Moving and Merging Libraries with Koha

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Old libraries

- 19 department libraries
- humanities
 - philosophy, history, art history, archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, languages, literature, linguistics
- social sciences
 - o psychology, pedagogy, sociology, information sciences

Old libraries (cont.)

- everything in one room: materials, librarians, users
- ◆ 1300 m² 600.000 items ?? librarians average: 65 m² - 30.000 items - 1 librarian
 ○ with differences among libraries
- usually no open access to shelves for users







Old libraries (cont.)

- libraries working primarily for faculty and students of the particular department they belong to
- opened to students and faculty from other departments, (but they could feel less comfortable than in "their" library)
- different libraries holding the same title

Old libraries for users

- students could find materials needed for their studies
- not enough items available, using photocopies
- no strict circulation rules for faculty
- 3 reading rooms for students
- 100 seats for students, 20 computers
- short opening hours
- friendly atmosphere

Library automation?

- year 2002. project Scientific Information System for Humanities
- CDS/ISIS for cataloging
- separate databases for every library and material type
- separate (paper) records for patron contact info
- manual circulation



- almost UNIMARC
- manualy entering subfield codes

Union catalog - WebPAC

- the goal: make library collections more available by making library records visible and searchable on the Web
- first try in integration of library services
- first project utilizing free software

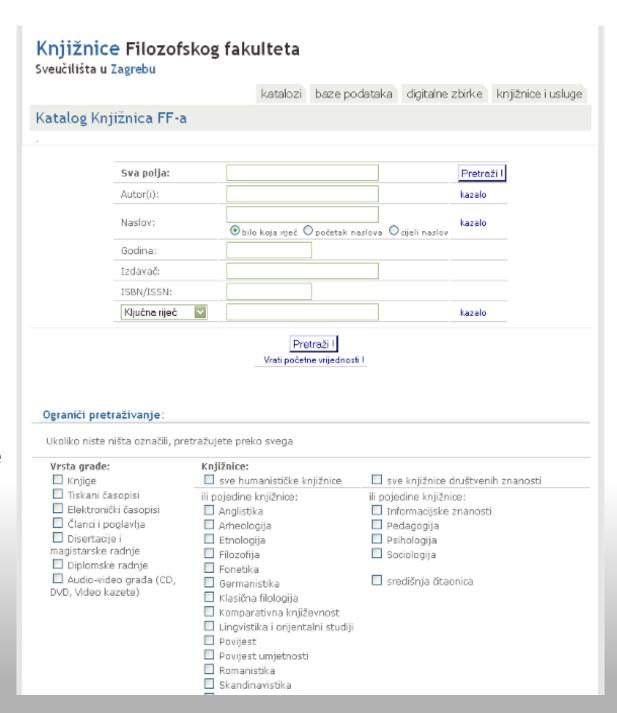
WebPAC

- library bibliographic data (books, journals, articles, ...)
- lists of e-journals with journal-level links
- more than 40 separate data sets, different formats
 CDS/ISIS mst/xrf file, MARC ISO-2709,MS Excel, ...
- 350.000 records

all in one interface

WebPAC

- very fast
- search options
 - words from title
 - title phrase
 - begging of the title
- browsing through indexes
- limit search to material type and/or library



New library building - fast forward



Three in One

- moving libraries to new location
 - o how to find your items after you move them to another location?
- merging old libraries collections
 - new library will have open access to shelves with selfcheck
 - o simple and functional call number scheme is needed
- integrated library software implementation
 - o librarians have never been using ILS before

National university libraries system

- National and University Library signed contract with Endeavor for Voyager (end of 2005)
- Voyager implementation for National and University Library (during 2006), production at the beginning of 2007.
- change from UNIMARC to MARC21
- UTF-8 support problems

Preparing for Voyager

- actively involved in the project, attending education and meetings, cooperating with National and University Library (beginning of the year 2007)
- started to develop software tools for data conversion and cleaning data from errors (middle of 2007)

Data mangling - WebPAC2

- data conversion between various input and output formats (CDS/ISIS mst, MARC ISO-2709, Excel, csv,..)
- normalize differences in data structures
- combine data from two or more sources to single output (lookups)
- detect and correct (systematic) errors in source data
- generate reports for manual cleaning of errors (when necessary), calculate frequencies
- validate MARC (marclint)
- completely configurable yaml, perl

Construction continues

- beginning of the year 2008
- public tender for RFID -ILS has to be specified in documentation



panic!

- Voyager sold to Ex Libris
- Ex Libris offered Aleph
- national project stalled

something like this:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME7alle6Vtg



Searching for alternative solution

important stuff:

- integrated
- standards and interoperability
- ease of use for librarians, users and administrators
- direct access to the database preferred

Koha 3.0.0 Beta Released

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Release Notes

Koha 3 is the next-generation release of the award-winning Koha open-source integrated library system.

You can obtain Koha 3.0 Beta from the following URL:

http://download.koha.org/koha-3.00.00-beta2.tar.gz

These Release Notes cover What's New in Koha 3, information about the new Revision control system (Git), and Version-release process, pointers to Download, Installation, and Upgrade documentation, a brief introduction to the new Templates, a call to Translation and Documentation writers, and finally, Known Issues with this version.

WHAT'S NEW IN KOHA 3?

