

collectionHQ v6.11 Release – September 2023

We are excited to announce new features available now in collectionHQ.

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Core Items Management

We have listened to customer feedback and understand that there are certain items that should not appear on collectionHQ weeding reports. Examples might include books that are about local history, written by a local author, part of the Summer Reading Program, among others.

For this reason, we have introduced the option for customers to classify any item as “Core”. This easy-to-use tool walks you through some simple steps to tag items to one or more “Core Item Type(s)”.

Upload Barcode File Upload ISBN File Identify by Data Point

Drag & Drop your Barcode file here

OR

Choose File

Tag Your Core Items

Please specify the Core Item Type(s) you would like to associate with your Core Item(s)

Types

Local History × Summer Reading Program ×

Enter a new tag or search for an existing tag



DEI Subtopics (available for customers in North America)

collectionHQ’s powerful DEI Analysis tool reveals the proportion of material in a library’s collection that falls within a DEI Topic. New “Subtopics” have now been added to the following DEI Topics:

- Asian & Pacific Islander
- Sexuality & Gender*
- Religion

For example, Asian & Pacific Islander now includes:

- Central Asian
- East Asian
- Pacific Islander
- South Asian
- Southeast Asian

*The DEI Topic LGBTQIA+ & Gender Studies has changed to Sexuality & Gender.

The new Subtopics are identified in collectionHQ reports to offer more detailed insight into the representation of diverse communities in your library collection.

Don’t forget, collectionHQ Admin and DEI Admin users can “self-classify” material as DEI by assigning a DEI Topic to items that are not already included in the analysis. This functionality has been extended to offer those users the ability to self-classify items as a DEI Subtopic.

DEI Topic
Unique DEI Items ⓘ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian & Pacific Islander <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Asian East Asian Pacific Islander South Asian Southeast Asian No Subtopic Identified ⓘ
Black
Disabilities & Neurodiversity
Equity & Social Issues
Hispanic & Latino
Indigenous
Mental & Emotional Health
Middle Eastern & North African
Multicultural
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agnostic & Atheist Buddhist Hindu Jewish Muslim No Subtopic Identified ⓘ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexuality & Gender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bisexual Gay Lesbian Transgender No Subtopic Identified ⓘ
Substance Abuse & Addictions



Collection Use Summary Drilldown

To create a more seamless workflow when using collectionHQ to manage your collection, we have added the option for customers to access actionable detail from the Collection Use Summary report.

You can now click on the number of “Total Items” in a collection to access more information about each of the items including ISBN, Barcode, Last Use Date, Circulation, and more. This will empower you to carry out tasks, like weeding, straight from Collection Use Summary, increasing efficiencies in your collection management processes.

Collection	Library Detail Link	Total Items	Total Circulation
Adult Books [AF]	(all libraries)	3022	7662
Adult Books - Love [AF]	(all libraries)	465	638
Adult Books - Mystery [AF]	(all libraries)	1604	3372
Adult Books - Science Fiction [AF]	(all libraries)	509	1078
Adult Books - Westerns [AF]	(all libraries)	73	137

Author	Title	ISBN	Barcode
Blackwell, Juliet	Spellcasting in silk	9780451465788	39092092640996
Levine, Laura	This pen for hire	9780758201591	39092081727945
Swank, Denise Grover	Twenty-eight and a half wishes	9781463514587	39092090393374
Hall, Parnell	Presumed puzzled : a Puzzle Lady mystery	9781250061232	39092092598780
Margolin, Phillip	Violent crimes : an Amanda Jaffe novel	0062266551	39092089829651

Further enhancements to Collection Use Summary include a new Target in Administration called “Collection Use Status Minimum Number of Items”. This Target defines a minimum number of items that must be in a collection for it to report as either overstocked or understocked, to avoid a situation where adding or removing a few items causes the collection to “flip flop” between over and understocked.

Item Level Report Enhancement

When using collectionHQ item level action plans, such as Dead Item Removal, it can be helpful to know the targets defined in collectionHQ for items to appear in this report (i.e., 365 days of no activity before an item is defined as Dead).

This information now appears in the report header, so that you don’t have to navigate to Administration to find out.

Dead Items Removal Action Plan (Fiction)

Region Example Library Region
Library Central Library
Collection Adult Fiction [AF] (AF_F)
Advised to Remove 623
Dead Items Definition (days) 365

Please contact your collectionHQ Customer Success Manager or Account Manager with any questions about these enhancements.

