

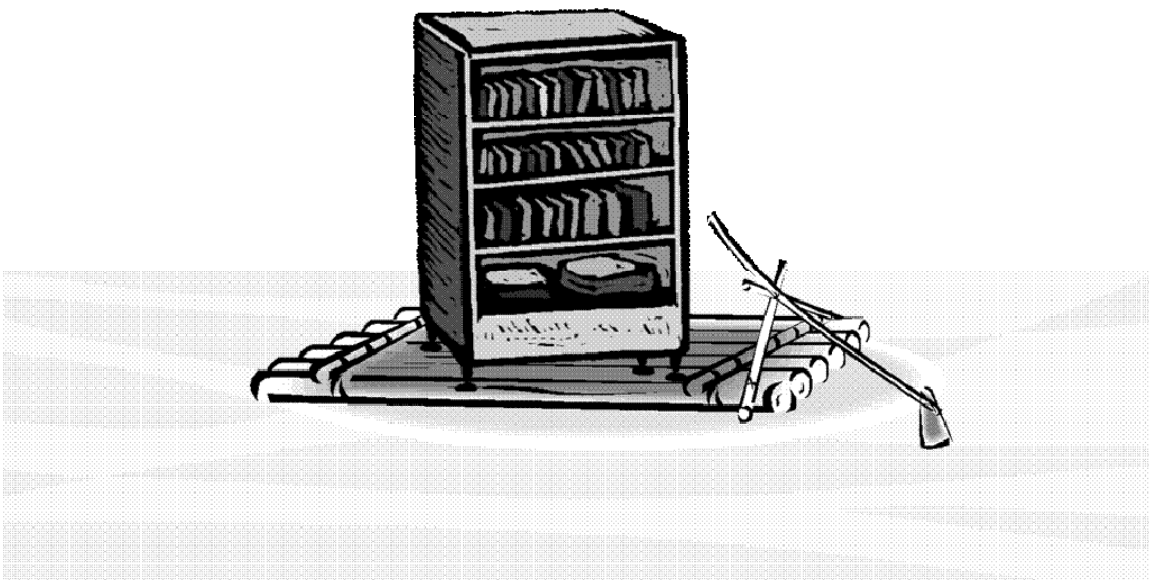
Floating Collections

What are Floating Collections?

The concept of floating collections relates to the idea of one system, one collection. Materials “float” freely among system libraries rather than being “owned” by a specific location. When a patron returns a circulating item, it is shelved at the location where it was returned instead of being sent back to the location from which it was checked out. Upon check in, the location is automatically updated in the library catalog to show where it now resides.

In essence, this concept of materials management eliminates the shipping and delivery of the selected floating collection. Libraries that have implemented floating collections have seen a significant decrease in materials being shipped between libraries.

For patrons, this means that materials will be immediately ready for check out or to place holds on as they will no longer be “in transit” to the home library. In addition patrons have new materials to browse in their neighborhood branch.



What collections will float?

- The first collection to float will be adult fiction. Adult fiction comprises 21% of the collection!
- The first books to float will have “Fiction” on the spine. The call number will have the author’s last name and will not have numbers in it.
- Will everything float eventually?
 - No, some parts of the collection will not float.
 - Genealogy and African-American collections will not float.
 - Other parts of the collection may be identified that will not float
- The proposed order for the next collections to float is:
 - Adult fiction paperbacks
 - Large print fiction
 - Biography
 - Young Adult Fiction
- When will floating start?
 - Fiction will start floating on April 2, 2008.

What if I end up with too many books? Or, not enough books?

- There will be ways to re-balance the collection as it floats!
- We will develop methods of rebalancing that work for the system.



Important Information:

At Check-In:

- The Floating Collection module works only in Millennium.
- There can be no more check-in using Anzio. No exceptions!!
- All staff and all volunteers **must** use Millennium to do check-in.
- Please make sure that all staff and volunteers are prepared to use Millennium only by April 2, 2008.
- Millennium will automatically change the location code of the books that are part of the floating collection.
- Many books that used to be set in transit will now go directly to the shelves!
- Transit time will decrease and selection choices will increase!

While Shelving:

- The shelves may look a little different, as there will be different dots, stickers, and spine labels on books that now float.
- The Fiction section may look a lot more colorful with new dots and stickers arriving on floating books.

While Weeding:

- If an item is damaged or worn-out, the library that currently holds the book can handle the weeding.
- If an item is returned damaged, the library that currently holds the book can assess the patron.

Please Note:

If you need training or have questions about Millennium, please contact Melisse Hypponen.