

# A new LINKcat is coming!

On April 18, 2011, libraries in the South Central Library System will transition to new software. This new software runs the inventory, search, and checkout services in our member libraries, and also our online catalog (LINKcat).



## Why the move?

The software we are using is old and outdated. Our new software will allow us to make changes and offer features that the old software could not support. It will also provide access to the catalog 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Features of the new catalog

- you can choose to save a history of everything you read
- improved search
- ability to create multiple, unlimited, private lists
- customer information (your holds, lists, barcode numbers, password, etc.) will transfer automatically to new system

## During the transition

The old LINKcat and the automated checkout system will be unavailable from the evening of April 14 through April 17, 2011. The new LINKcat and automated checkout system will go live on April 18, 2011.

During the transition, it may take us a bit longer to process new items. If you are unable to find a new or pre-publication title in LINKcat, please contact your library for assistance.

## After the transition

When library staff and customers begin to use the new LINKcat and circulation software, everyone will be learning something new. We ask for your patience during times when you may need to wait a few extra minutes.

The first time you access the new LINKcat, you will need to use your full 14-digit library card number and your Personal Identification Number (PIN) number to log in. After that you may change your password. Library staff will no longer be able to tell you your password, but can reset it for you.

While the LINKcat URL will be the same—[www.linkcat.info](http://www.linkcat.info)—your old links to the online catalog may not work. You may need to reset your bookmarks or favorites after the transition, and re-save your new login information.

## Questions?

Contact your local library. If library staff is unable to answer your question, they will submit your question to LINKcat staff.



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