix post-login actions for Google SSO auth code path • Last read date form	•
Ben	• No Open Library Work	• Hopefully picking up a small OL issue to work on.	• Internship is taking up the majority of my programming time.
Brady	• Updated book genome project with a first draft of schema. Looking at how to use locally hosted LLM models.	•	• Understanding the end goal with more specificity.
Stef	• Formerly ill, but now back and better than ever.	• Will dive into orphaned editions project.	•
Roni	• Fixed core tests and other parts of lenny. • Lost in Radium multiverse docs, but got it solved with mek and helped ERLab people to fix their CLI. • Mek helped clean up the codebase.	• Working on school hackathon management • School assignments • Checking on core functionality for OPDs workflow.	• none

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Nick	- No update this week - Screenshot of Open Library “add book”	Continue work with web books project (will have update to share next week)	No blockers
Drini	- Prepping some slides for Mek’s talk - Tocky support for batches - Product issues for OL - Some designs for list cards w Mek and David	- Do a deploy - Kick off Wikisource import - Tocky next steps	
Garima	No update.	- Hoping to have this PR discussed and closed. - Catch up lots.	

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- [Help Wanted?](#) (For “Leads”, status of your “Help Wanted” issues)
- [Design Topics](#) – **Friday calls**
- [Needs: Community Input?](#)
- [PRs?](#) <https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10617>
- Offline:
 - Lisa: Patron data when accounts are deleted on IA should be anonymised on OL. What happens when an account is anonymised and a patron wants to create a new account with the same email address. Patrons want to be able to change their url.
- From last week:
 - Demo Data Quality Table
 - Drini:** Import Preview UI
 - Mek:** Next Tuesday I’d like to talk about the Product roadmap.
 - “We want readers to love their experience, and any paper cuts will wear them down” – Drini
 - Can we identify what high-traffic experiences (registration, borrowing, visiting my books, doing a search) on mobile or desktop really look/feel janky?
 - We need a better understanding (sampling) of what patrons want → how can we involve patrons more (voting) in how we spend our time?
 - [2025: Open Library - Planning \(Draft\)](#)
 - Ben: usually the way I find a book on IA is rarely through OL; I find it through google search that takes me to IA
 - (e.g.) Book Genome Project: How can Open Library answer search question that [Archive.org](#) can’t? E.g. Open Book Genome Project

- **Chrome (Mobile)**
 -  Open Library Product Thoughts
- **Walkthrough of Pain (Desktop)**
 - I get to the **homepage** and the books are not relevant to me
 - Slow load time
 - The background color could be improved
 - Buttons could be streamlined a bit
 - Shrink onboarding card imgs + footprint
 - I either choose a book from the homepage or do a search
 - **Mobile** search page: what are our expectations?
 - See at least 2 books at a time in viewport
 - I try to borrow the book and go to login
 - **Improvable Registration flow:**
 - Login flow sends me an email → [Archive.org](https://archive.org) → [OpenLibrary.org](https://openlibrary.org) → and then I need to login
 - Login / accessing the book is slow
 - It forgets that I was trying to borrow a book
 - I'm brought to a **My Books** page where I can't do anything and it looks **broken** (undesigned)
 - My Books header
 - Mobile accordion section backgrounds
 - Horizontally flipping to landscape on mobile is "clown shoes"
 - **Preserve registration action** + show on page
 - I get to my book and I'm happy
 - No ability to use Open Library features from the book (e.g. mark as currently reading?)
 - Brought back to My Books – it would be nice to see a carousel of my Loan History (to resume reading) and also **recommendations via trending or follows**
 - The whole "rating" / "logging" / "tagging" experience is really disjointed – e.g. **consolidate actions**
 - Notes, stars, review tags, best book, check-ins
- **Tighten Screw; Fix UX (Look & Feel): "Makeover" to reduce jank**



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- **Fix Covers**

- Q: How can we track every missing cover that is requested and then augment those as a queue.

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- **Onboarding & Initial Experience**
 - Simplify registration ping-ponging & auth errors
 - Make it more clear what patrons can do
 - Make it useful the first time a patron lands on My Books
- **Showing the Wrong Book(s)**
- **Basics**
 - Goodreads imports (doesn't work as expected)
- **Account Issue**
 - Administration (?) e.g. numbers in account name, changing account identifier
- **Performance**
 - Loading books takes a lot of resources and time
- **Offer something beyond the desktop app**
 - Cache some aspect of "My Books" offline reading log
- **Increase Focus & Clarity (target audiences & features)**
 - Distinction between catalog and lending library – but how do we address / change / what is the source of the problem?
- **Buttons / Actions**
 - **Locate** button confusion → Check Libraries in your Area? Secondary button style?

- Next week:
 - a. **Drini**: Grid View Discussion
 - b. **Drini**: Link to Library Explorer

Next Week?

2025-06-03 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	● Caught up on personal work	● Begin reading blog entries, help out with miscellaneous tasks.	● Raghavs laptop is AWOL yet again, seems symptomatic of being owned by Raghav at this point.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Tiny bit of cover dimensions	• Catch up on PR review	• None.
Freso	• tiny bit of librarianing	•	•
J. Champ	• Add fulfilled special access status • DRY login handlers • Prep to remove author-merges-debug records from DB	• Remove borrow bloat • Shore up /query.json endpoint	•
Lisa	• patron/librarian support • Metadata (IA) • Finished Girl Scouts collection page	• Banned books?	• Carousel errors all browsers • Edit url for usergroups (will create issue)
Nick	• Working on web book promotion process (see doc)	• Get feedback about relevant web books • Set up Google alerts and social notifications to track mentions or newly shared & published web books	• No blockers
Mek	• Deploy • BLC talk • Openlibrary.press & Lenny • PD blog post (see all)	• Meeting today with Vaibhav in Boston, tomorrow with Chris Freeland, Wednesday is BLC talk • Developing an Open Library Product roadmap • Planning hackathon?	•
Liz	• We got a blog post / social out—thanks Mek and Ella • We created a shared status document.	• Liz circle up with Nick—how do the web books get into OL once chosen? • What sources of books could we give add'l volunteers? • Social, I think • Could write some social for the GS collections for when they're visible • New volunteer • Data quality tool	• Possible jury duty • Let's get more blog posts out • Let's get documentation finalized
Roni	• I worked on pre-loading books with a python script. • Format support for books in the Lenny.	• Working on preloading scripts with a better approach mentioned by Mek.	• No blockers.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	- School hackathon managements - Identified few needs for openlibrary-client for search. - I found a few unavailable books on Standardebbooks. I have to look into it deeply to get a list of books which are unable.	- Looking into the Radium GO server to serve books in other supported formats for thorium readers. - Working on /read endpoints to serve the readable interface.	
Drini	3M cover sizes imported into DB (ty Scott!) - Open Library Wikidata Bot is back alive - unblocks Stef - Draft PRs cleanup - Fixed copy authors/subjects on "Move to new work" - Ability to view lists/etc as grid - New import preview UI - DDC/LCC on books page now link to	- Kick off Wikisource import with Stef - Tocky next steps - Get a new API key - Bulk runs - TOC in Solr - Trending if time permits	
Jordan	- Bad data - Merging	- Bad data - Work on collection	Starting new job
Sandy	Working on using Promises for translations	Continue work from last week, get feedback on what needs to be done	Abnormally busy last week
Brady	Began working on book genome project		
Spaarsh	Hard at work at Debian for GSoC!		
Amara			
Ray	- Improved testing docs - Author pages image aspect ratio - Eslint and prettier investigation	- Help wanted: Cover display css issue - Drini PRs	E2E Testing - Community feedback? - Open mic for docs

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- [Design Topics](#) – **Friday calls**
- [Needs: Community Input?](#)
- [PRs?](#)
- **Liz:** Web Books (<https://openlibrary.org/trusted-book-providers>)
 - a.
 - b. *Do we share a definition of Web books?
 - A book published & readable on the web (they may have a download for pdf, epub)
 - Draft of some guidelines we made a while ago: [Web Books](#)
 - c. *When a Web book gets added to Open Library, how is it added? Does it just link back to the source web book?
 - Linking to them
 - d. *Who adds them to OL?
 - Librarians
 - e. *How can we alert ourselves when they are added?
 - In theory, we can do it.
 - f. *Who has privileges to pre-seed from the form of 140 books that built up?
 - <https://openlibrary.org/trusted-book-providers>
 - The list (let us know if you need access Liz):
 - ➦ [Open Library: Web Books Submission Form \(Responses\)](#)
 - g. If something has 50+ books, should be a TBP to be imported programmatically.
 - h. Lisa and Liz to work together
 - i. Important documentation to share:
<https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/blob/ded9f74ac7a16dd63209aa71021214d81eabf223/openlibrary/templates/books/add.html#L80-L89> (Liz notes that this is not easy to parse for the audience we’re hoping to mobilize here.)
 - j. Blocker
 - Privileges to add web book
 - Decision: allow librarians to add web books. See <https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/blob/ded9f74ac7a16dd63209aa71021214d81eabf223/openlibrary/templates/books/add.html#L80-L89>
- **Freso:** Quick Q: Does anyone know of/have a list a of ISBN reuses/reused ISBNs?
- **Ray** on End-to-end testing
- **Ray:** [readme.md](#) vs [contributing.md](#)

Next Week?

