Lost and Damaged Items

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Lost Items

Lost by your patrons, their patrons, or InfoExpress

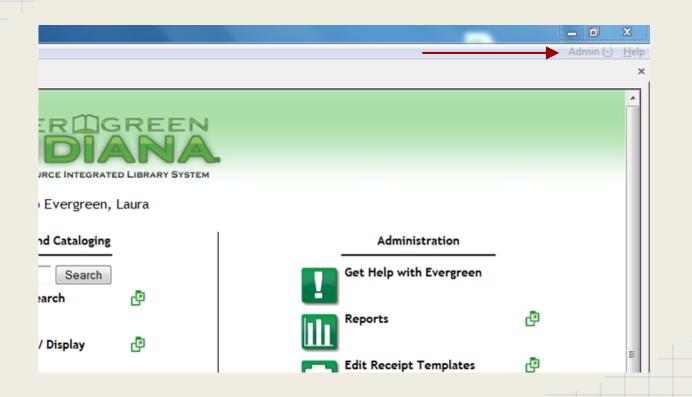
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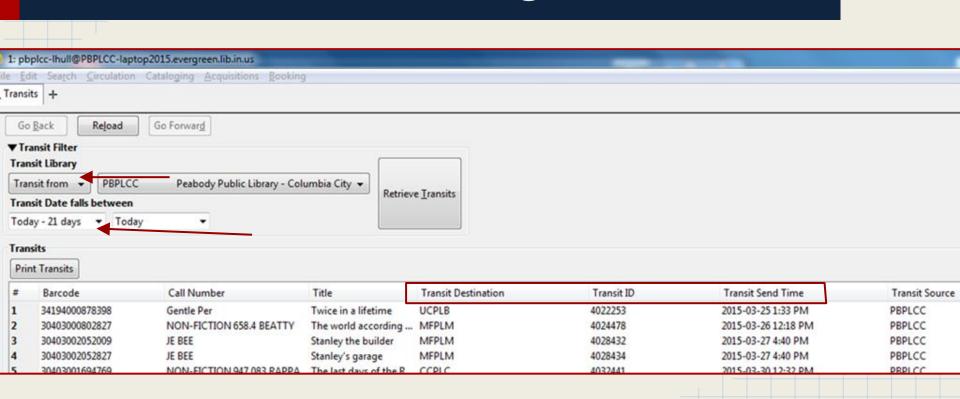
How long has it been in transit? More than a week or two? The courier could have carried it away. Courier bags have been known to go astray.

Contact David M. Hicks: dhicks@library.IN.gov

He will need shipping information including the parcel ID#

Figure out when the item shipped, which library put the item In Transit and the destination library. Admin > Local Administration > Transit List

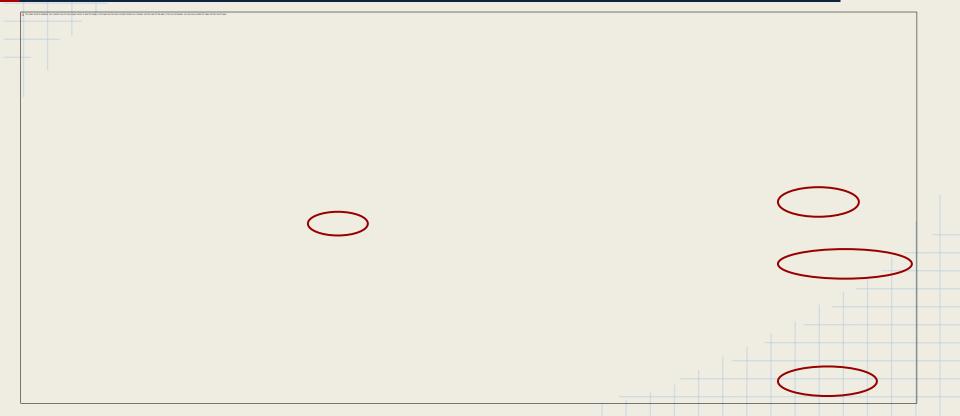




In Transit-

It is always possible that the last patron to check out the item isn't a member of the library where the checkout occurred and/or the return/shipping library is different from the circulating library.

Select item> Show Item Details



What is the most recent checkout history for this item? Select Item> Show Last few Circulations:

In Transit-

Email Mr. Hicks with all the details you have gathered.

If the item status is 'Available', the item made it to the owning library.

At another library-

You sent your book out in good faith that it would be returned. However, you have noticed that the item status has been 'On Holds Shelf' (or In Transit) for a few weeks.

You don't think it is an issue for Info Express. Call the library that is supposed to have your book and follow it up with an email.

The Circulation Contact List will have the phone number and email address of the person with whom you should begin your enquiry.

When YOUR patron loses THEIR item

Remember, only the owning library may mark an item as Lost.

The good news is that things are a lot easier now. You can collect money for another library's lost item just like you would for your own.

