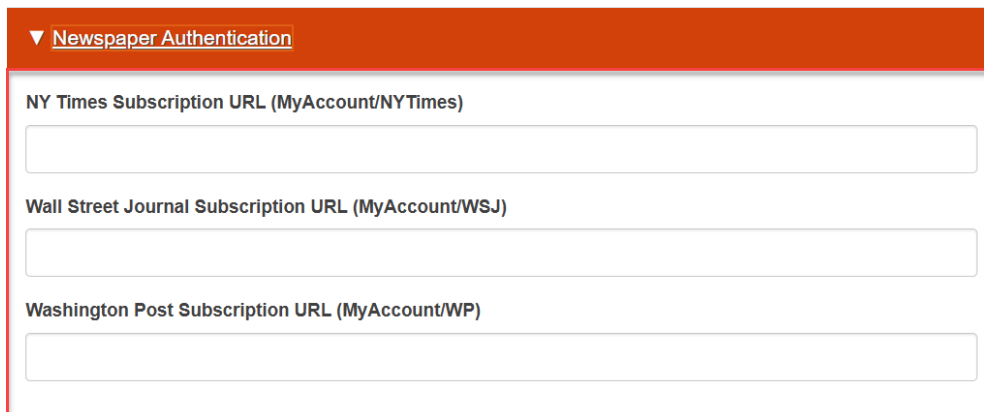
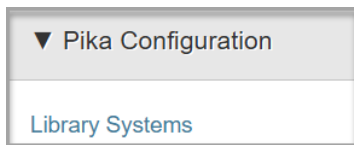


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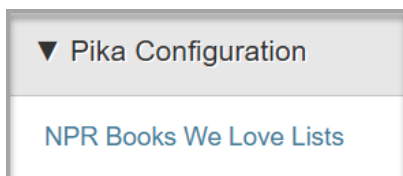
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## New Functionality

- Patron reading history logging ([Minute 19:45](#))
  - A database table has been created to log actions in the user reading history table
  - The history can be retrieved from the User Administration section of Pika Administration
  - We should now be able to figure out when the patron opts in/out or deletes reading history
- Newspaper Subscription Authentication ([Minute 21:17](#))
  - New library administration section to input subscription URLs

A screenshot of a configuration form titled 'Newspaper Authentication'. It contains three input fields, each with a label: 'NY Times Subscription URL (MyAccount/NYTimes)', 'Wall Street Journal Subscription URL (MyAccount/WSJ)', and 'Washington Post Subscription URL (MyAccount/WP)'. The form is outlined with a red border.

- Direct patrons to a special login page. Upon authentication, the patron is redirected out to the newspaper subscription URL
    - /MyAccount/NYTimes
    - /MyAccount/WP
    - /MyAccount/WSJ
  - **Note:** the subscription URL is connected to the patron's home library rather than the library site being browsed to (i.e. only Bemis patrons can access the Bemis WSJ subscription)
- NPR "Books We Love" Lists available for each year listed at <https://apps.npr.org/best-books/> (patch deployed) ([Minute 28:32](#))



## Pika Lists based on NPR Books We Love

For more information on using the NPR Books We Love lists, see the [online documentation](#).

### Create or Update a List

Pick a NPR Books We Love list to build a Pika list for:

Current year is an included option but may not have a list yet.

2025

Create/Update List

### Existing NPR Books We Love Lists

Name	Last Updated
<a href="#">NPR Books We Love - 2024 (342)</a>	Mar 4, 2025

- Creates a list for the chosen year. Note that the data provides only one ISBN per title to match by so matching may be less robust than NY Times Best Sellers lists.

## NPR Books We Love - 2024

List of titles based on NPR Books We Love found at <https://apps.npr.org/best-books/>

Edit List Share Add Multiple Titles Admin Options Generate Citations Sort Delete Selected Clear List Delete List

Records Per Page 20 Hide Covers

Books (339) eBook (201) Audio Books (157)

Entire Collection (339) Available Now (333)

- The description/review provided by NPR is set as the list entry note, with links to the NPR article(s)

1. [Ellipsis]

Edit Delete

Author: Joudah, Fady, 1971-  
Notes: # 1

A wordless title is incredibly fitting for this National Book Award finalist poetry collection that is felt more than it is read. Fady Joudah writes of the horror faced by Palestinians as they live, love and die through war and violence against them. The poem "Dedication" lists the many whom these poems are dedicated to. "To the martyrs who witness from above, and the living who witness on the ground. To those who will be killed on the last day of the war. To those who will be killed on the first day after the war ends. To those who succumb in the humanitarian window of horror. An hour before the pause, a minute after." The collection shows us the world through Palestinian eyes at a time when such a worldview is most needed.