- Demo Data Quality Table
- **Drini:** Import Preview UI
- **Drini:** Grid View Discussion
- **Drini:** Link to Library Explorer
- **Mek:** Next Tuesday I’d like to talk about Product roadmap.
 - a. [2025: Open Library - Planning \(Draft\)](#)

2025-05-27 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • Metadata • IA stuff	• same	• MARC records are not accurately displayed on item history • Orphans excluded from solr
Freso	• Tiny bit of librariansing	•	•
Liz	• Took last look at blog post that Ella edited • Reached out to more volunteers • Created documentation for new social project • Spoke with Nick, who has volunteered to develop initial research strategy for how to find those books to add. ETA this week • Updated comms volunteers • Recognized need to solidify framework	• Jump on a call to onboard a volunteer, who can possibly help with social • Focus on finalizing framework so people can contribute without friction • LIZ TO CREATE A MEK PROCESS / DESK / ANSWER THAT Q Blog posts Social–Collections / Book-related	• There are four documents to “githubify” these standard volunteer tasks, several of which now seem higher priority. They have are waiting on Mek to address technical questions. 1, 2, 3, 4 • 1 blog post (Mek to post) • 3 blog posts (Mek to review) • Need to find many volunteers for new project (but also need the documentation done before we bring them in) • Need to find 1 volunteer for regular, sustained social
Jim C	• DB upgrade activities	• DB upgrade • Add new PD status for fulfilled requests • Reduce bloat w/ borrow code	• Must increase size of `ol-db0` main partition
Jordan	• Just listening in • Some catalogue work	• Bad data	• School
Drini	• Hypothesis support in CR • DDOS/Perf investigations • CRs • Analyzing Wikisource import w Stef	• Tocky • Run cover sizes import	•
Harsha	• No update this week	•	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Ray	• Docs • Improve works page repainting • Upgraded stylelint/prettier for LESS files •	• Eslint v9 upgrade • Improve docs more • Loading skeletons • Look into documenting LESS files and which pages they go to	• Docs PR • Author aspect ratio
Roni	• Explored internal parts of lenny core. For future batch processing logics for lenny. • Docker changes for s3 bucket creation. • Creating upload endpoints and DB metadata creation.	• Working on pre loading books script. • ENUM support in DB schemas for identifying the type of the book. Eg. pdf or epub. • Try to get the Radium LCP GO server & provide a /read URL for reading and downloading books using the existing code base of thorium Web server.	• School assignments.
Nick	• Saying hi	•	•
Stef	• Has wikidata pr request open (draft)	•	•
Brady	• Nothing report, waiting on Mek for AI request documents (Book Genome)	•	•
Brittany	• Syntax issues keeping me from uploading the books to the internet archive to where I can post it on the open library	• Book of Kells - already uploaded it to the internet archive (the full quality copy didn't quite exist - so I added it), just trying to bring it to the open library	• Trying to find the original book of kells on Open Library - really hard - since the date spans back a really long/far way away. Really old books tend to have made-up dates, which makes it extra hard!
Mek	• DDOS & Operations • 3000 print disability special access registrations	• Open Library Product Roadmap • Communications: web books & collections • Preparing for Boston Library Consortium talks • Bookdash opportunity • PD blog review	• BookGenome docs for Brady • Reviewing blog posts for Liz •
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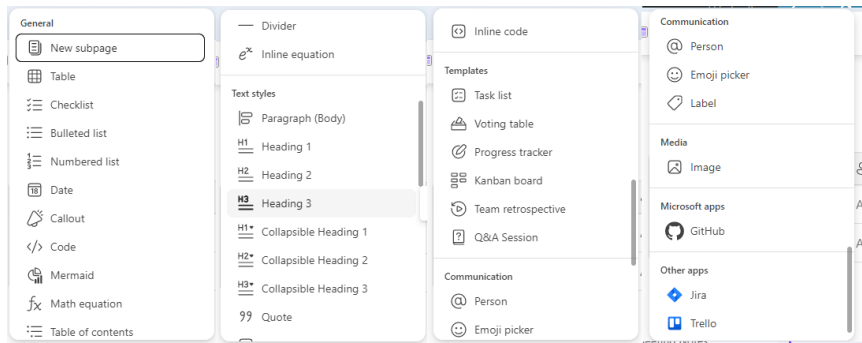
- [Help Wanted?](#) (For “Leads”, status of your “Help Wanted” issues)
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- Liz has a question about the Lenny box–still trying to understand which publishers will be incentivized to add to this?
- Brittany
 - a. Zoom meeting notes - never posted - in community call notes - google doc (like this one)
 - b. syntax errors - I never could figure out how to solve this problem
 - issues
 - None (aka - worked no problem!)
 - turning images into pdf's
 - merging them - even if they're uneven in sizes
 - attempts to fix - that failed
 - mending the metadata
 - making all the pages the same size
 - possible sources
 - types of online mergers and image -> pdf converters
 - formatting discrepancies between pages with text and image only - to where they're different - and thus conflict
 - c. <https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/milestones> - I don't quite get this - but I like the idea!
 - d. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMGcUZQmDmA> - this video explains why the internet archive is under attack
 - This talks about hackers - how they want to have ‘trophies’ of accomplishments - and that this is a ‘low bar’, not worthwhile ‘trophy’ to have
 - I feel it runs deeper - where people don't want others to have nice stuff for free (I personally feel some of it stems from political, anti-communism sentiments, others are religious, like not ‘immanentizing the eschaton’, some of it's capitalistic/pro-anarchy - where some people want others to pay - and struggle to where they feel the need to), maybe grifters, nihilists/fatalists/consequentialists with competing interests (who might feel everything's not real and so it doesn't matter what's destroyed, who knows) - I mean the conspiracies can run on and on honestly. Some people would rather destroy than contribute if they're not getting paid, maybe they are getting paid to destroy - who really knows? Some people don't like the ideas of the internet, and that we should be technoprimitives, going back to the olden days of reading a newspaper, out of sentimental nostalgia of their memories. Others get too overwhelmed by the sheer scale of it all and data - that they don't want to be overloaded - so removing parts of their life would make their life easier (and they don't care who suffers in their wake as a result) - for simplicity sake (where they feel the only 2 options is them being destroyed or others - and they never look into how they can just solve their own problems like avoiding the open library or building their own

space of simplicity). There's also the fact that because the open library is so open - there's going to be many different reactions, not all are nice, and with the openness - it's an easy target to attack than something that is private. It can be used to scapegoat from the problems caused by what's held in secrecy, to shift blame away from the truth. Many, many directions that I can go on about - but I think you all get the point.

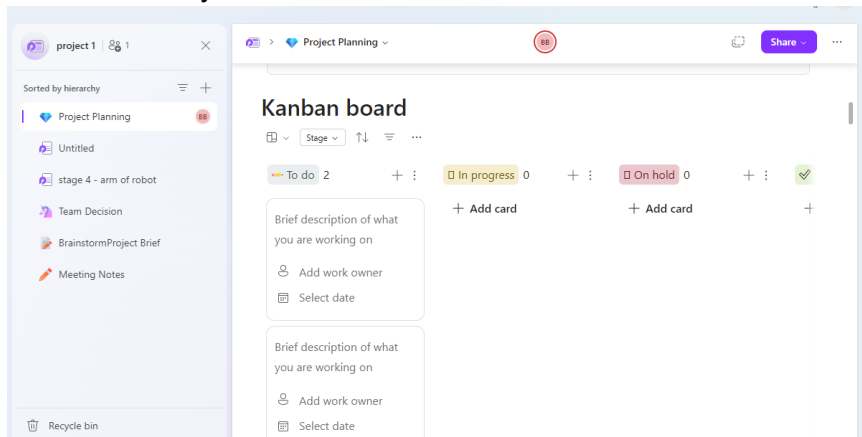
- e. About blog posts - I have a personal website and I believe I heard that some of the open library staff have them - but I have no idea where they are!! As it's been brought up in the meeting to have them - but with the disconnect of not knowing/seeing all the different places - that is just too hard to keep up with via the open library's website or the github (you'd have to click on individual profiles - and be lucky if they're there!).
 - I don't really have a solution for that - outside of github and microsoft loop and anywhere else having their personal website under their name
 - Some workarounds are (I don't like any of them) - creating a wiki for volunteers/staff, highlighting it somewhere in a way that's editable - on the wiki in github or on the open library.
 - Maybe the open library can have people's personal websites by their name everywhere - but that's excessive!
- f. Recommended that <https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/releases> be added to <https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/wiki> - to highlight the accomplishments of everyone working on and actually finishing projects on github.
 - Without it - I didn't even know that anyone did anything - which is really a disservice - when everyone's hard work deserves to be featured - for the greatness that everyone contributes - to the open library!
 - I recommend this be placed at the top of or at least in the index (not sure what it's called) bar on the side - for easy access!
- g. suggests MS Loop (organization / transparent collab process)
 - Note - this isn't like notion
 - Notion's more like github - a tracker (of projects, to-do list, updates, etc.) - rather than a buildout documenter (a centering hub - per project) - of all the work done in a project (rather than every project in one place)
 - Microsoft loop - is the content archiver - that shows everything - that everyone's done
 - We need that - to show the work, so people don't have questions
 - And can contribute - if they want/need to - in the exact places where the help's needed
 - Github's harder - because it tells someone to do something
 - But there's no work shown - to let someone go to the exact place to work on/fix it - nor let anyone see what someone did to do all the fixes - step-by-step, line-by-line. Microsoft loop -

shows everything in one place!