(unusual) steps in implementation

April 3, 2008:

- Koha installation
- test migration (data was prepared before)

April 4, 2008:

 quick meeting with library manager and informatics department manager, quick agreement, no formal decision (declared later in RFP for RFID)

April 10, 2008:

- forming the working group (5 people)
- starting to work on Koha implementation (and everything else)

October 15, 2008.

• first library starts to work with Koha

don't follow if you have any other solution!

New call number system

Raspored gradje u Knjiznici FF-a

classification part:

- first letter floor designation
 (A, B, C, D, E, F)
- second letter collection (ex library)
- two digit number subject division

item part:

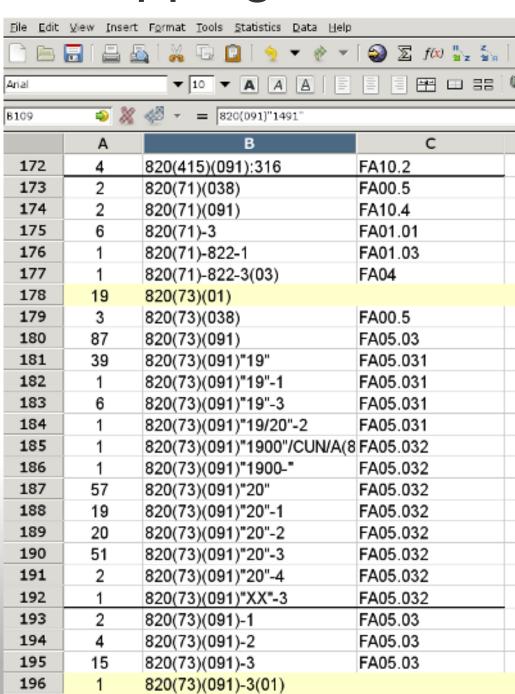
- first tree letters of author's name
- first letter of title

BC

ВС	PSIHOLOGIJA								
BC00	Referentna zbirka psihologije								
BC01	Psihologija općenito								
BC01.11	Percepcija								
BC01.12	Kognicija								
BC01.13	Inteligencija								
BC01.14	Motivacija i emocije								
BC01.21	Individualne razlike. Kulturalna psihologija								
BC01.22	Psihologija životinja								
BC01.23	Evolucijska psihologija								
BC01.3	Popularna psihologija								
BC01.4	Psihologija kao struka								
BC02	Povijest psihologije								
BC03	Psihometrija								
BC04	Biološka psihologija								
BC04.1	Anatomija i fiziologija								
BC04.2	Genetika								

Subject divisions and mappings

- subject divisions made by subject librarians
- based on
 - old call number
 - classification (UDC)
 - experience and understanding of the subject
- relevant data from old databases exported in Excel table
- librarians have done mappings
 from old system to the new one



Why not UDC based call numbers?

- UDC was freely applied from the perspective of particular subject collections (pedagogy books classified as sociology and similar)
- call number system based on UDC would be very wrong for some collections, because it would not follow the user needs
- UDC is complicated to read problem if you have open access to shelves and want to enable self-service

Data migration to Koha

- library by library
- library starts working on items immediately after migration

Items management - search for items

Firefox plugin

screenshot

Items management - call numbers

- suggested data filled in fields 942\$h and \$i with conversion scripts
- 942\$h came from mappings table made by librarians
- 942\$i was generated based on author and title

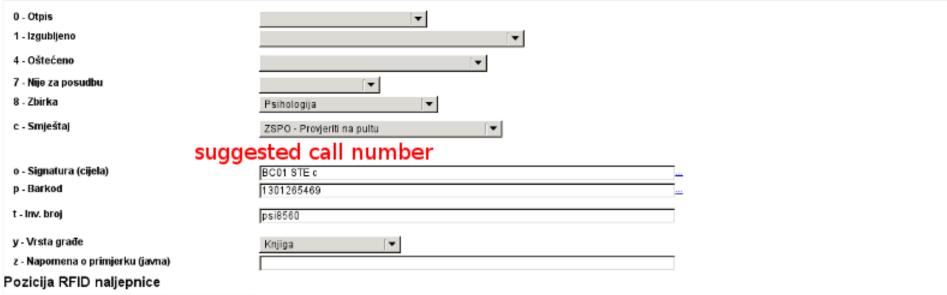
Items management - RFID tags

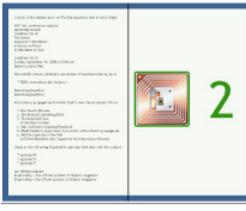
- writing data (barcodes) to RFID tags
- barcodes generated in Koha
- reading data from Koha through window title
- RFID tag position images in items editor random

Items for Cognitive psychology / by Sternberg, Robert J. (Record #214199)

		Otpis	Izgubljeno	Oštećeno	Nije za posudbu	Zbirka	Location (home branch)	Sublocation or collection (holding branch)		Date acquired	Barkod	Koha date last seen	Inv. broj	Price effective from	Vrsta građe	Napomena o primjerku (javna)	^
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RFID tag position

Save Changes

Writing data to RFID tags

screenshot

Reports

- help with controlling data important!
 - o lists of call numbers by collection
 - list of duplicate call numbers
 - o list of items by collection, item type, statuses...
 - O ...

- SQL2XLS for reporting
 - create directory and file with SQL query
 - enter URL (using the name of the directory with SQL file)

Printing labels

screenshot

Patron data

LDAP integration

Circulation

screenshot

self-check (Dobrica)



Call numbers for closed stocks

screenshot