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Auckland training

We are running back-to-back 1 hour sessions from 1pm, on the 13th May at the Kamar Conference. The first session covers basic to intermediate Athenaeum topics, the second, advanced topics, frequently asked questions and a preview of one or two features currently under development.

The sessions are free for Kamar conference attendees and \$75+GST (per person for both sessions) for non-conference attendees. The session will be presentation style, meaning we should cover a wide and eclectic range of topics.

We will also be available before the sessions to answer your questions, one on one. Contact us for more detail.

Training Palmerston North & Masterton

On 6 April in **Palmerston North**, Rob is running an Intermediate to Advanced training at the National Library building. That is followed the next day by two training sessions at St Matthew's Collegiate in **Masterton** on 7 April with a Beginner to Intermediate a.m. and an Advanced/New features pm. Each session is \$140+GST per school, up to 3 attendees sharing that one fee. Contact us by phone or e-mail at support@sumware.co.nz for details.

Manual borrower photo import

For libraries without an automated system for importing borrower photos, the manual borrower import process is documented in a 1 minute video on this Athenaeum Note:

<http://sumware.net/athenaeum/athnotes/?p=149>

Multiple ISBNs

In 2007, ISBN standards changed to accommodate 13 digit ISBNs. The previous 10 digit ISBNs can be converted to the 13 digit version via a calculation. Athenaeum Pro 8.6 will do this automatically for you and store both versions.

This Athenaeum note describes the feature:

<http://sumware.net/athenaeum/athnotes/?p=152>

Athenaeum

SumWare @ Kamar conference

SumWare Consulting will again be at the Kamar conference on 12 and 13 May. This year's conference is at the Ellerslie Event Centre in Auckland. As in previous years, we are expecting over 300 attendees.

This is a great opportunity to meet with school librarians and technicians, both in the sessions we present as well as the one-on-one time outside of these sessions. If you are attending the conference, please do catch up to greet and ask any questions.



FlexiSpell™

In 1992, we introduced FlexiSpell - a technique for aiding your library patrons with difficulty spelling. With the internet cross-pollinating spelling from around the world (e.g. Colour/color, harbour/harbor) this is more common, even amongst good spellers.

Athenaeum Pro's FlexiSpell can assist you here. This short video on Athenaeum Notes shows you the basic concepts.

<http://sumware.net/athenaeum/athnotes/?p=154>

Need a feature?

The development of Athenaeum is largely driven by the users of Athenaeum. If you would like a feature added or a process changed in Athenaeum - please do ask.

Because Athenaeum is used in so many different ways, we can't implement every change, nor is something that is obvious to you necessarily obvious to others (including us at SumWare Consulting). However, we always consider all feature requests and how we might implement them in the best way for as many people as is practical.

Export my data

Reiterating a policy we have had since 1992, we do not lock your data up. Nor do we charge you to export your data. It is easy to export all of your Athenaeum to easy to read and "reassemble" formats. Simply click the Export button on the support menu of the main screen. This serves as a great quick and dirty back-up, too!

Current Versions

Athenaeum Pro	8.6v20110306
Athenaeum Light 10	10.0v20110304

Java Incompatibility

FileMaker Server administrators must not apply Java 6 update 24. It breaks the console on both Windows and Mac. FileMaker Inc. is aware of the issue.