Don't stop there, though. Be a good consortium member and let the owning library know. Make sure you note title, author, and barcode number.

Damaged Items

Damaged comes in so many shapes and sizes. What do they have in common? Communication!

What do you do when your patron has damaged a book belonging to another library?

- 1. Nothing. Generate a transit slip and ship it back hoping for the best.

 Or ship the book to fill another hold request.
- 2. Slip a note in the book noting the book has damage. Maybe someone will see the note when it reaches the home library.
- 3. Ship the item with a message attached/inserted stating your patron was responsible for the damage.
- 4. Enter a note or Alert Message on the patron's account detailing the item damage information.

What do you do when your patron has damaged a book belonging to another library?

- 5. Call the owning library's Circulation List contact to make them aware of damage to their material.
- 6. Email the owning library's staff member, provided by the Circulation List contact, so you both have documented details of the incident.
- 7. Email and/or call the owning library and the circulating library if it was returned to your library and you are caught in the middle of the situation.

What do you do when your patron has damaged a book belonging to another library?

Why contact the owning library?

Will the owning library want to see the item to assess the damage and verify/modify the amount owed?

Which library gets to change the status of the item to DAMAGED? The one whose patron checked it out or the owning library? A third library may be involved if it is returned to a library that neither owns nor circulated the item.

Do you hold on to the item because your patron owns it once the damage fee is paid?

Do you ship the item back to the owning library? The owning library may want to assess the damage based on the age, type, and condition of the item before it reached your patron. The owning library may decide to lower or waive fees.

When THEIR Item Comes to YOU Damaged

What do you do when a library transits an item to your library that is damaged?

Most material transiting to fill holds is in good shape.

We all have books with minor damage. Either the owning library didn't notice the stains, torn page, spine problem, or didn't consider the damage noteworthy.

Some libraries add notes/alerts to items that pop-up when the barcode is scanned.

Sometimes you will see a note the receiving library put in the book noting the damage was there when received so their patron won't be blamed.

When THEIR Item Comes to YOU Damaged

What do you do when a library transits an item to your library that is damaged?

How can transiting damaged material contribute to poor patron service?

We received an item with mold. It was the only book of that title available in Evergreen. What we did:

A call was placed to the owning library about the condition of the book.

A decision was made, based on availability of the title, to let the patron determine if she would check the book out in that condition.

In the meantime, we put in an ILL request for the book.

Our patron decided NOT to check out the moldy book.

The ILL copy arrived but the patron was rushed to read the book in time for her meeting.

When THEIR Item Comes to YOU Damaged

What do you do when a library transits an item to your library that is damaged?

What could have been better patron service?

The owning or transiting library could have notified the borrowing library of the books condition before shipping. It would have served the patron better to begin the ILL process sooner.

Remember: the transiting library isn't always the owning library.

The owning library staff may need to contact each library having circulated the item since it left the owning library to determine whom to bill.

What do you do when InfoExpress is responsible for that damaged item?

You shipped book in good condition.

What do you do when the book doesn't reach its destination but gets returned to you soaking wet?

A DVD was shipped back to your library, in good condition, after your patron returned it to another Evergreen library.

What do you do when the DVD shows up broken?

What do you do when InfoExpress is responsible for that damaged item.

Determine that the damage did indeed happen during shipment.

Submit an Info Express claim form.

What to do when Info Express is responsible for that damaged item.



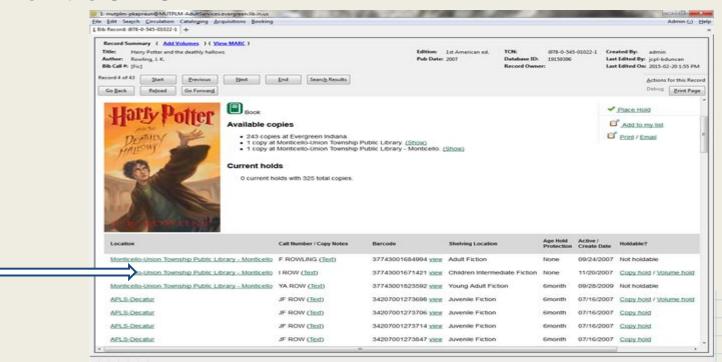
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Email:	
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Let's Talk

Who to contact and how to find them



From the OPAC



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Opening hours					
Monday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: closed					
Contact information					
Email address: circulationclerk@ Telephone: 574-583-2665	monticello lib in us				
Mailing address					
321 WEST BROADWAY MONTICELLO IN USA 47960					
Branch relationship					
Parent library: Monticello-Union.	Township Public Library				



Click on Communications

Leadership Contact Lists

<u>Committee Members</u>: Listing of current governance committee members with contact information and service terms.

Circulation Support List: A full list of direct contacts for circulation and transit issues amongst Evergreen Indiana libraries.

Scroll down and Click on Circulation Support List

Save this list on your desk top or browser favorites for easy access.