- It does need something like a notion, github, microsoft teams - to pull it altogether - all the projects - in one place
 - To - track all of the projects - at once
 - But laying out all the work being done on a project - is something I find microsoft loop is unique with - kind of like how microsoft office (like excel, etc.) gives the tools to be able to do so
- I feel it can take what's on github - to where everyone can
 - Focus on expanding tasks - rather than trying to finish them up to 'close' them out
 - Github - backwards in that way - focusing on avoiding, over expanding - like microsoft loop does
 - Github - focuses on the negative - it's a spiral to a 0 point, microsoft loop - focuses on the positive - to an infinity loop
 - That's what I like better - how to exponentiate instead of whittle away
 - work on projects easily without having to wait
 - With all the progress shown, with credit
 - Way more visualized, with a greater layout of features!
 - On github - you only see the updates (like complaints, finalizations, pitching issues, etc.) - there's no place (except coding) where it shows everyone's work, and definitely not in one place where it's all laid out and broken down into sections
 - Microsoft loop has pages - and subpages
 - So it's not a singular scroll with links to other pages of singular scrolls (like github) - but actual sectioning - of project parts!
 - You can link it to github - each project
- Visuals (of my tester project)



- So many features



Progress tracker

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	Work area	Owner	Stat...	End...	Blockers
1	Add work area	Add owner	Type to add	Select date	○ Add blockers
2	Add work area	Add owner	Type to add	Select date	○ Add blockers

+ New

- loop.microsoft.com
- It's free - you only need a microsoft account to collaborate
 - I have no subscription or anything - just an account - and I can create whichever projects I want
- I (brittany) love it - because it gives you an ability to see the project of a whole project worked on collaboratively - in real time - while every single person's effort - is given full credit - for every single contribution - they have
 - Well it seems it might not - by the minutia people can list what they did where on which date, like an updates calendar. People's work can also be color-coded
 - What it does have - is a place - where people can 'recap' - as in someone can write out what they did in summary - and it is automatically dated, as well as credited
 - What you can see is a version history - and well you can
 - You can luckily personally tag yourself (or others) by inserting your own tag

- Click 'insert' -> 'communication' section -> 'person'
 - When you do this - the person that's tagged - gets an email notification
 - So at least it does have some type of notification!
 - Also - it's more than just coding (unlike github - I get it allows you to open any look at any file, but it's meant mainly for coding) - it's also writing, brainstorming, kanban boards, shout-out alerts (minus the notification for it), etc.
 - The only feature I don't see is video embedding
 - The beauty of it - is that it links to other apps - like github, trello, etc.
- What would be great is that projects can have their own meeting outside of the group one to avoid clogging up the community calls, so instead of explaining it all during a meeting - it can just link to a project for people to see it all fully
 - My idea is people use a video call software like google meet (or zoom), record it (if they don't have abilities like that in zoom - they can use a website like [screenrecorderonline.net](https://www.screenrecorderonline.net) to create a video to upload (if possible) to youtube (which is preferable) or provide a link to somehow in the project to
- Cons
 - I'm still exploring it - so I have no idea how it really functions - as a proper project collaborator
 - I'm really interested in using it - so I'm going to keep learning about it over time - on my own
 - I haven't tested it with others - so I have no idea how collaboration works
 - each person's project - will be with the person - instead of with the open library
 - To remedy this - the open library could create these microsoft loop projects in their account
 - Issue - lots of work
 - For now - people would create it in their account - and if they collaborate - they can write it down on github or something. The issue with github is that it's only for issues, not for collaboration on projects that better the open library that aren't issues! Microsoft Loop fills in that gap
 - Some of the extra features that're missing - like videos, calling, overall auto-updates on all projects, tagging for what help's needed - in the form of an alert, calendar for everyone, individual actions/updates in one's own profile (easier to find on github), etc. - seem to be in paid software, aka microsoft teams
 - Microsoft loop - seems to be like a free, light version of it
 - However - most of the features can be accomplished elsewhere, like zoom, github, maybe even microsoft tasks
 - Not great to split up to all different places everywhere

- Maybe others who do pay - will place in the paid features - into these projects
 - So non-subscribers - can still access these
- Might be excessive - where what is used in github for now - might be all that's needed
- The github feature doesn't work for non-subscription accounts like mine
- Someone can be told to work on a project - and it still might not be used by the open library - thereby wasting someone's time, leaving them out of the loop - of the open library's progress
 - One thing Loop does though - is delineate/speed up/lay out collaborating - to where it might help out the open library staff enough to utilize the work that others do - as it's all in one place - to take up as needed - -> implement - when it's time!

Next Week?

2025-05-20 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	● Nothing, I believe.	● Update the remaining cover dimensions. ● Add Matomo to Open Library.	● None. Trusted Book Providers for Quang?
Freso	● Nothing to report	●	●
Nazar	● Just got back to the OL yesterday ● Adding Wikisource IDs to Ukrainian works	● Work on Transliteration of Latin book data into Cyrillic (just run Drini's script)	● Searching editions by publish date ● Edition merging
Harsha	● Finished exams!	●	●
Liz	● Gsoc Social ● 3 blog posts over to Mek ● "starter" collections document ● query-based social baseline	● More social	● Blog post SME review

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Roni	- Created psql db schema for items for lenny. - Syncing with the previous works and getting it aligned with new needs - School assignments.	- Finalised this weeks lenny features with mek - Will be working on /upload endpoints to pre-load books.	None
David 🙌	First time joining!		
Drini	- Amazon import fixes - Work with Stef to do some final auditing of the wikisource import script - Tweaks to import pipeline for the Wikisource import / TBP	- hypothesis unit tests - Tocky - Run cover sizes import	
Mek	- New deploy flow (final tweaks) - We launched print disability special access registration - Merged Best Book Awards models! - Planning BookServer project for Boston Library Consortium	- Helping Quang import open programming books - Rebuild the PWA (get us re-listed on google play)	Performance
Jim	- Remove unreferenced ACS code - Populate db0 with production data	Continue DB upgrade activities	PostgreSQL APT server access needed
Sandy	- Starting GSOC for translations! - Some fixes to the way lines are displayed	Preloading page translations	
Ben		Looking for an issue to do during some downtime	
Lisa		Patron support, librarian support	Performance
Brady			

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- [Design Topics](#) – **Friday calls**
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- [PRs?](#)
- Special Topics
 - a. BookServer & Lenny
 - b. Matomo analytics status? (Liz)
 - c. Book Genome Project (Mek; Brady?)
 - How can we create a prompt for Gemini or ChatGPT that the community can weigh in on that says here is a few pages of a book, give me a JSON structured output with these keys and values to provide us with a fingerprint of settings, characters, lit devices, etc.; Grant.
 - d.

Next Week?

2025-05-13 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Jim C	• Wrapped on PD registration flow • Wrapped on librarian dashboard	• ACS lending deprecation and removal	•
Liz	• Blog post – reading levels • Draft of Hackathon blurbs	• Social	• Should we do a GSoC post at this juncture or wait? • Finalize hackathon time • 3 blog posts ready for Mek's review
Scott B	• A pair of PRs to handle some errors.	• Possible more error fixes. • Do something with all the cover dimensions.	• None
Brady	• 90+ other projects and a bit of OL.	•	•
Jordan	• Bad data project • Some collection work • Merging records	• Same	• School

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Mek	- Databases → grew size - Redflag AI → DMCA + EFF - DDOS Operations → 444'ing many requests - Lenny + BookServer - Print disability registration - Best Book PR	- Milestone planning - Blog post review - Deploy	GSoC social announcement?
Benjamin	Finished up the first semester of grad school.	Will try to work on some issues while taking time away from an internship.	
Roni	- Looking after Lenny PRs for S3 book uploads. - Learning NeoVim. - GSoC selection celebration.	Revising the old works and putting the required in the new PRs	none
Lisa	Usual librarian tasks.	- Working on the usual librarian tasks. - Looking for people to make collections for Tapestries.	- Performance issues. - Availability API issues.
Amara	First call, welcome! Digital marketing intern, interested in UX and programming. Found OL through IA.		
Drini	- Some i18n fixes (Amz imports; lang params) - W RedJade: Homepage carousels are now edition-aware + language aware! - RedFlag AI analysis - Some Perf tuning	- Welcoming/planning translations w Sandy! - Planning Tocky next steps for May - BookReader Hypothesis unit tests	

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- [Needs: Community Input?](#)
- [PRs?](#)
- Demo: Homepage language-aware carousels
- Demo: New PD flow

Next Week?

