Polaris Integrated Library System Update - Riverside 2.0 Strategic Plan

Riverside Public Library

Board of Library Trustees
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The Library ILS

An Integrated Library System (ILS) is a management and planning system used to track the orders of books and other materials, items owned, invoices paid, and customer data and history. The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), or public interface, is also part of the ILS.

Library ILS Transitions

1. Millennium ILS implemented in FY 2004/05
2. 10 years later, advancements in technology rendered the platform outdated and parent company Innovative Interfaces announced a phase out of the outdated system
3. Library staff engaged the Riverside Public Library Foundation in discussion on a path to secure funds to upgrade the ILS

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Timeline

1. December 2013 - Riverside Public Library Foundation receives $40,000 donation contingent on $35K in matching funds
2. February 2014 - City Council approves a $35,000 match
3. April 2014 – Innovative Interfaces acquires Polaris Library Systems
4. July 2015 - City Council approves $133,862 agreement with Innovative with Gift Fund covering remaining balance of $58,862

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Polaris Integrated Library System

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Key Features

1. Robust, user friendly Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) for customers
2. E-Book Cloud Library Integration
3. Controlled access to reading history lists, and saved search lists
4. Customers can receive SMS and/or e-mail notification and receipts

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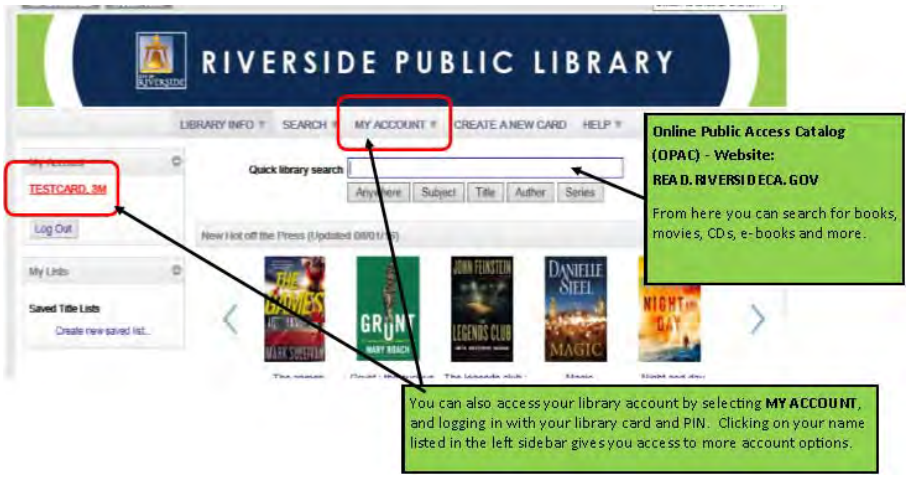
Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) read.riversideca.gov



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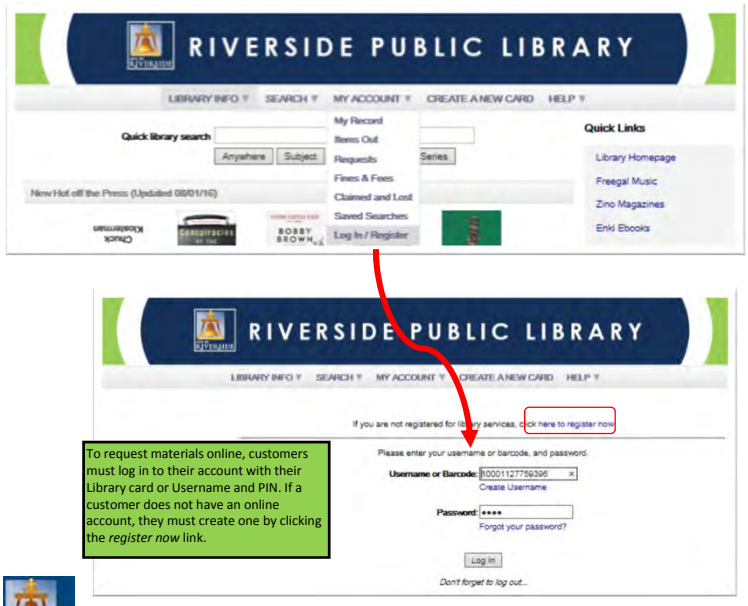

