

# **Circulating Materials Efficiently**

### **Description**

Students and teachers turn to your library for information and resources. You need an efficient way to get your patrons what they need, and accurately track each item. Destiny Library Manager has easy-to-use circulation features that help library staff check out, check in and track library resources quickly and easily.

Explore how to circulate your library resources, as well as how to run reports to manage overdue materials and fines.

### **Objectives**

- · Learn how to circulate library materials efficiently
- Set up and run the Current Checkouts/Fines (Overdue) report

### **Activities**

- · Circulate library materials
- Display copy and patron status information
- Run and save an overdue report



### Plan

How do you identify patrons during checkout? For example, do you scan or enter student IDs or library barcodes, or do you look them up by name?

# **Apply**

With Destiny, you can choose between two checkout methods and easily switch between the two, based on the situation.

#### **Check Out**

#### Check Out - To Patron

One way to check out materials to students in Destiny Library Manager is with the To Patron checkout option. This method is ideal when students come to the library individually or in small groups.

Use the following steps to practice checking out a book to yourself using the To Patron checkout option:

- 1. Select Circulation > Check Out > To Patron sub-tab.
- 2. Scan or type the patron's barcode in the **Find** field.

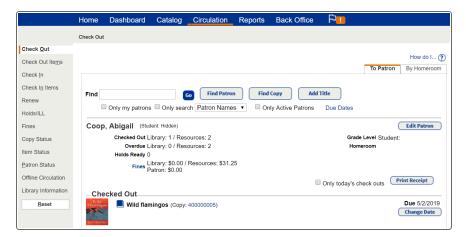
**Note:** If you do not have the patron's barcode number, click **Find Patron** to see a complete list of your patrons. Then click the patron's name to continue the checkout.

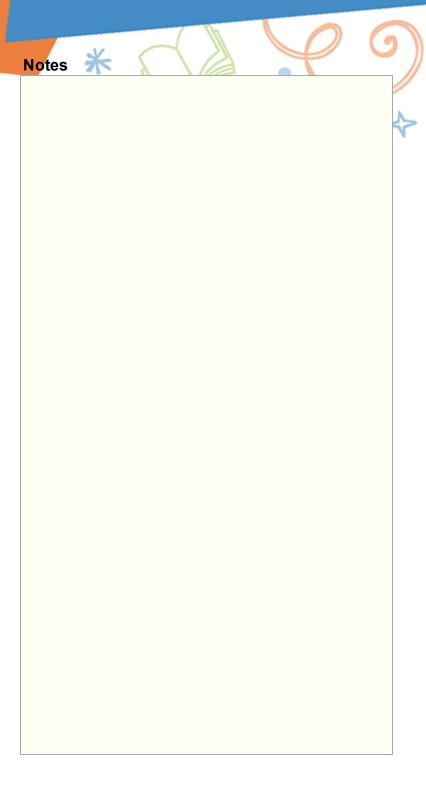
3. After you select the patron's record, scan the first item's barcode in the **Find** field. The item appears in the **Checked Out** section. Scanning a second item moves the first book to the **Items Out** section.

**Note:** To edit the due date for the item in the **Checked Out** section, click **Change**. Select the new due date and whether it is for this item, this patron or the rest of this session.

- 4. To print a list of all the items the patron has checked out and any fines owed, click **Print Receipt**.
- 5. Make note of the item's barcode you checked out, so you can check it back in during a later training:

6. To clear the completed checkout and begin checking out to a new patron, click **Reset**.







### **Check Out – By Homeroom**

The second way to check out materials to students is By Homeroom. This checkout option eliminates the need to scan patron barcodes or type patron names. Instead, you select patron names from a homeroom list.

**Note:** This option is only available if your Destiny records contain homeroom information. This is usually automatically added from your Student Information System. Other methods are covered in Destiny Help.

Use the following steps to practice checking out By Homeroom:

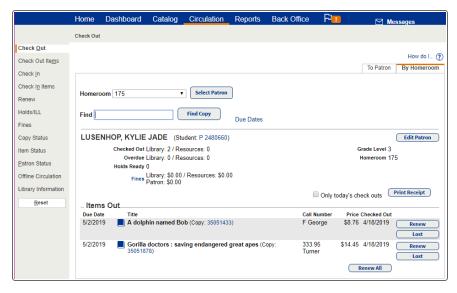
- 1. Select Circulation > Check Out > By Homeroom sub-tab.
- 2. From the **Homeroom** drop-down, select the appropriate homeroom, and then click **Select Patron**.
- 3. Click a student's name or picture to check out to that student.
- 4. After you select the patron's record, scan the first item's barcode in the **Find** field. The item appears in the **Checked Out** section. Scanning a second item moves the first book to the **Items Out** section.

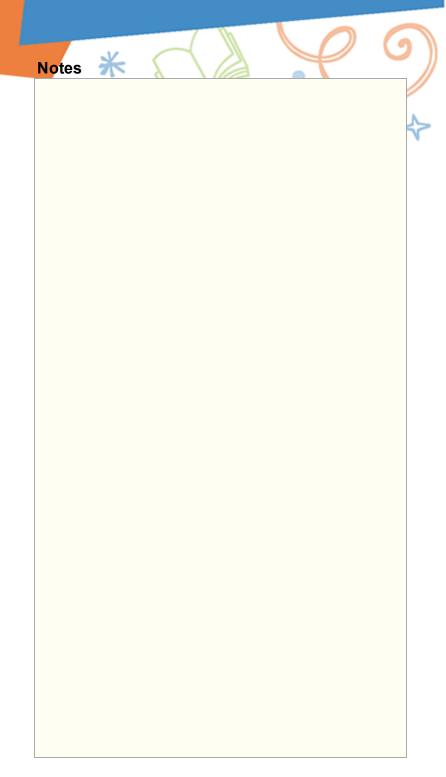
**Note:** To edit the due date for the item in the **Checked Out** section, click **Change**. Select the new due date and whether it is for this item, this patron, or the rest of this session.