2025-05-06 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Finish running cover dimension script	• Talk with mek about using Matomo Analytics on Open Library and perhaps implement it this week. • Do something to get dimensions for the ~77k covers that remain dimensionless.	• None.
Jim C	• Finishing new print-disabled registration flow • Scaffold librarian dashboard	• Wrapping on print-disabled registration flow • Librarian dashboard	•
Roni	• Explored Readium CLI to make an integration in lenny. • Learning NeoVim.	• Working on new Issues and doing PRs for lenny • Revisiting the old logics and making a shift with new requirements and integrations.	• none
Freso	• Not much I think; doing other projects and RL things	•	•
Liz	• Last week: Met with Mek to resolve blockers	This week: • Reading levels blog post • Hackathon blurb • Collection documentation • Later: query-based social /	• None
Lisa	• Patron/library support • Print-disabled requests • Metadata quality	• Same	• Performance
Jordan	• Still working on big data project • Merging duplicate records	• More of the same • Add books to AI collection	•
Brittany	•	•	• Blocked on uploading items to IA

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Stef	•	•	•
Ananya	• Busy with exams	•	•
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- [Needs: Community Input?](#)
- [PRs?](#)
- **[Brittany]** Uploader issues
 - Larger PDFs are failing to upload to IA w/ a network error
 - Advised to reach out to info@archive.org for additional assistance

2025-04-29 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Mark	• Back after a month break working on book fair	•	•
Jordan	• Uploaded tutorial videos to help pages • Bad data • AI collection	• Basic librarian work	• None
Rachael	• Patron Services manager. First time on call to see what Open Library is about	•	•
Jim C	• New PD account registration flow	• Librarian dashboard flow	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Roni	- Batch processing for multiple books in lenny. - Pre-loading open access books.	- Creating new issues with separate essential features needs. - Removing the clutter with new logics to make it more feasible in new PRs	
Drini	- TextSelection for BR - BR Hypothesis - Bug: Books with "." in identifier unborrowable - W Ray: POC of Author Map	- TextSelection/hypothesis - Away next week Mo-We	
Freso	- PR to Use our Wikidata IDs for reading stat demographics - Some librarianing, probably	contact Sonia Sulaiman about making an OL collection for her "Read Palestinian Speculative Fiction" reading list	
Lisa	- Girls scouts collection page - san Jacinto - American Library Association banned books - Military Naval or Airforce removed books - Popi (volunteer) is working on a graphic for the banned books page		- Cloudflare blocking some patrons - Orphaned editions in search - Item histories not showing source_record date accurately (Scott)
Mek	- GSoC w/ team - Disassociated Dark Ocaids - Print Disability Process Importing 1M+ archive.org items into Open Library - Best Book		
Nick (won't be on the call today)	Last week's update & progress at a glance (communications) - Updated blog post timelines - Considering 4 blog posts (3 possibly by comms) - Ella contributing to blog post(s) - Onboarded volunteers interested in collections		- Public hackathon date? - Reading levels blog post - draft (Mek & Drini)

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- [PRs?](#)
- Librarian Dashboard
- Author Map
- Print Disabled
- Radium & Thorium Web
- Lisa: Do we want to notify the community about the new slack retention?

Next Week?

2025-04-22 (Facilitator: Scott B)

- Notetaker: S. Barnes

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Require logged in account to create import. #10709.	• Maybe some more batch import endpoint changes.	• None!S
Freso	• Some librarianing • Got around to doing a PR for some Work identifier improvement (awaiting review) • Work on/with Open Food Facts ◦ incl. talk of books!	• contact Sonia Sulaiman about making an OL collection for her “Read Palestinian Speculative Fiction” reading list	•
Ananya	• RUF012 requested changes	• Work on the remaining requested changes.	• None
Jim C.	• Remove code path from main <code>/partials</code> endpoint • Labeled some older issues as “Can it be closed?” • Small bug fixes	• Continue improving registration for print disabled patrons	•
Roni	• Finished <code>/items</code> endpoint core integrations and Endpoints on lenny	• Batch file processing uploads for s3 buckets • 10 Preloaded books for lenny	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Stef K	Resumed 1:1s with Drini	Going forward with testing code for importing from Wikisource.	
Edgar	Checking in		
Nick	- Updated blog post timelines - Considering 4 blog posts (3 possibly by comms) - Ella contributing to blog post(s) - Onboarded volunteers interested in collections	Working towards moving blog posts forward	- Public hackathon date? - Reading levels blog post - draft (Mek & Drini)

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- [PRs?](#)
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Next Week?

2025-04-15 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	- Patron/librarian support - Metadata fixes - Working on collection for Girl Scouts	- Banned books updates - Callout in librarian channel - Brave carousel issue p1	- Carousels are broken https://github.com/internetarc/hive/openlibrary/issues/10680 - Loan dashboard
Scott B	I uh.. Continued to run a script.	More running a script.	
Mek		- Deploy today! - Disassociate Dark IDs	Brave lazy loading carousels broken?

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		• Import 1.5M IA books • Improving print disability registration & qualification process • Collection hackathon... May? June? ◦ Survey for collection pages • Needs Followup... ◦ Quang ◦ Roni ◦ Vaibhav ◦ Sandy	
Stef	• Back for weekly calls!	• Wikisource import – extend import endpoint to treat wikisource ID as required for edition matching	•
Freso	• some librarianing	• contact Sonia Sulaiman about making an OL collection for her “Read Palestinian Speculative Fiction” reading list ◦ does the api allow for creating collections so i could maybe script this?	•
Roni	• Lenny core integration • Introduced 2 workable routes. • DB migration integration • Docker script changes • Uploading Files & S3 Auth	• Update item route integration. • Will be working on lennyforlibraries.org/v1/api/items/:id/borrow • DB schema revision with few changes. To make it more feasible.	• PR review on test integrations.
Jordan	• Bad data • Merging records	• Check in on AI collection • Bad data • Fix some catalogue records I added	•
Abbey	• Rejoining for the first time in a while	• Looking for things to help on! ◦ Can help w surveys, or usability review; but can't do a big project	•
Elizabeth M.	• In process: social / organization / planning	•	• Personal/professional for now. + I sent a list of small blockers to Mek.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Ray	Wikidata countries query	- Vue styles here - Docs updates	Docs domain
Jim C.	- Added code that lazy-loads most query carousels - Small refactor of main `/partials` handler - Add print-disability access request checkbox to account creation form	- Work on way to search for print-disability qualifying organizations - Continue ACS deprecation effort - Librarian dashboard prototyping	
Drini	- Solr reindex complete - Text Selection/hypothesis support	- PRs - Text selection/hypothesis support - TBP + imports	
			School

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- [PRs?](#)
- Demo: Jim Lazy loading carousels
- Mek: May/June Hack-a-thon
 - LLM creating subject carousels and having a human create the query to build those collections.
 - E.g. banned books, reading levels, etc. Maybe a toggle to prioritize a certain language, language learning could be exciting with a carousel for each language. Also textbooks.
 - Implementing surveys that Abbey worked on to strategically improve specific collection pages.
 - Getting everyone on the same call to experience working together.
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Next Week?

2025-04-08

Call cancelled in support of quarterly planning.

2025-04-01 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Mek	- Disassociating Dark IDs - Importing Archive.org books	- Importing Archive.org books	
Scott B	Script to start gathering cover dimensions for #9738.	???? and import dates. Re #10641.	
Ananya	Almost done Implementing the translation layer.	- Connect the read aloud to translated layer - Document the work done	
Lisa	- Patron/librarian support - metadata	same	
Freso	maybe a bit of librarianship? i don't actually recall! a bunch of reading though		
Elizabeth Mays	*We are almost done developing and editing this very important document that will enable non-engineering contributors to self-onboard and contribute meaningfully right away.	*My goal is to get social back in a twice-weekly, but worst-case weekly, flow through April.	Teaching course during Tuesday call
Jordan	- Checked collection - Worked on documentation	- Work on bad data - Monitor collection - Merge works	Started course, will not have as much free time
Roni	- Finalised phase 1 needs for lenny with mek. - Covering widely used endpoints from competitors, scrapping all available endpoints & parameters code through github.	- Working on phase 1 coding PR - Looking after documentation for lenny API parameters.	LCP integration endpoints workflow.
Cormac	Began working on batch import endpoint for adding	Continuing work on import endpoint	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	books to bookshelves		
Joe F	Recovering from illness		
Spaarsh	Resolved a conflict with the DRY PR	Expecting my PR to get merged and get started on the next Sub-issue for the Easy onboarding of Book Providers	Waiting on this PR to get merged: https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10575
Jim C	Update permission group for tag creation and update	- PR/Issue catch-up - Deprecate legacy lending code	
Drini	- OL Solr Reindex - PRs	- PRs - Solr reindex - Solr trending	
Harsha	Working on GSoC proposal	Continuing work on GSoC proposal	
Raghav	Still on-going with moving	Trying to find a new job, probably will be off of volunteer work for this week.	None from OL.

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- [PRs?](#)
- Raghav : Inquiry about “metadata” searches on IA and searching for works on OL.
- Scott B: **force_import** option for incomplete imports?
 - a. Drini: Maybe some subset of the data to see what we are getting.
 - b. Spaarsh: if they’re open source books in a code repository, maybe the first commit could be the **publish_date**.
 - c. Lisa: official RDA way uses brackets. Our format uses **xxx** for when a date isn’t identifiable, but that doesn’t mean we don’t know it.
 - d. Drini: we could add the **source_records** field to Solr, and then we could query by ebookfoundation **source_records** and without **publish_date**.
 - e. Decision: if no date, leave **publish_date** blank, Drini will add **source_records** to Solr. Scott to work with contributor to get sample of data so we can see covers, **publish_date**, etc., so we have a sense of what the records look like.

- Lisa: GoodReads Reading log imports
- Open Library - 2025 Priorities
 - a. Q1 Victories
 - Search Infrastructure Improvement
 - Fixed solr re-indexing (unblock monthly Optimize), more RAM, tuned search.json,
 - Monitoring
 - Added Sentry profiling, Container-level monitoring, developed new [Performance Monitoring](#)
 - Imports
 - Disassociated 500k dark items
 - 1,000 programming books
 - Added 10k reading levels, [3.5k readable titles](#)
 - Collections
 - AI, Long Now?
 - Features
 - Edition-aware carousels
 - Unified Read Button & Locate button
 - Previews on Search Results
 - Improved Trusted Book Providers access flow (interstitial)
 - Community
 - New documentation portal
 - Experiments
 - Planning & Scaffolding for the **Lenny** Lending system
 - Bookreader **on-the-fly translations** demo
 - Math.mx demo w/ book queries
 - b. Q2 & Q3
 - Streamline Trusted Book Providers (Programming Books)
 - On-the-fly Book Translations w/ TTS
 - Integrated Open Library OPDS feed
 - Librarian Dashboard
 - Streamline Registration & Onboarding for patrons with qualified print disabilities
 - Thorium/Radium Web?
 - Lenny MVP
 - Best Book Awards (Vaibhav, Mek)
 - AI-assisted Table of Contents extractions (Drini) (OKRs?)