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Library Name	Library Identifier	Item Prefix	Contact Name	Title	Email	Phone
Middletown Fall Creek Public Library	MFCPLM	76331	Teresa Dennis	Director	teresaholden@yahoo.com	765.354.4071
Milford Public Library	MFPLM	72433	Julie Frew	Director	ifrew@milford.lib.in.us	574.658.4312
Mitchell Community Public Library	MTCPLM	36823	Alexis Caudell	Director	acaudell@mitchell.lib.in.us	812.849.2412
Monon Town & Township Public Library	MTTPLM	36825	Jo Minnick	Director	iminnick@monon.lib.in.us	219.253.6517
Monon Town & Township Public Library	MTTPLM	36825	Barbara Rayburn		brayburn@monon.lib.in.us	219.253.6517
Montezuma Public Library	MPLM	36754	Jayanne Rumple	Director	Director@montezuma.lib.in.us	765.245.2772
Monticello Union Township Public Library	MUTPLM	37743	Scott Miller	Circulation Manager	smiller@monticello.lib.in.us	574.583.2665
Montpelier Harrison Township Public Library	MHTPLM	76052	Cathy Leas	Interim Director	cdlladybug@hotmail.com	765.728.5969
Mooresville Public Library	MVPLM	37323	Virginia Jensen	Circulation Coordinator	virginiaj@mooresville.lib.in.us	317.831.7323
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	MCPLE; MCPLMV;			1	1	765.342.3451
Morgan County Public Library	MCPLMT; MCPLW	78551	Krista Ledbetter	Director	kristag@mail.morg.lib.in.us	x19
	NWCPL; LVMTL;					
Newton County Public Library	MCL; RLL	1561	Mary Kay Emmrich	Director	director@newton.lib.in.us	219.992.3490
	NWCPL; LVMTL;					
Newton County Public Library	MCL; RLL	1561	Jennifer Arrenholz	Assistant Director	assistantdr@newton.lib.in.us	219.992.3490
Newton County Public Library, Lake Village Main						
Branch	LVMTL	1561	Sandy Canaday	Lake Village Contact	lakevillage@newton.lib.in.us	219.992.3490
Newton County Public Library, Morocco Branch	MCL	1561	Jane Gulley	Morocco Branch Contact	morocco@newton.lib.in.us	219.285.2664
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Newton County Public Library, Roselawn Branch	RLL	1561	Saya Tepavcevich	Roselawn Branch Contact	roselawn@newton.lib.in.us	219.345.2010
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	NCPLC; NCPLW;	38131;				
Noble County Public Library	NCPLE	38132;38133	Jennifer Steffey	Technical Services	jsteffey@nobleco.lib.in.us	260.636.7197
North Webster Community Public Library	NWCLN	72436	Paula Markley	Technical Services	pmarkley@nweb.lib.in.us	574.834.7122
North Webster Community Public Library	NWCLN	72436	Helen Leinbach	Director	hleinbach@nweb.lib.in.us	574.834.7122
Odon Winkelpleck Public Library	OWPLO	70142	Marsha Lynn	Director	OdonLibrarian@aol.com	812.636.4949
Osgood Public Library	OPL; OPLO, OPLM	39692	Kim Porter	Director	director@osgoodlibrary.org	812.689.4011
Otterbein Public Library	OTBPLO	34046	Patti Foster	Interim Director	director@otterbeinpubliclibrary.org	765.583.2107
Oxford Public Library	OXPLO	34045	Brittany Hays	Director	oxfordlibrary@sbcglobal.net	765.385.2177
Paoli Public Library	PAOPLP	79593	Cynthia Webb	Interim Director	cwebb75@hotmail.com	812.723.3841
Peabody Public Library	PBPLCC	73922	Laura Hull	Circulation Manager	Ihull@ppl.lib.in.us	260.244.5541
Peabody Public Library	PBPLCC	73922	Mary Hartman	Director	MHartman@ppl.lib.in.us	260-244-5541
Peabody Public Library	PBPLCC	73922	Sarah Field	Circulation	sfield@ppl.lib.in.us	260-244-5541
Perry County Public Library - Cannelton Branch	CNLPL	70622	Sally Walker	Branch Manager	Canneltonpl@yahoo.com	812.547.6028
Perry County Public Library - Tell City and	TCPCPL: TCPCPLT:	70022	July Walker	or erful Manager	Samettonpres variou.com	012.347.0020
Bookmobile	TCPCPLB	70621	John Mundy	Director	imundy@tcpclibrary.org	812.547.2661
Peru Public Library	PPLP	75521	Maryann Farnham	Director	perupubliclibrary@yahoo.com	765-473-3069
Peru Public Library	PPLP	75521	Michael I Rasor	Circulation	rasormichael@att.net	765-473-3069

What do you say?

Any stories to share of good or bad experiences?

Questions?

Our Contact Information

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