NPR article: "Two Palestinian writers on the right to share their stories."

- The NPR entries have tags which are set as user tags for the title in Pika. The user tag begins with the prefix: "NPR Books We Love tag"

▼ Tagging

Tags:

[NPR Books We Love tag: Staff Picks](#) 1
 [NPR Books We Love tag: Eye-opening Reads](#) 1
 [NPR Books We Love tag: Tales From Around The World](#) 1

Add Tag

- Materials Request - created a Staff Comments field for internal notes. (patch deployed)
  - ([Minute 31:20](#))
    - Field is not displayed in the patron's view of the request.

Manage Materials Requests

Please set the "Reply-To Email Address" and "Email Signature" in the Materials Request Management section in Staff Settings on the [Account Settings](#) page. These settings are used in the email notifications sent to patrons about their requests.

For more information about Manage Requests configuration, see the [online documentation](#).

Filters

Show 25 entries

Search:

						Place a	Inter- Library	Assigned		Created	Updated	
	Id	Title	Author	Format	Patron	Hold	Loan	To	Status	On	On	
<input type="checkbox"/>	51734	Testing		Book	Brammeier, Pascal L 4090006893579	Yes - MCPLD Central Library	Yes	P. Brammeier	Request Received and Pending Review	Dec 31, 2024	Mar 4, 2025	<div>Details</div> <div>Update Request</div>

Staff Information

Request Id:

51734

Status:

Request Received and Pending Review

Created By:

Pascal L Brammeier

Library Card:

4090006893579

Staff Comments:

Demo the staff comments

- For the format category facet, displayed above search results, a 6th option has been created for Video Games ([Minute 33:44](#))

Search Results

Books  
(981,157)

eBook  
(501,426)

Audio  
Books  
(41,497)

Music  
(45,030)

Movies  
(100,155)

Video  
Games  
(2,022)

Applied Filters

Format Category: Video

Games ✕

Narrow Your Results

▼ Format

[Nintendo Switch](#) (730)

[PlayStation 4](#) (698)

[Xbox One](#) (483)

[PlayStation 5](#) (221)

[Nintendo Wii](#) (168)

[more ...](#)

More options for Format ✕

Please select one of the items below to narrow your search by Format.

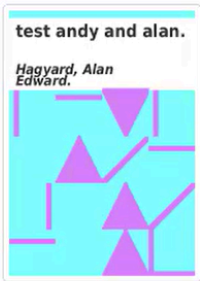
<a href="#">Electronic</a> (1)	<a href="#">PlayStation</a> (7)
<a href="#">Graphic Novel</a> (1)	<a href="#">PlayStation 3</a> (92)
<a href="#">Microfilm</a> (1)	<a href="#">PlayStation 4</a> (698)
<a href="#">Music CD</a> (1)	<a href="#">PlayStation 5</a> (221)
<a href="#">Nintendo 3DS</a> (19)	<a href="#">Web Content</a> (1)
<a href="#">Nintendo DS</a> (14)	<a href="#">Windows Game</a> (6)
<a href="#">Nintendo Switch</a> (730)	<a href="#">Xbox 360</a> (99)
<a href="#">Nintendo Wii</a> (168)	<a href="#">Xbox 360 Kinect</a> (11)
<a href="#">Nintendo Wii U</a> (42)	<a href="#">Xbox One</a> (483)
<a href="#">Physical Object</a> (1)	<a href="#">Xbox Series X</a> (108)

Close

- **Note:** due to restrictions for display on narrow width devices (e.g. mobile displays), six is the maximum number of options that can be displayed at once.
- Sierra Library systems - Record view URLs using Bib numbers without the trailing check digit will automatically redirect to the Record View URL using the full bib number that includes the check digit (the default for Pika) (patch deployed for MLN1 & MLN2) ([Minute 36:32](#))
- Sierra Home Pickup Items Implementation ([Minute 38:27](#))
  - Requires Sierra 6.3 to work
    - We have configuration switch to disable display in earlier versions of Sierra
  - Within the record's Status Display will be a new phrase "Has Home Pickup Items", with a link to a popup to display a table of the Home Pickup Items

test andy and alan.

