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Athenaeum and FileMaker Go

Last week, FileMaker Inc. Released FileMaker Go for iPhone and iPad. This is a “cut-down” version of the FileMaker specifically for those devices.

Initial testing of Athenaeum Pro and Athenaeum Light shows that they look great on iPhone/iPad. However, FileMaker Go supports only a subset of FileMaker features, so we will optimise Athenaeum Light and Pro appropriately. Look for these changes in August.

(Note that you can also access Athenaeum data using a web interface which is also available to iPads/iPhones).

Athenaeum Light 10 Preview

Athenaeum Light 10 is in the final documentation stages along with testing of data imports from Athenaeum Light 7.

A preview download will run until the end of August and is now available from the Athenaeum downloads page. It includes an ultra-quick start document.

<http://www.sumware.net/athdownload.php>

We have video previews of Athenaeum Light on our YouTube page: <http://tinyurl.com/23pson9> which highlight the new look and feel, administrator searches, borrower charts and much more.

These are very quick (most are 1 minute), silent videos with text descriptions highlighting the different features. Of course, you can easily start, pause, rewind the videos at any time.

Athenaeum Light 7 users wishing to test the built-in updater should contact us on our support address for instructions.

Athenaeum YouTube Videos

As indicated above, we have started making our videos available on YouTube. This should give you the most flexibility for watching videos (YouTube seem to know quite a bit about video on the web!). You can see our videos on the athenaeumsoftware channel on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/athenaeumsoftware>

You can watch videos at different resolutions. Low resolution (240) is very fast, but very low quality and results in blurry videos. High resolution (720) is the best option and will scale nicely to full screen, but is the slowest to load. The middle resolutions (360 and 480) seem to provide a good balance.

Athenaeum Pro 8.6

Is in the final stages of testing (Kamar schools wishing to exploit fees integration - please contact us so we can test with you).

New issue history summaries; new A4 label options; New “Lost” book option; Fees from Lost books option; Kamar fees integration; direct support for the Kamar “Parent Portal”; FileMaker Go support; revised XML query interface (e.g for third parties to integrate Athenaeum data); easier check-box searching; borrower name quick searches include bar code search; new list in history button from catalogue; “fines” now referred to as “fees”; new fee notes tracker; further interface refinements; lots of little internal tweaks.

