

September 2011

Auckland Training

Athenaeum Pro 2011

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September Auckland Training

The following two group training sessions are scheduled for Auckland.

15 Sep 9:30am-12pm, Kings College

27 Sep 9:30am-12pm, Albany Junior High

If you would like to attend, please contact us at support@sumware.co.nz

The follow up run through of Athenaeum Pro is free to interested parties.

Look out for more north island training, soon. And of course, we are continuing with plenty of one-on-one remote training.

Followed by a free 1/2
hour run through of
Athenaeum Pro 2011

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We are simplifying the version numbering of Athenaeum Pro. In future the main version number will simply be the year of introduction of the version. The next version (in late testing now) will be 2011. Simple!

At the recent SLANZA conference, Rob demonstrated Athenaeum Pro 2011. This update introduces a few key enhancements as well as many internal tweaks requested by library users in Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

QuickMARC

QuickMARC streamlines the process of adding to your catalogue. It works with Curriculum Corporation's SCISWeb service as well as the National Library of New Zealand's SchoolsCat website.

Enter your credentials for SCIS or SchoolsCat, scan your ISBNs into QuickMARC and Athenaeum will search the appropriate service and retrieve the catalogue information and (optionally) add it directly to the catalogue for you. If SCIS images are available, they will also be automatically imported.

The process is quick and very easy. You can see a sneak preview on Youtube at this address:

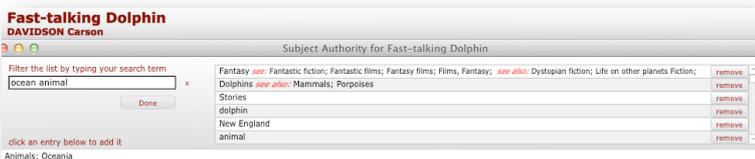
<http://youtu.be/WB0b1DfzpsU>

"Rooms" Correspondence

Athenaeum Pro 2011 will allow you to associate any borrower with a "room". This makes it much easier to send an overdue or a circulation list to the teacher (say) of said "room".

Strict or Loose Authority

Authorities and their associated linkage to the catalogue (the "subjects" if you like) now have the option of strict enforcement of authority lists and faster searching of very large authority lists (e.g. SCIS subject headings). Enforcing strictness makes it easier to analyse your collection by subject.



Enhanced Titles

Athenaeum manages titles in the background (that is, the information shared amongst multiple copies). Pro 2011 allows you to configure client (OPAC) searches to search either the just the Titles or the Copies (as now).

Tweaks

While some of the following items are small, we think they will make a big difference to a number of people.

- Internet communications have been reworked, improving network proxy handling
- Author search includes both author and Illustrator/other author fields
- Replacement costs defined with a user customisable formula
- Option to always maximise OPAC windows; new admin zoom for easier handling of big screens
- Overdue this year button
- Image grabbing
- Ad hoc fees for issued items, without return
- New options for electronic resources

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Entering www.librarysoftware.co.nz into the address bar of your web browser will take you straight to the Athenaeum web page. support@librarysoftware.co.nz email address works, too!

FileMaker Pro/Server Bundles

When supplying you with new or updated Athenaeum licences, we can bundle Filemaker Pro and Server at new, special prices, delivered electronically. Also available are Volume Licences, for larger quantities.

Images

Wheeler Images have a huge collection of high quality book cover images. We spoke with them at the SLANZA conference and they are happy for schools to use these—just email and ask first.

Future developments

Development is mostly driven by our librarians. However, we do keep an eye on new things. Three that are of immediate interest are ZING (Z39.50 International: Next Generation); eBook management and more iPhone/iPad integration.