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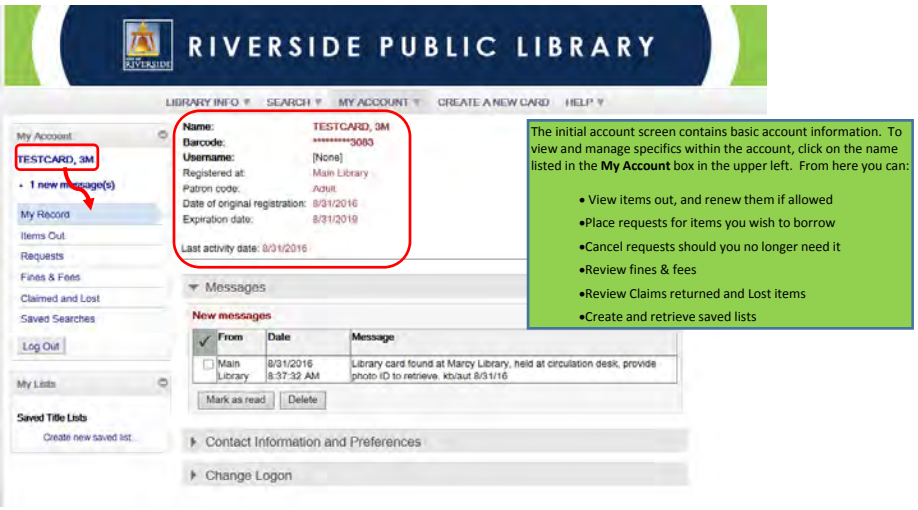

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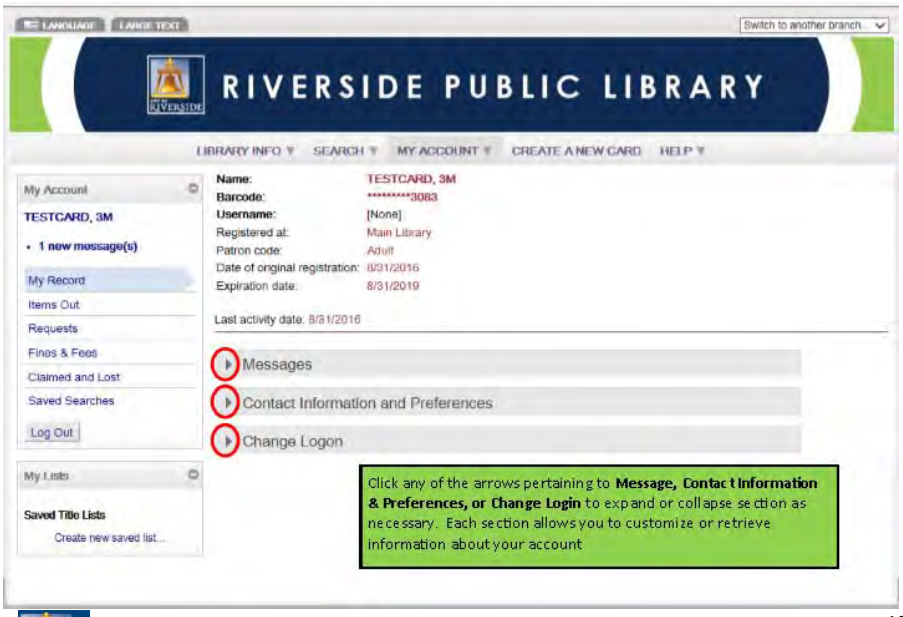

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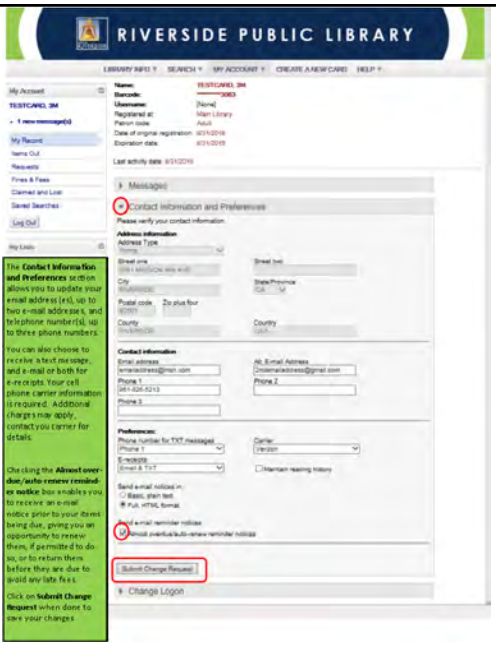

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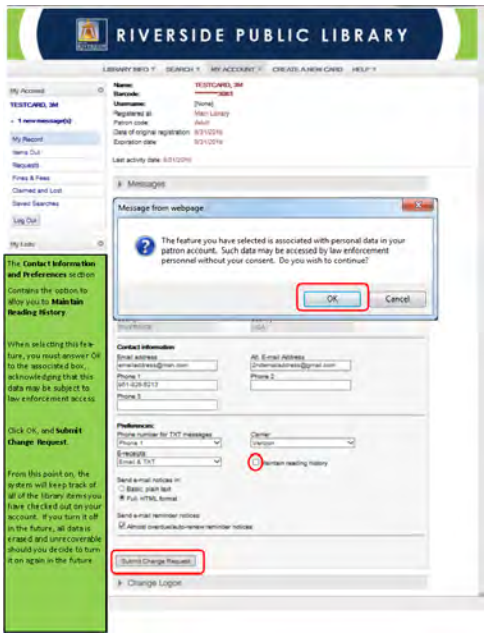

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Questions?

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Recommendation

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this report.