(Readalong)



Your Rating: 0 stars

Author: [Hagyard, Alan Edward.](#)

Format: Readalong

Status: On Shelf Has Home Pickup Items

6 copies, 1 person is on the wait list.

Essex Adult Videocassette	
New	
Essex Adult Videocassette	MONOPOLY GAME test
New	record
Essex Adult Videocassette	MYS TEST
New	

- Within the Place Hold popup, an alert message will display explaining how Home Pickup Items work.

Home Pickup

You can place holds on the following items, but **they must be picked up at the library location that owns the item.**

Location	Call number	Status
Essex Adult Videocassette New	SCARY TEST	On Shelf
Essex Adult Videocassette New	MONOPOLY GAME test record	On Shelf
Essex Adult Videocassette New		On Shelf
Mitchell College Video Cassette	Call number here	On Shelf
Essex Adult Videocassette New	MYS TEST	On Shelf

Close

Place Hold on test andy and alan.

Holds allow you to request that a title be delivered to the library. Once the title arrives at the library you will receive a notification informing you that the title is ready for you. You will then have 7 days to pick up the title from the library.

This title includes Home Pickup items. **Holds on Home Pickup items can only be picked up at the library location that owns them.** The pickup options below will reflect that.

I want to pick this up at:

Essex Library Association

Essex Library Association

Mitchell College Library

*If this date is reached, the hold will automatically be cancelled for you. This is a great way to handle time sensitive materials for term papers, etc.*

*If not set, for Essex Library Association, the cancel date will automatically be set to 182 days from today.*

☐ Log me out after requesting the item.

Close

Submit Hold Request

- The Pickup location options are limited to the items' home libraries
- Pika's Offline Circulation ([Minute 42:23](#))

▼ Offline Circulation

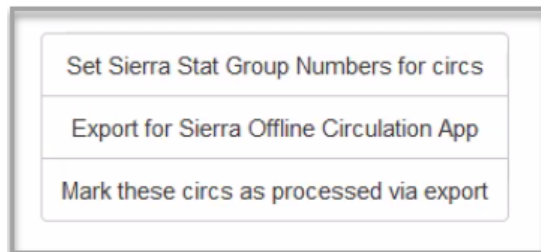
Migrate Circs

Offline Circulation

Offline Circulation Report

Offline Holds Report

- Pika Processing of Offline Circs with Sierra allows for including the stat group for check outs. (stat group is an optional parameter for the Sierra Rest API checkout call.)
- Opac Admins will have three additional buttons on the Offline Circ Report page to:



- To set the Sierra Stat group number for each circ by looking up the sierra login in SierraDNA user table

**Offline Circulation**

Show  entries

Search:

#	Login	Stat Group	Item Barcode	Patron Barcode	Date Entered	Status	Notes
1	mpmcirc	291	1440003130263	4090006893579	Mar 4, 2025	Not Processed	

- Display the Offline Circs in a structured format to be inputted into a .dat file to import the circs into the Sierra Offline Circ App.



- Mark the Offline Circs as processed with a note that the circs were exported

**Offline Circulation**

Show  entries

Search:

#	Login	Stat Group	Item Barcode	Patron Barcode	Date Entered	Status	Notes
1	mpmcirc	291	1440003130263	4090006893579	Mar 4, 2025	Processing Succeeded	Marked as processed for the export to Sierra Offline Circulation App

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Previous **1** Next

- When Pika is in offline mode, Self-Registration will be disabled. (Since presumably the circulation system is not available to process the self registration.)
- When Pika is in offline mode, Password/PIN Reset will be disabled. (Since presumably the circulation system is not available to process the password reset.)
- WCPL - Use newly added item creation date for "Added in the Last" & related facets

- New sideload driver to allow for access buttons to be labeled as "Campus Use Only" in order to call out the type of access restriction used for the sideload content. ([Minute 48:39](#))

Applied Filters

Online Collection: Colorado University Press (Fort Lewis)

Narrow Your Results

▼ Format

eBook (1,037)

Book (497)

▼ Subject

History (237)

Rhetoric (207)

English language (180)

Study and teaching (Higher) (138)

General (137)

more ...