Next Week?

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2025-03-25 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker: Lisa

Resolved Action Items

Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	Couldn't get any work in; landlord evicted	Shift houses to Perumalmalai and get some AI Collections work done (cc: Jordan)	None so far, except the housing situation
Lisa	Patron/librarian support Metadata Mostly IA stuff Final Brewster IA NL meeting	Same	Orphans not indexed by solr Collection carousels pull in incorrect works. [Carousels that hit the end of their limit start querying for random items...]
Roni	- Worked on a lenny base setup with mek making first PR combined with mek's scaffolding. - Doing research on Archive & openlibrary routes and data structures and other available competitors.	Trying to align complete expected routes for lenny for github issues. Continue the research for better solutions and head to other routes. Draft possible routes and get back to mek on meeting on 26 mar to discuss further and look after his feedback.	Understanding every possible route to not miss- out any endpoints and replicate the available information.
Drini	BR ReadAloud improvements W Mek: Solr reindex Various small fixes to OL: - Speed up npm install - Fix issue with global lists - Spacing issues around author names - Bug around Bulk Search API key - Ability to filter Already Read by Year	PRs BookReader textsel OL Solr reindex OL trending in solr	
Scott B	Nothing	Hopefully something...	Fix my local environment.
Nick	- Jordan's blog post 🙌 - Bluesky social! - Welcome volunteers! (4 new contributors: @Victoria, @Maryam, @Olu, @Sufiyar)	"How to build collections" task documentation (Thank you Jordan!) - Writing social	Adopt & Promote a Collection (Need Mek's review) - Volunteers ready to be deployed (Slack thread)

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Sivan	• Merge interstitial with help from Jim Champ • Read Button spacing fix	• Starting job	• None
Ananya	Looked into improvements of TTS for GSOC proposal	Continue the work	None
Freso	• a bit of librarianing • reviewing the RTL PR		
Joe F	Went through docs/videos	Looking at librarian dashboard	
Jordan	AI Collection		
Harsha 👋	Undergrad in India	Working on gsoc proposal	
Mayank 👋	GSOC 2025 Proposal, Lenny Used IA for research, and the project looked interesting on GSOC		
Mek	Edition-Aware carousels will land today Helped Zander from Long Now w/ their collection Reading levels in solr next! Lenny API's for Jude & Brenton's review	Disassociate dark ocaids Will be at Boston Public	
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- [PRs?](#)
- Raghav : Inquiry about “metadata” searches on IA and searching for works on OL.
- Drini: Want to read, works v editions
- Lisa: Textbooks home page carousel updated to works from editions. Textbooks are edition specific.
- Community Lists

Next Week?

2025-03-18 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	• Started working on author data issues • Helping out with the AI fundamentals and Generative Art collections	• Continue with merge work and the AI collections work.	• None so far.
Lisa	• Patron/librarian support • IA metadata issues	•	• Performance
Sivan	• Small fix for Read Button Dropper on iOS thanks to Drini • Updated documentation for CSS on the wiki • Interstitial page and updated provider read buttons almost added	• Figure out issue with template CSS • Test interstitial page on testing	• Deploying 10586 to testing
Roni	• Worked on Lenny's architecture • Finalized Tech-stack for Lenny • Drafting GSoC proposal	• Working on lenny to get docker set up and making sure core functionality works. • Getting GSoC proposal re-drafted.	• None so far
Jordan	• Worked on bad data • Finished blog • Video • Talked with volunteers	• Edit video • Work on bad data • Collection	• Lack of books available for collection
Tomas	• Busy at work. Able to make a bit of progress on 10314. Waiting for feedback	• Continue work on 9710	• None
Freso	• getting through being sick • bit of librarianship • bit of looking at issues	• maybe some pr(s) for more work ids 🙄🙄	•
Mark	• Librarian work (Detective Book Club)	• Same	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Nick (<i>Be on the call 9:10am PST</i>)	• Liz connected with volunteers (14) about comms projects • Thank you Ella & Jordan blog post • Continued work with social media posts and exploring future projects	• Exploring how to scope future projects	• Awaiting Wordpress invite • Thank you Mek
Mek	• Invited 100+ contributors • Supporting GSoC ◦ Lenny (open source Librarian Lending System) • Supporting Vaibhav on Best Book awards • Supporting Quang on importing programming books • Imported 11k reading levels! • Started a solr re-index • Wrote script to disassociate 500k redacted/darked items • Staging Jordan's blog post	• Reviewing edition-aware carousels • Reviewing Interstitials • Lots of Project Management catch-up • Preparing for Q1 review, Q2 plan •	•
Ray	• Docs - importing from repo	•	• Domain for docs? • Postgres upgrade?
Joe F Mern stack	•	•	•

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- [PRs?](#)

Next Week?

- Mek: Q1 Recap & Priorities for Q2 (from last week)

2025-03-11 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott B.

Resolved Action Items

Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B.	- Run backlink bot candidate script. - MRs for allowing JavaScript to use Sentry again.	Get Sentry MRs deployed.	None.
Sivan	- Worked with mek to get read button v1 deployed woo! - Worked on 10561 to change non-IA provider toasts to new interstitial page	- Continue with 1056 - Possibly look into Search Inside for read button	None
Matt G.	Working with Liz to find good next steps for Communications Projects		
Alex 🙋	First time attending this call, attended DWeb before, interested in GSoC. Has been involved in holochain. Has been looking through Good First Issues.		
Lisa	- Patron/librarian support - Metadata issues - IA stuff - Met George Oates, previously of Open Library	same	- Orphans not in solr - Availability inaccurate
Jordan	- Finished internship! - Worked on collection - Finished blog post - Worked on bad data - Made books readable on OL	Create video (tentative)	Busy with family this weekend
Mark	Librarian work; spring time → April book sales event in midwest!	Same	
Freso	tiny bit of librarianing		Feeling a bit under the weather
Tomas	Busy with work so not much progress with 10314 and	Finish 10314 and continue 9710	None

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	9710		
Liz	• Further articulated “collections” standard project. Shared in library channel for SMEs to add to. • Shared update in comms channel. • Social posts template and first topics—offered to contributor	• Social • Mek shared possible “trusted book providers” blog post topics this morning—to offer topics to blog post volunteer contributors	• None blocking progress because we have items that can be done. • Reading levels (monitoring)
Mek	• Unified Read Button went live • Moving “Preview Links” below bookcover on search page • 11k Reading Levels • Importing IA books & disassociating redacted items • Data dumps all up to date, cron monitoring in place! • Solr re-index	• Finish solr re-indexer • Add reading levels to <i>search</i> •	• Orphans in solr? • Availability API
Jim C.	• Working on edition-level carousels • Remove ocaid from book details section if book not readable or lendable	• Continue work on edition-level carousels	•
Drini	• BR Image Rendering changes • Solr Builder w Mek • OL Monitoring service	• BookReader planning work • BookReader fixes • PRs	•
Raghav	• Collection	• Looking for other librarian work	•
Roni	• GSOC proposal	• GSoC idea prototype testing and Proposal drafting,	• none
Ananya	• Came up with a good idea for GSOC proposal and discussed with Mek related to that	• Work on the proof of concept of my idea • Work on the requested changes of author merge issue	•

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- [PRs?](#)
- Lisa: Tapestries
 - a. Lisa: Someone has developed an application that can take any media type (web pages, video, Internet Archive book) and lay out in a tableau, and have them all accessible on the same page. So you can compare two or three different texts on one page, instead of three separate browser tabs. This could be a nice enhancement to Collections pages, particularly with other media from IA that aren't strictly books that we wouldn't ordinarily include in an OL collection that would be related, such as journals. Hoping to get access to the demo.
 - b. Drini: there is a desire to create Collections on the IA side “sing”, and something like this could in theory be a part of that. A year ago there were some discussions around something like this.

Next Week?

- Mek: Q1 Recap & Priorities for Q2 (next week)

2025-03-04 (Facilitator: Scott Barnes)

- Notetaker: Jim C.

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• <code>xauthn</code> WAF changes	• A few more <code>xauthn</code> WAF changes • Maybe review of import-from-IA scripts.	• None.
Raghav	• Working on the collection, goal from last week met!	• Continue working; next goal - Review the sub-lists and add 7 books at least to the lists.	• None as of now.
Jim C	• Update deployment script to stop when critical jobs are running	• Wrap on edition-level carousels •	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	• Fix tag related macros on subject pages • Log new authentication errors in Sentry • Fix regression in public "My Books" pages		
Liz	• Tried to Githubify starter tasks / standard/custom projects • Tried an AI summary to see if it would be good enough to NOT need someone's time to produce a deploy summary (answer is no). • Trying to operationalize the abstract.	• ?	• We're finding most of the projects that would be strategic also need labor of core people to unblock • Was the intent for us to interview re. the blog posts or for fellows to write those? • Are there any of the proposed Q1 blog posts we can start on? Which of these seem the closest? • Could we identify a few collections that don't need to wait for the survey (and that need a clear/describable human task)? Also, I'd be happy to learn bulk tagging if it's the method we would use for multiple collections. ◦ Mek says need to work together to elaborate even more on the collections standard project and then do one to see what blanks we need to fill in. ◦ Also, Mek suggests changing pull requests to be more self-explanatory to a non-technical human so we can communicate those better. ◦ Mek says in chat: ◦ Standalone projects is great! For communications, librarians, engineers, accessibility;

