

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - SITE REPORT 2008

1. Site Profile 2008

RECORD TYPE	CURRENT#
BIBLIOGRAPHIC	1227620
ORDER	195222
CHECKIN	101674(7309)
AUTHORITY	724466
ITEM	1539273
PATRON	98019
COURSE	2453
VENDOR	1204
RESOURCE	377
LICENSE	366
CONTACT	134
INVOICE	13763

Review files	272
Location codes	316
Accounting units	3
Fund codes	$490 + 138 + 261 = 889$
Vendor codes	$443 + 398 + 363 = 1204$
Scopes	4 (adding more)
Selfcheck machines	6

Current Version

2007 1.1

User Licenses

110 staff licences and unlimited public licences.

Modules in Use

Circulation (Millennium at all sites, Self service holds, Self checkout and checkin for reserve)
Bookings (staff-placed and self bookings)
Cataloguing (MilCat at all sites, plus eReserve, character-based for some material, GUICAT available but no longer used)
Acquisitions (Millennium at all sites, EDIFACT, Approval Plan Interface for invoices)
Serials (Millennium at all sites, Binding at one site)
WEBPAC (WEBPAC Pro)
ERM
WAM

2. 10th Anniversary

This year is the 10th anniversary of implementing the Innopac system at La Trobe University. We went live on 1 December 1998. We have survived for a whole decade (not to mention a new Millennium).

3. Changes 2008

Releases

Release 2007 was installed in 30 July 2008.

Release 2007 1.1 plus extra patches was installed in 16 October 2008.

Electronic Resource Management (ERM) module

This year we have started adding licensed ebooks.

WEBPAC

We implemented tabbed screens in December, although there are some problems with the lines not drawing correctly.

Request Circles was added before second semester and is proving very popular with users.

We have recently started using BCODE3=f to display “online” on the WEBPAC browse screens. Almost fully implemented, it is a big improvement. As a result we will be removing the uniform title with “(Online)” at the end from our Serials Solutions records, which should make the catalogue more useable.

Introduced Patron Reading History last year in an opt-in basis. Planning to add My Lists at the end of the year.

We have recently done a rebranding of our website and WEBPAC in line with the University’s new image. We will be changing more of the look of the WEBPAC to match later in the year.

Scopes

We currently have 4 scopes, one for each of our 3 campuses, plus an online scope.

We are about to add some more. As you can now have as many scopes as you like for the price of one, as long as you add them all at the same time, we have decided to add a plethora of scopes, and keep most of them suppressed. We will use some of them to run “canned” searches, and we may find we need to turn others on later as things change around the University.

Acquisitions

Electronic invoicing from our US & UK vendors

Electronic status reports from US & UK vendor (just about to load first report)

Circulation

We started using self checkin at Bundoora reserve. It is working well.

Resetting parameters

Early in the year we did a major exercise in resetting the PCODE3 and other patron codes to collect CAUL as well as CAVAL statistics. It is much more efficient, but it was a lot of work.

We also added some new location codes, including redoing some reserve codes. Wow, what a complex system. We have a check list as long as your arm, and we had to add several more steps to it this year.

Create Lists

We have just added a new batch of create list records in order to allow space for us to move storage material to CARM. We now have 2,500,000 records which theoretically is 160 files. A few years ago, we started breaking some files down to 500 and 1000 record files. We now have 79 x 500 record files and 43 x 1000 files. Since we added the last 40 x 500 files, it is noticeable that these are in the heaviest use, and have freed up files in the 2,000-5,000 record range. A large number of files are less than 100, especially those that are run daily. We rejigged the files so that the small ones are at the front.

We now have a total of 272 files.

The downside is finding your file in the numerous places where you get an unnumbered dropdown list of review files e.g. statistics, global update. To help a little bit, I left the new titles lists where they were just before file 200. This gives a bit of navigation guide.

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