▼ Publication Date

All Results (1,037) Available Now (1,037)

Showing 1 - 20 of 1,037 query time: 0.65s

Show Solr Output Debug

Show Search Options

Show Solr Link

Show Solr Timing

Hide Covers Covers List

1. **A land made from water: appropriation and the evolution of Colorado's landscape, ditches, and water institutions** (95)

☐

Author: [Crifasi, Robert R.](#)

Series: [University Press of Colorado e-book collection](#)

Publisher: University Press of Colorado

Pub. Date: [2015]

Edition: Not Supplied

Language: English

Choose a Format

Colorado University Press (Fort Lewis)

eBook

Show Edition

Available Online

Campus Use Only

Colorado University Press (Fort Lewis)

- The Explore More bar that displays Archive material related to the catalog search results now displays a subtitle explaining the material is in the local archive. Likewise, the Explore More bar that displays catalog material related to the archive search results also has a subtitle explaining the material is from the library. ([Minute 47:25](#))

EXPLORE MORE in the Local Digital Archive

Testing Solr Person

Fedora Issues Testing

Fedora Issues Testing

Voice Recordings (185)

EXPLORE MORE in the Local Library

Testing Business Ideas

The complete Mediterranean

More Mediterranean : 225+

America's test kitchen best

## Bug Fixes

- Genealogy - the "Save and Add Another" button for Marriages and Obituaries did not preserve the person Id number in the URL so that subsequent Adds could be processed successfully
- Archive search facet options were not displaying on Library Admin page after PHP 8 upgrade
- After PHP 8 upgrade, there was an error when placing a hold for a user with linked accounts and the home library for one of the linked user isn't a valid pickup location
- Rework recursive array encoding function, update for better handling with PHP8
- Search suggestion improvements, create disallowed words for suggestions
- Polaris: Fix AJAX request error caused by logging
- Polaris: Fix bad birthdate during self registration
- APA Citations with initial in name were having the first number of the author date-range included as part of the author name

## Sideloads

- Fort Lewis now has a Colorado University Press collection
- Comics Plus - Lafayette
- Removed Loveland Hoopla and Hoopla Flex

## Additional Work

- Steamboat Springs Library new theming to go with their website redesign
- LION - New East Haddam theming
- Northern Waters Library Network migrated to hosted Sierra at iii
- Wake County Public Libraries - update fines page message
- PHP8
  - Upgrade PHP major version from 7 to version 8 (8.3)
  - Upgrade PHP modules to version compatible with PHP8
  - Upgrade Composer classes to versions compatible with PHP8
    - Added required PHP extensions to composer file
  - Fix non-functional Pika code to be compatible with PHP8
  - Replace or remove class libraries not compatible with PHP8
    - Replace PHPExcel with PHPSpreadsheet
      - Load class with composer
      - Update code to use new library
  - Created PHP8 configuration files to be used by all servers
    - Configs for test and production servers
    - Added to Pika settings repository
    - Built appropriate links to config files on servers
- OverDrive support form added to Pika
- OverDrive purchase request form added to Pika
- Update SD51 logos
  - Taylor Elementary School logo



- Mt. Garfield Middle School logo
- Update Hoopla Flex fetching script to move files to processed folder
- Marmot staff taking over Kanopy sideload for MLN1

## Documentation

- New
  - [NPR Books We Love Lists](#)
  - [Newspaper Authentication configuration](#)
- Updated
  - [NYT Bestsellers Lists](#)
  - [Hoopla configuration](#)
  - [CAS configuration](#)
  - [DPLA configuration](#)
  - [Holidays configuration](#)

## VuFind Updates

### Configuration Updates

### Sideloads

- Updated sideload script to include number of files processed for each sideload