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
			○ Collections project (standalone doc) ○ Trusted Book Providers (docs) ○ Better commits
Ananya	● Worked on the requested changes to the navbar styling.	● Look into project ideas for GSOC	●
Lisa	● Finishing up Macaulay conflation. ● Librarian/patron support ● Books metadata ● Other IA stuff	●	● > <class 'KeyError'> ● > 'values'
Sivan	● Starting a job at the end of March!	● Finish up read button on testing server?	● Waiting for PR to be deployed to testing server
Mek	● ThreadedDict error ● Added cron watcher to active crons ● Fixed login for /edit ● 3.5k Programming Books w/ Quang & Long ● Re-running data dumps	● Unified Read Button ● Supporting edition-level carousels (loadmore + toasts)	
Mark	● Librarian work	● The same	●
Roni	● Fixed few endpoints with authors Endpoints in docs mentioned by mek	● Finding reference PRs and maintainers for previous Endpoints and looking to update docs with other new Endpoints ● Testing GSoC project code with decided architecture. ● Docker build fix through temporary documentation changes for Apple M2 Chips or others	● Waiting for mek to raise an issue for the other Endpoints.
Matt G. 🙌	● Journalism background, interested in comms.	●	●

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Stef K.	•	• Implement PR feedback	•
Brady	• Loading data dump content into Azure for LLM analysis.	•	•
Jordan	• Patron support video • Final blog post	•	•
Freso	• small bit of librarianing	•	•
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- Scott Barnes: Docker builds on Apple Silicon

Next Week?

- Q1 Recap & Priorities for Q2

2025-02-25 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Emma 🖐️	•	•	•
Drini			
Scott B	• Merge a few PRs.	• Work on an improved import query for Internet Archive.	• None.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Liz	- Communications landing / onboarding page for prospective / new contributors (via Ray/Mek) - Reached out to 2 new volunteers	- Participate in conversation to drive collections forward. - Nominate collections - Clarify blog timeline/designations in doc so I can ask volunteers to commit to specific posts.	- Collections decisions - Questions in blog post doc
Mark	Librarian Work (still Kipling)	The same	Rate limiting
Raghav	- Began working on creating a integrated "Getting Started" document - Spreading information about the Collection under prototype - Pursuing a personal exploration in literary journalism	- Begin compiling notes from various sources on the journalism experiment - Continue working on creating a complete guide for new volunteers and team members to OL - Continue with Collection - tangible checkpoint : creating sub-categories concomitant with the collection	Ray & Raghav had a discussion on how to proceed with the getting started doc; would need inputs from Mek.
Jordan	- Finished project of 36 wrongfully merged records - Librarian work - Worked on patron support videos	- Working on final paper for the internship! - Fixing more book records	Coding issues
Roni	Identified some bugs in the ongoing development on the documentation pages and reported it to people who were working on those issues.	- Hitting issues with dockerfile for mac - Looking for issues - GSoC	Getting sorted with GSoC defined issues and doing some research and waiting for replies from mentors for wayback machine and openlibrary
Sandy	Less OL stuff last week		
Jim C.	Work towards improving auth flows	- Ensure that we are making the correct recaptcha API calls - Fix more cases where config entries are accessed before being set (ThreadedDict issues in Sentry) - Address availability caching errors	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Sivan	Investigation and discussion of issues related to locate button	TBD	- Waiting for testing server access - Decision on locate button color?
Craig	No big updates	Working on #10497 this week.	No Blockers
Freso	a bit of librarianing		
Spaarsh	No updates	- Won't be able to commit to anything, maybe able to work on the Trusted Book Providers sub Issue - Will investigate the Copy/Paste function for mobile devices	none!
Ananya	- Added author names next to final result in author merge tool - Made changes on Richer UI as requested. - Worked on improving the styling of Nav-bar	Work on the requested changes to the navbar styling.	Drini to review PRs
Stef	Synced on author identifier support for import endpoint		Waiting for PR review on wikisource import changes
Tomas	Out sick last week	Work on issue #10314	None
Ray		- Can't make the call today but I'll be presenting about Open Library and Wikidata on Thursday. Feel free to join https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Event:Data_Reuse_Days_2025#Thursday_February_27th	
Lisa	- Patron/librarian support - IA	Started subset of banned books collection	- Availability API; getting emails from patrons - Orphaned editions not appearing in solr

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- **[from last week]** Raghav would like to bring up a side-project of his where he is saving books in a list with buggy Author Data.
 - a. There are a lot of duplicate authors!
 - b. Merging authors is more difficult than works because there's more conflation of names; lots of people have the same names!
 - c. Also: Sometimes an author name is combined with another
 - d. Potential ideas:
 - [Stef create issue] Do a wikidata search of the author name to see if this is a common name
 - [Mark create issue] Overlapping work titles, show "95% of work titles overlap" next to the author record
 - Can we keep track of what an author record (edition ID) a record was created for
 - Finding a way to avoid creating more duplicates whilst avoiding conflation
- Sivan: Some sort of indication to users when availability is error?
 - a. Options:
 - [Drini make issue] Run solr-update script that checks modified IA items every day
 - [Drini make issue] On error, fallback to solr availability data
 - [Discussion] Always show solr availability and make sure it's kept in sync
- Roni: Adding a DFD diagram for contributors in wiki to get enough knowledge about data flow, Gsoc problems mentioned in open library proposal (proposal no 3) and a proposal to get openlibrary partnership on google developers group on campus chapters page and the community.

Next Week?

2025-02-18 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	• Got a part-time job with Earth air Creations! • Began working on a prototype for collection here	• Continue experimenting with the collection prototype. • Consult with friends and other peers on the content and categorisation of the Poison Path Collection. Sources :	• None till now.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		Susan Suntree, poet; Gwyllm Llwydd, Artist. Begin sharing the collection at a small scale (2-3 people.) to check for relevance & interest.	
✓ Lisa	- Patron, librarian support - Macaulay conflation - Watching Kendrick Lamar on repeat	Same	- Orphans not in solr - Editions table sorting has changed, no indication of items with IA ID even when logged in with priviled account.
✓ Mark	Librarian work (Kipling!)	Same	
✓ Sandy		Bookreader translations + TTS?	
✓ 🏆 Roni	3rd year in college - CSS fixes	Helped mapping open library's Endpoints -> files for contributors.	None
✓ Craig	Nothing much this week	Looking at an issue, I'll look into it if I can fix it. Also looking at issues in general	No blockers
✓ Ray	- Review some PRs - Help wanted: Data Analysis of Potential Duplicate Authors	- Work on Wikidata Data Reuse Days presentation (Feb 28)	OLID Macros PR (Mek) Borrow endpoint (Jim C)
✓ Mek	2025 Planning - Prototyped bookreader translations - Spec'd out registration for patrons w/ print disabilities	- Investigating which print disabled accessible books can be added to Open Library - Planning Librarian Dashboard - Solr-reindexing + reading levels - Working w/ Jim on Discovery OKRs	
✓ Liz	- Reached out to new volunteers to begin to onboard / share planning - Still trying to align interests with projects.	- Check if any new volunteers to reach out to - Turn focus back to micro content vs. organization	- Left a note for Mek re. Blog posts in the objectives document. - Also, let's assign those blog posts and get sense of timeline - OR indicate the SMEs and we can interview them.

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
			“Mek, can those standard projects include comms things too?”
✓ Benjamin	Grad School– No open library work atm	- Possibly finding a small issue to resolve over the course of break. Edition-aware carousels might be a good one!	
✓ Scott B	Work on some web book imports with Jordan.	Try to catch up on PR reviews and issue responses.	
✓ Fresno	librarianing		
✓ Spaarsh	Implemented the requested changes in the Copy/Paste Covers PR (finally merged!)	- Work on the “-” in the merge comment issue - Address the long pending review of the accounts.py refactoring	https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pulls/spaarsh - Issues waiting for assignment: https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/issues/10251
✓ Jim C	- Address Wikidata API errors - PM digest updates - Fix cron wrapper bugs - Fix YRG mobile bug	- Address registration issues - Fix data dumps	
✓ Drini	Away from Wed - Fri	- BookReader - PRs - Mek: Tocky OKRs?	
✓ Jordan	- Building collection on AI - Cataloguing - Patron Support videos (sent to Mek/Lisa)	- Book data imports - Meeting w Prof + Mek/Lisa	

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- **[from last week] Ray:** Possibility of using docs with search <https://rayberger.org/openlibrary-docs/>
 - This is a diff view of the existing wiki, not a fork
 - Mek: This seems like a worthwhile approach!
 - Host on github pages
 - Make homepage of wiki link to new tool, keep wiki sidebar
- **[from last week] Mek** on librarian processes docs
 - Maybe this should become the issue for Librarian Dashboard – docs

Next Week?

- **Raghav** would like to bring up a side-project of his where he is saving books in a list with buggy Author Data.

