LibraryThing for Libraries

Enrich Your Library. A Lot.
Show off your library’s collection with eye-catching display widgets.

Visible
- Put Book Display Widgets on your library’s home page, blog or catalog.
- Post to Facebook or feature a permanent and interactive display on your library’s Facebook page.
- Post to Twitter, Pinterest and Tumblr, and feature on your email newsletter.
- Feature on digital signage systems.

Powerful
- Fill with popular titles, new titles, series, awards or tags—they update automatically.
- Fill your widget with titles from a web page, RSS feed or list of ISBNs.
- Feature journals or videos by ISSN or UPC.
- Link directly into your catalog pages.
- Show detailed book information, including summary and publication date.
- Annotate to add your own notes and comments into the widget.

Flexible
- Customize your widgets, including full CSS support.
- Relentlessly tested across every browser and system.
- Mobile-responsive.
- Track and report widget views and clicks.

Beautiful
- Choose from many attractive preset styles.
- Create switchable “multi-widgets.”
- Use cover images from Syndetics Solutions, the most comprehensive and global cover source, or add your own.

Styles for every occasion
1. Ratings and reviews

Let your patrons rate and review directly within your catalog.

Comes with 1,300,000 hand-vetted user reviews. Share your library’s reviews with over 360 other libraries.

Sign in with and post to Facebook and Twitter. Feature recent reviews on your library’s Facebook page with a dedicated, interactive tab.

2. Similar books

Offer readers’ advisory directly in your catalog, with integrated recommendations to what’s available in your library.

Similar books comes with optional sections for “More by this author,” “Similar authors” and “Recommendations from readers.” Click any section to see expanded coverage.

3. Tag-based discovery

Users can explore your holdings in a new way, with tag clouds on book pages and a tag browser for discovery.

Tagging only works on a large scale, so we draw from over 114 million tags on LibraryThing.com.

All tags are hand-vetted for quality—“regency romance,” “cyberpunk” and “African American History” are in, “read this summer” is out.

4. Other editions

Don’t let users leave empty-handed when the record that came up is checked out. Other editions links your holdings together: paper, audiobook, ebook—even translations.

5. Shelf Browse

A visually striking way to give your users the context and serendipity of browsing physical shelves. Show one shelf or expand to see a fullscreen shelf. Works with all shelf-ordering systems.

6. Stack Map

Direct your users to exactly where an item is held in your collection with attractive, customizable maps. Works with all shelf-ordering systems, as well as with branches and special collections.

7. Series

Tap into over 50,000 series added by LibraryThing members and approved by staff—the most comprehensive and lovingly-maintained coverage available. Includes order, related series and descriptions.

8. Awards

Covers 25,000 awards and honors, from the National Book Award and Booker Prize to the Massachusetts Book Award and the Iowa Children’s Choice Award. You can also spotlight awards of local interest.

9. Lexile measures

Put MetaMetrics’ The Lexile Framework® for Reading in your catalog, to help librarians and patrons find material by reading level.

LibraryThing Catalog Enrichments are available one-by-one or together. They are easy to install and can be added to every major ILS/OPAC system and most of the minor ones. Enrichments can be customized and styled to fit your catalog. Detailed usage reporting lets you know how they’re doing.
Library Anywhere

Your library made mobile, with native apps for iPhone and Android.

Mobile Catalog
Search your catalog, place holds and renew items. It does what your web catalog does.

It Just Works:
- No installation, uploads or maintenance.
- It works like your regular catalog, and never deviates from it in functionality or content.
- New items are added the moment they enter your regular catalog—no uploads or reindexing necessary.
- Search results, display order, and holdings information always match your regular catalog.
- Integrates seamlessly with OverDrive and LibraryThing for Libraries.

Do It All
- Place holds, renew items, see checkouts, fines and reading history.
- Use your phone’s camera to scan barcodes on books anywhere to see if the library has a copy.
- Bookmark records for later.
- Use geolocation to find the nearest library.
- Scan QR codes on your regular catalog to jump into the same record on the mobile version, and take the record into the stacks with you.
- Includes a “Universal Version” that is fully compliant with Section 508 and other accessibility standards.

Make it a Branded App
Branded apps are now available for your library.
Get the power of Library Anywhere along with custom colors and branded apps downloadable under your library’s name in the app stores!

Add a Mobile Homepage
The Library Anywhere homepage is flexible and customizable. Build simple homepages with a few clicks of a mouse, or customize with XML.
- Link to outside content, including OverDrive, mobile databases, Facebook and Twitter.
- Hours and locations: Include the library’s hours and locations, Google maps and more.
- Events: Pull event listings into Library Anywhere in real time.
- Ask a librarian: Make “ask a librarian” pages that directly launch phone, SMS and email. Or link out to existing “ask a librarian” services you might have.

BookPsychic
A personal recommendations service for library users.

BookPsychic is your users’ crystal ball—a personal recommendations service from their library.

The more they rate, the better their recommendations become; the more they discover, the more your collection circulates.

- BookPsychic only recommends items from your library’s collection—books, ebooks, audiobooks and DVDs.
- Comes with preset genres like “Mystery”, “Young Adult”, and “New Fiction”, which can be customized for your library’s needs and collection.
- Fueled by over 200 million datapoints, from readers on LibraryThing and popularity at your library.
- Users can save and keep track of rated items.
- Links directly to your catalog pages.

Users want personalized recommendations!
“Overall, 64% of respondents say they would be interested in personalized online accounts that provide customized recommendations for books and services based on their past library activity, similar to the recommendations offered by commercial sites like Amazon.”
Pew Research Center, Library services in the digital age (January 22, 2013)

Embed recommendations in your OPAC. Launch BookPsychic from there or from your homepage.
- Integrates with Facebook, Twitter, LibraryThing and even Goodreads.
- BookPsychic can be used alone, or with other LibraryThing for Libraries enrichments.

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Your Ratings
- Rated
- Saved
- Recommendations
- Just For You
Browse and Rate
- All Topics
- Recent Fiction
- Recent Nonfiction
- Art & Design
- Biography & Memoir
- Business
- Children’s Books
- Christian Fiction
- Fantasy
- Fiction
- Food & Cooking
- Gay & Lesbian
- Graphic Novels
- Health & Wellness
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LibraryThing for Libraries builds off data and features from the personal- and social-cataloging site, LibraryThing. Since 2005, LibraryThing members have added over 95 million books and 114 million tags.

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