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Athenaeum Pro 2012

External testing of Athenaeum Pro 2012 is now under way and it should be available soon. If you would like to be part of the testing team, please contact us at support@librarysoftware.co.nz.

This upgrade - driven largely by user requests - includes: a revised Main Menu, Quick Stats, customisable Search Screen backgrounds, additional Overdue slips option, additional Correspondence options and lots of little changes incorporating requested features. Watch this space in the next newsletter for details.

Bay of Plenty Athenaeum Pro Training

Intermediate level Athenaeum Pro training along the lines of the recent well received training in Hawkes Bay is scheduled for Tauranga on 31 July. If you wish to attend, please contact us for details. If there is demand, we may also incorporate training in Rotorua the day before or after.

Using the Search History

Joan Bain at Kingsway School uses Athenaeum's search history to help the kids with their searches. The search history makes it easy to see trending topics of interest and see any difficulties that some searchers might have.

We had to chuckle when Joan shared a terrific set of searches by a rather tenacious young boy who was slightly orthographically challenged (and we love the way he changed tack after 7 attempts!). Naturally, Joan could assist the young fellow with his quest.
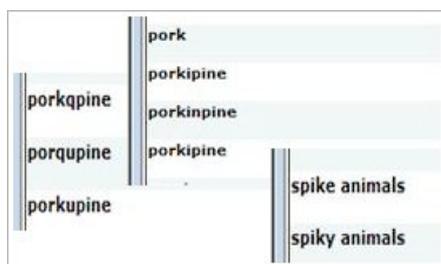
On a related note, if one of these misspellings was common amongst other searchers, it would be a simple matter to add the misspelling to Athenaeum Pro's FlexiSpell dictionary.

FileMaker Pro 11 and12

As mentioned last newsletter, FileMaker Pro has just been updated to version 12. Athenaeum Pro 2012 will be available for both FileMaker Pro 11 and FileMaker Pro 12.

We expect future versions of Athenaeum Pro (2013) and Athenaeum Light to be only available for FileMaker 12)

Connecting with an iPad

With the release of FileMaker Pro 12 came the terrific news that FileMaker Go 12 for iPad (and iPhone) is free.

This means that libraries using FileMaker 12 can give first class client access to library patrons with iPads or iPhones. They can search easily and, if you create log in accounts, they can reserve, review, see their issues, overdues and reserves on their own device. Or, you might offer the loan of iPads as search terminals (OPAC) from your library.
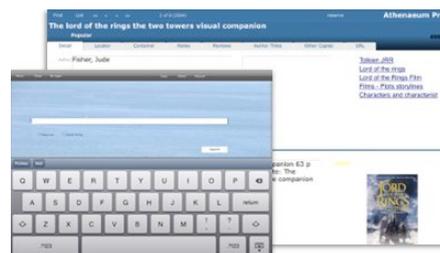
Updates to Web Templates

Improvements and a new theme are part of updates to the web templates for Athenaeum Pro 2012.

Contact us for more information.

FM Server automated shut down

Rob presented a session on the KAMAR conference last month that included automating FileMaker Server shut downs with batch files. This is a topic of interest to many IT staff. They can view the short screen cast on YouTube and contact us if they would like details of the script:

http://youtu.be/O0AsJakXlY8