2025-02-11 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Mek

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	• Began work on an author ID data analysis task that Charles completed. • Returned home and beginning work proper • Looking for part-time jobs	• Begin working on the collections based on instructions for developers from Jim	• None till now.
Tomas	• started to work on issue to handle unmatched double quotes. Issue: #10390, PR	• Set up and use debugger to find where code breaks	• Not quite a blocker, but the debugger seems to quit or detach unprompted after some time ◦ Change the request timeout in the compose file
Liz	• Recalibrating based on 2025 objectives, etc.	• Review tech developments on the horizon that may be blog-worthy	• Sent to Mek (quarterly breakdown) 2025 planning doc is now broken into blog posts, quarterly road map • New buttons? ◦ Maybe the new locate button
Mark	• Traveling	• Whatever time allows	•
Lisa	• Bookserver meetings • Patron, librarian support • Macaulay • Misc. catchup on backlog	•	•
Jordan	• Worked with Scott and Mek on JSON • Worked on bad data project • Catalogue work	• More of the same • Open to ideas for more work	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Stef	Import API work is now working; author IDs specified in imports will now be used	Sync identifiers between Wikidata/OL	
Craig	Explored more of the codebase/ No PR's this week	Looking to work on issues	#10368 is ready for review, Is this an issue that should be worked on?
Mek	2025 Priorities & Q1 Breakdown - Helping Lisa + Jim on Registration issues - Documenting Endpoints - Supporting Jordan on Reading Levels, Vaibhav on best book	- Finalize 2025 Priorities 2025-02 and 2025-03 Milestones - Support Vaibhav, Jordan, and Sivan on best book, reading levels, and read button	
Sandy	- Recovering from cold - BR translation - Search parameters causing carousel overflow		
Spaarsh	- Made the necessary changes suggested to the Copy/Paste Cover PR - Tried triaging the merge breaks if the comment contains a hyphen ("-") (but ran into API calls limit)	Eager to work on the issue of making the addition of Trusted Book Providers easier!	- No issue has been assigned under which I had commented - Tried triaging the merge breaks if the comment contains a hyphen ("-") (but ran into API calls limit)
Shilp	No major update. Just explored the codebase	- Going to work on adding more post login action like "borrow" and "want to read" after discussing with Mek. Related Issue: #10338 - Going to explore the objectives to understand whats important	None
Ray	- Shoutout sparsh/jim champ for copy/paste covers progress - Updated Ruff docs	Review PRs	OLID Macros PR (Mek) Borrow endpoint (Jim C)
Jim C.	Add error messages on Google sign-in registration errors	- Test cron wrapper script - Review tag migration prep - PR reviews	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	Configure timeout for recaptcha verification		
Drini	- Covers performance - BookReader dev flow	- PRs - BookReader Dev Flow - Away from Wednesday	

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- Ray: How’s the PostGres upgrade going?
 - We just got SSDs and a server spun up to push this effort forward (**yesterday**)
- Jordan: Can we make it possible to delete an edition record rather than the whole work?
 - Some inconsistent behavior – hover over the delete button and check what the URL is (hopefully it is an **edition** url of the form OL...**M** and not OL...**W**)
- 2025 Major Efforts
 - Trusted Book Providers & Books In
 - Special Access registration process for patrons with qualifying print disabilities
 - International Improvements (books, carousels, collections)
 - Squeezing more out of our books: TOC, Reading Levels
 - Ensuring the site works Operations & Performance: Solr, Covers, Registration
- Ray: Authors with the same name and IDs next to each other. 2024 didn’t have as many as 2023 so mostly fixed. What’s next for data cleanup? Slack [thread](#)

Next Week?

- Ray: Possibility of using docs with search <https://rayberger.org/openlibrary-docs/>
 - This is a diff view of the existing wiki, not a fork
- Mek on librarian processes docs

2025-02-04 (Facilitator: Scott)

- Notetaker: Jim

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	o	Catch up on PR review	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	Got a working laptop and set up docker!! Yes!	Taking a road trip exploring Karnataka without any money and beginning work on the collection I've prototyped/set up	None for now.
Tomás	Looking for good first issue, commented on one	Working on issue to handle unmatched double quotes. Issue: #10390, PR	Can't locally repro edge case where some queries with "*" break the parser
Mark	- Librarian work - Other commitments	Whatever time allows	
Brady			
Craig	- Opened #10386 issue, needs to be reviewed #10337 also waiting for review	Looking for more issues to work on	
Drini	- BookReader refactors - BookReader server code dev flow	- Covers performance - PRs - OL Monitoring Service	
Garima	- Looked at good first issues but no work. Just looking at the theme issue and checking codebase for more insight on that. - Some minor readme lapse ig	Will continue that	Getting started link points to blank page
Sivan	No updates, still waiting for testing access		
Jordan			
Elizabeth	- I saw the excellent post from Mek about objectives being solidified—shared that with comms channel - Also saw the deploy update	- Reach out to additional feature interviewee possibilities - More planning in light of solidified objectives	- Personal issues - Would be helpful to know exactly what's coming first now.
Garv			Waiting for PR review from Mek & Drini

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Spaarsh	- Made a PR for the “Show autocomplete in Search bar”. Yet to be merged. - No updates. Still waiting for issue assignment!	- Want to follow up on my pending PRs. - Want to discuss changing the endpoint as commented here: https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/issues/7616#issuecomment-2603152664	AI
Sandy	Awaiting PR reviews		PR reviews (Drini)
Shilp		Creating new issues based on a previous PR	Awaiting previous PR to deploy
Ananya	- Worked on 2 issues involving RUFF mutable attributes. - Added Richer UI	Adding preview link on search cards	Waiting for PR review (Drini)
Jim C.	- Update PM bot to add “Needs: Response” label to PRs <code>cron_wrapper</code> script updates - Begin work on migrating community reviews to Tags	Continue review migration	
Ray			Awaiting review and merge of image copy-paste feature
Stef	Improving import pipeline		Docker update treated as malware by Apple
Freso	Librarianing (adding, merging, editing, ...)		

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- Ray: Demo of docs site UI refresh [here](#)
 - Please provide feedback below
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- Tomás: search single quote

- Garima: asking about the Dark Mode issue work [here](#)

2025-01-28 (Facilitator: Lisa)

- Notetaker: Drini

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Raghav	• Been adding books to the prototype of the collection as I'm still gathering funds for laptop. • Spreading the word for IA + OL while trying to sell my books and performing music on the streets.	• Continue to add items to prototype of the collection. • Gather funds for laptop and start working on the collection immediately hence. • Connect with Abbey to discuss "Needs" of Target Audience.	• None as of now, other than my quite shameful financial situation. As they say- "ya liv en ya larn."
Sam W.	• Looking into a few misc. Issues (9742, 854, 10160)	• Putting up PRs when I get the chance	• None right now
Sivan	• Multiple improvements/fixes for read button • Met with mek to put changes on testing	• Locate button color? • Maybe carousel fix for droppers • Next steps?	• Access to testing environment so I can figure out how to hide droppers on carousels
Liz	• Reached out to / onboarded 1 more contributor • 2 Feature reachouts	• Hope to deploy people on strategic projects	• Roundup of deploys/releases @tag me • Any tech blog posts on the horizon?
Eden	• Organizing job shadowing and volunteering things for myself	• Catalogue volunteering and networking	- Important medicine is GONE!
Mark	• Librarian Work • Automating contributor clean-up • OL Reader app release	• Various	•
Jordan	•	•	•
Scott	• Some help trying to reduce Solr load.	• Catch up on PR review and responses.	• None

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Ray	- Reviewing PRs Urbanism Now		3 weeks old for author names: https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10297 - November PR for copy/pasting covers https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10101 - PR from May needs review https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/9348 - Also intersection observer PR https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10388
Mek	- Recovering from flu - Partner monthly dumps - Solr Performance +8GB Ram to ol-solr0 - robots.txt - Staff 2024 Reviews - IA Top Bar - Supporting Sivan - Docker documentation - Overview of Pages - GSoC Call for Proposals	- Deploy today	
Jim	- Create script for monitoring cron jobs - Log xauthn response when account creation fails - Fixed bug where waiting list fetch fails when ctx.site is not ready	- PR and issue catch-up - Track number of tags added to works by librarians	
Spaarsh	- Triaged and made a change for an issue (yet to be reviewed): https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/issues/10359 - Worked on understanding the work required for working on this issue, asked for assignment (yet to be assigned): https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10101	- Designs for merge page - Data dump analysis	- Couldn't access github - PRs waiting for review - Switched the IA endpoint: https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10370 - Copy/Paste Covers: https://github.com/internetarchive/openlibrary/pull/10101

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	chive/openlibrary/issues/10251		
Tomás	Getting familiar with codebase/docs	Looking for good first issue, commented on one	
Freso	- A tiny bit of librarianing, but not much - I think my sound/mic is working again now? - It is! 🥳		
Drini	- BookReader server-side development flow - OL monitoring service - BookReader roadmap/review	- BookReader server-side development flow - OL monitoring service - BookReader roadmap - PRs	
Lisa	- Recovering from flu - Met with Scott and Charles re: previous imports	Review Jordan's video	
Craig	Opened #10386 issue, needs to be reviewed	Currently working on #10337	
Shilp	Worked on issue #10338	Working on improving the code to get the PR approved	

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- Design
 - a. Author Pager
 - b. Locate Button Dropper
 - c. Sivan's Read Button
- Documentation
 - a. What goes wrong often that needs to be documented?
 - b.
- Raghav: Question on weights for audiobooks
- Ray: How's the postgres upgrade?

Next Week?

