Athenaeum

Summer shut down & Holiday upgrades

From 20 December, support will be by appointment only. SumWare Consulting will be closed from 2-10 January.

Many libraries will be upgrading during December and January. We strongly suggest that any upgrades requiring our assistance to book that time with us as soon as possible.

Stock take

Please don't use Excel to collect your bar codes. When copying and pasting Excel data, Excel can make changes to your data, such as trimming leading zeroes, adding spaces or tabs. Because the copied data may not be faithful to your actual scans, then this can cause problems for Athenaeum locating those items. If you must copy from another program, then you can use a plain text editor program such as NotePad or TextEdit. If you have done this, please contact us and we can check some things for you.
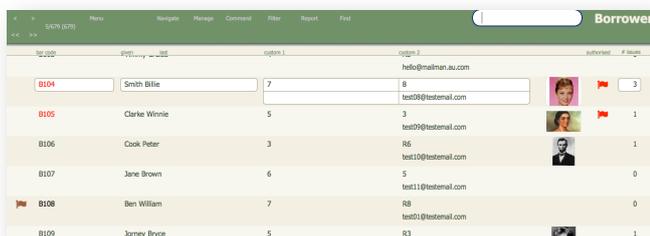
Closing your Stock take.

You don't. Just run your missing reports (either with the missing buttons or with custom searches) and then your annual $ summary and annual purchase report. When you send those reports to your accounts staff, you might also export your catalogue financial data in an Excel report (choose the .xlxs format) so they can extract any other information they might need.

And don't forget, when you generate a "missing report", the result is a "found set". That found set can be sorted by any criteria, summarised by the various fields, exported, etc. you can also constrain this found set for example to just a particular location -- with your Missing Report in place, click on the Find button, enter the location (e.g. graphic novels), the click on the Filter button and choose Constrain.
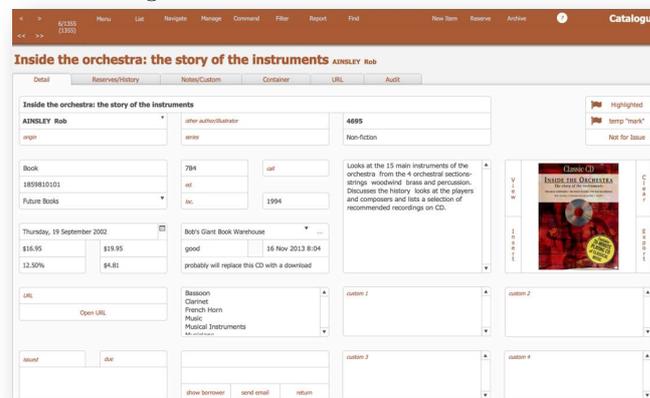
Athenaeum Light 2014

A major update of Athenaeum Light is coming in the next few months. New features, a reworked interface,

different file and window management, more web integration are all part of the package. The two thumb-nail screen shots here give you a clue to some of the changes.

Athenaeum Pro 2014

Many of the features that have been requested lately are being rolled in to Athenaeum Pro 2014.

Those, combined with interface updates, file structure optimisations, enhancements to the web and mobile device interfaces and new window management options (see the Athenaeum note on screen sizing for clues) http://sumware.net/athenaeum/athnotes/?p=206 will be available about April (caveat: "best laid plans of...")

Training: North Auckland

A training-workshop is booked for 27 February at Albany Junior High. Details will be forthcoming, but those librarians who need to apply for budget from their executive (that is, who don't already have a current support contract) will want to get that under way!