2025-01-14 (Facilitator: Drini)

- Notetaker: Scott
- Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Garima 👉	• Worked on ruff-rule issue. • Final PR done. • First call, undergrad student.	• Looking for issues to work on and understand a few issues. • Discuss docker setup and potential documentation update. • Ask about GSoC projects.	•
Mek	• ol-backup0 • performance monitoring guide • Best Book code review • "Needs Response" issues	•	•
Anand	• New contributor, 2nd year undergrad.	• Working on css clean up	•
Debbie	• #8068 closed • Discussed volunteer onboarding with Liz.	• Looking for issues • Librarian onboarding cleanup	• none
Ananya 👉	• Fixing Ruff I001 rule and SIM115 for CoverStore. • Adding author names to the author merge tool. • Fixing mutable class Defaults (Tasks 1 & 2). • Adding a "Submitter" column to auto-loaded data. • First call, undergrad student.	• Add "Preview" link beneath bookcover on Search Result Cards	•
Scott B	• Imports via <code>load()</code>.	• Finish off imports via <code>load()</code>	•
Mark	• Librarian Work • Automating contributor clean-up	• More of the same • Merge tool performance	• Pending PR 10246 (Drini)

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Lisa	- Macaulay disambiguation - Patron, librarian support	- Same - Google Books imports issues	Orphaned editions invisible to solr
Jim C.	- Create workflow for labeling issues as "Needs: Review Assignee" - Break down next steps for tags	- Work towards improving cron job monitoring - Create issues for tracking some PM and tags features	
Ray	- Vue 2 -> 3 Migration - Upgrading Wikipedia links here - Wikidata talk proposal	- Continue helping people - Plan next step Wikidata - Better language aware links - Spoken/written language? - Maybe investigate duplicate authors/works by querying data - Find same exact title + same exact author name + different author ID	Need review/merge: - Author merge names here 8 Ruff PRs ready for review
Liz	- Blockers to Mek - Volunteers to add to Mek - Updated onboarding docs	Blocker mtg with Mek	- Volunteers in Slack - Non-technical posts - Process - Technical / roadmap / partnerships (newsier more of a blocker for Bluesky)
Sivan	- Adjusted read button dropper to get ready for testing - Compiled some issues to be addressed in testing	- Try and fix issue with read button mobile CSS - Put read button on testing?	None for now
Eden	Looking for something to work on	- Found something to work on! - Also job shadowing later this week! Yay!	Learning how to do a lot of things, not sure what questions I ask
Raghav	Working towards i18n for Assamese	- Starting out a collection for the Poison Path- Shamanism, Magick, Religion, Science, Poetry and other books - Creating a prototype on my personal profile - Looking for a long-term initiative that brings it!	- Do not currently own a personal computer - working on that! - Unsure if I'm yet enabled to create collections

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Jordan	- Google form for K12 collection and usefulness. - Started on AI collection	Working on AI collection.	Macros in collections.
Spaarsh	PR for trimming emptyspace on input for new book/edit.	PR for removing unused code in accounts.py.	Drini to review PR for covers copy/paste
Shilp 🙋	Senior software engineer and new contributor.	Looking for first issue	
Brady	No updates, aside from still playing with AI and OL dumps.		
Craig 🙋	Worked on 2 PR's last week	- Finding more issues to solve. - Interested about GSoC projects	PR's ready for review #10315 and #10323
Drini	- Solr performance fixes - Tocky next steps for ACE/Andrea	BR/Tocky planning	
Freso [no mic]	Nothing at all :)	- Finally get my microphone working, maybe? - Open up Slack and catch up	

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- Garima: GSoC projects
 - a. What will be the GSoC focus this year, or will participants propose ideas?
 - Mek: “yes, and”. It’s still early and applications have not opened and we don’t have a menu of proposed projects yet for 2025. Advice around proposal selection: any idea could potentially be accepted, you should share your idea with a mentor, in its simplest form, as soon as you can. Don’t go too deeply in writing an extensive proposal for a topic in which OL hasn’t expressed interest. It can’t just be a good idea: it has to align with OL goals because of limited staff time. There is also no guarantee that Open Library will participate in GSoC in any given year. But if you want to do a fellowship outside of GSoC we will make sure this can happen, and *if* we can secure funding outside of GSoC we’d love to do

that, but we *do not* have funding yet for fellowships this year, and we may not have it at all.

- Mek: GSoC essay will be moved to Mek's blog, mek.fyi.
- b. Raghav: "Start with a blog post and work backwards" quote.
 - Mek: "I'll add that "working backwards from the blog post" means, try imagining that the feature is done and write the blog post announcing the feature first... And then do the work towards that outcome."
- c. Freso: Also, MetaBrainz has a good blog post about "top 8 mistakes of gsoc applicants":
<https://blog.metabrainz.org/2024/03/01/the-top-8-mistakes-of-gsoc-applicants/> – obviously this is skewed towards metabrainz projects specifically, but *a lot* of it is applicable to *any* open source project you might want to apply to
- Mark — logic behind work first published value. I like to read through an author's work sequentially in order of publication. But we don't always have the date for the first edition, but rather we have a reprint edition. But we do have the copyright date; could we change the logic for the first publication date to be *either* first publication of edition or copyright date.
 - a. Drini: please create a proposal for this and include a bit of what the effects would look like.
- Lisa: Can API documentation specify rate limit or is this left ambiguous on purpose? This is the most frequent question about the API, as people want the exact rate.
 - a. Decision: we can put the rate limit. Lisa to check with Scott on Slack about exact limit.

Next Week?

2025-01-07 (Facilitator: Mek)

- Notetaker:

Resolved Action Items

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Weekly Updates

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
Scott B	• Begin to catch up on PR review.	• Catch up on PR review. • Fix imports on BookWorm so they actually import. • PR to fix Amazon proxy issues.	•
Sivan	• Summarized progress of read button issue so far on Github and layed out next steps broadly	•	•

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	Broke down read button project into “phases” for blog post stuff		
Spaarsh	Copy/paste cover upload		
Mark	- Librarian Work - Fixing a few small bugs	Looking more into merge tool performance	Pending PR 10246
Liz	- Reached out to about 12 volunteers — strategic and intentional; 5 or 6 - End of year / Community Celebration recap	- Looking back, looking ahead, keeping existing volunteers updated - Discussed making librarian onboarding guides more friendly with Debbie — design project	- Working with Nick to update onboarding docs - Then need Mek to put people in Slack - We're blocked on the actual writing; Need to schedule a call to discuss the content vs. the containers - Need to create a framework to get comms stuff in the workflow - Notes for Liz: - Read button - Jordan's work collections - Web books initiative - Look at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FdhNnT83uBMC6gjXl4w_VeYEyqXfnM6iwGgvYq9WI0A/edit?tab=t. - Send Mek a list of where things are. Maybe meet next Tues/Thurs
Ray	Leading Ruff PRs	Wikipedia links YearCompass	~20 PR reviews/merges
Mek	Performance & Solr! 2025 Roadmapping 2024 Team Retro Best Books w/ Vaibhav Working w/ Jordan		
Debbie	Worked on #8068 and waiting on review also waiting to see if a new issue will be proposed based on further needed changes.	Discussed volunteer onboarding with Liz. Will be looking around for issues to potentially work on.	#8068 #8828

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
	Closed #9885 (Improving imports)	Potentially find more design projects to contribute to. Working on school projects.	
Eden	- Finished Internship	- Apply to jobs, looking for a project to help on	
Ben	Returned from vacation.	Finishing up Trending	Meeting with Drini on the last bits of trending.
Abbey	Draft of OL survey Looking for work	Feedback and thoughts on survey to iterate and move toward creating a form to deliver survey in Need to ensure I am covering the pillars - if needed. (pillars as in the topics that need feedback on) Looking for work	none
Lisa	Patron/librarian support Books metadata Macaulay conflation	Same	Small blocker Orphans invisible to solr
Jordan	Started internship		
Jim C.	- Retrospective - Work on collections page macro picker component	- Monitoring cron jobs + alerts - Improve PM scripts	
Tomás	New contributor. Software engineer. Looking to put skills to use to benefit more people. Speaks Spanish and has moved many times.		
Raghav	New contributor. I18n, in Bangalore!	- Looking for a project or initiative that will use the skills I already have. Primarily focusing on spreading the word about OL and helping out with development of mobile apps that perhaps will increase the patronage of OL. - Looking for work within a existing project or initiative.	

Name	Last Week	This Week	Blockers
		Looking for part-time jobs to help out with rent and bills.	
Brady	Looking to use AI to analyze OL dump.		
Craig	Worked on some issues on OL. PRs have been merged.	Looking at a new issue. Mentioned in Slack.	

Open-Mic

- [Help Wanted?](#) (For “Leads”, status of your “Help Wanted” issues)
- [Design Topics](#) – **Friday calls**
- [Needs: Community Input?](#)
- [PRs?](#)
- Mark — logic behind work first published value
- Ray - GitHub usernames in Slack profiles ([custom field](#))
 - Often GH usernames don’t match Slack names. In other Slack’s I’m in they enabled a custom profile field for people to put GitHub usernames. Do you think this would be possible to enable in the IA Slack?

Next Week?

Open-Mic Topics?

Community Call Queue

☰ Open Library Design System – Community Design Process

- Deputy wanted to CSS re-org / cleanup, **Q: why does work.less affect list pages (and author pages, and work search pages)?** → David?
- 2025-01-14 Mark: Demo of librarian scripts
- 2025-01-14 Ray: 🐘 Advocating for Postgres upgrade even though performance is good now ★
 - On queue! No longer blocked by hardware requirements 🥳
- 2025-04-15: Raghav : Inquiry about “metadata” searches on IA and searching for works on OL.

Design Call Queue

- 2025-01-17 How to combine Search Inside with unified read button [@Sivan Cooperman](#)
- 2025-01-17 Do/should we have a secondary call to action button (e.g. light blue) cta--primary cta--secondary (we already have a different color for waitlist, I believe, which I'd like to discuss changing/dropping)
- 2025-01-17 Simplifying + fixing "My Books" header bar [@mek](#) [@Ray Berger](#)
- 2025-01-17 How should we handle the interstitial experience for reading experiences that take you off [OpenLibrary.org](#) (e.g. warning prior to redirect like worldcat, linkedin, youtube, etc?)