- 5. Click **Receipt** to quickly print a list of all the items the patron has checked out and any fines owed.
- Make note of the barcode of the item you check out, so you can check it back in later in this training:



- 7. To check out items to another student in the same class, click **Select Patron**.
- 8. To check out items to students from a different homeroom, select another one from the **Homeroom** drop-down.





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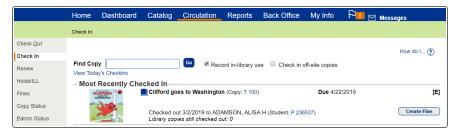
Properly checking in materials lets you track materials, assess any necessary fines and collect circulation statistics.

Use the following steps to check in the materials you checked out in the first two activities in this section:

- 1. Select Circulation > Check In.
- To track the use of items that weren't actually checked out, select the Record in-library use checkbox.
- To check in off-site items with a status of checked out or lost, select the Check in off-site copies checkbox.

**Note:** The Destiny Admin must enable **Allow copies to be checked in at any site** (**Setup > Sites** sub-tab, and then edit the district) for this checkbox to appear.

4. Scan or type the barcode number of an item in the Find Copy field.



#### Notes:

- In the **Most Recently Checked In** section, you can see the item's title, barcode number, due date, patron's name and other information.
- If you are able to check in off-site barcodes, and a barcode is duplicated across the
  district, a list of the copies with that barcode appears. If you select a copy from another
  site, a message states that the item must be returned to that site.
- 5. If a book is damaged and you want to add a fine to the patron's record, click **Create Fine**.

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#### **Patron Status**

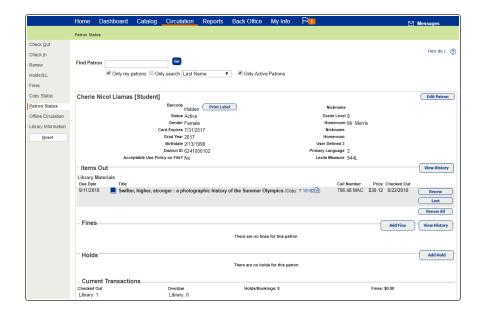
You can see information about a patron, including current checkouts, fines, holds, contact information and circulation statistics on their Patron Status page.

Note: The information that appears on this page varies based on your district's setup decisions.

Use the following steps to view a patron's status page:

- 1. Select Circulation > Patron Status.
- 2. In the **Find Patron** field, scan or type the patron's barcode.

**Note:** If you do not have the patron's barcode number, click **Find Patron** to see a complete list of your patrons. Then click the patron's name to open the Patron Status page.



### **Copy Status**

You can see information about a specific copy, including current checkouts, fines, holds, contact information and circulation statistics on the Copy Status page.

**Note:** The information that appears on this page varies based on your district's setup decisions.

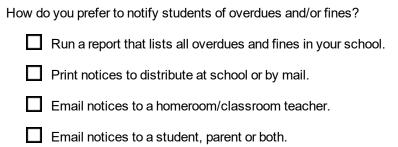
Use the following steps to view a copy status page:

- 1. Select Circulation > Copy Status.
- 2. In the **Find Copy** field, scan or type the copy's barcode.





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## **Apply**

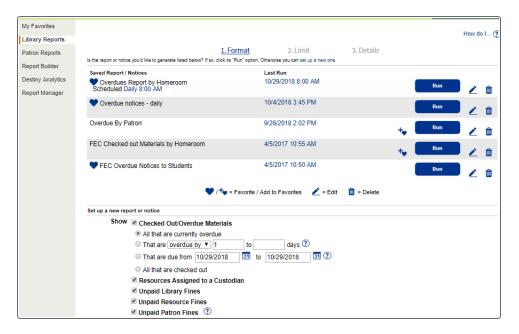
### **Current Checkouts/Fines Report**

The Current Checkouts/Fines report helps you identify or send notices to students with checkouts and/or fines.

To practice setting up the Current Checkouts/Fines report, use the following steps:

• Select Reports > Library Reports > (under Circulation) Current Checkouts/Fines.

### **Step 1: Format**



1. Select the information you want to show on the report:

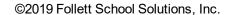
Note: The Show > Checked Out/Overdue Materials option is selected by default.

- All that are currently overdue
- Those overdue by a specific range of days (such as 2–5 days) or due in a specific number of days (such as 2 days)
- Those due during a specific date range
- All checked out materials
- 2. Choose a format:
  - **Report** (PDF or Excel): This is a good option if you want to have a report of all overdues/fines for your school to refer to or a list of materials that are due soon.
  - **Email to Homerooms:** Send an email summary to each homeroom teacher who has a student(s) with overdue materials or fines, or as a reminder of materials that are due soon.

**Note:** This option requires your email server to be set up in Destiny and your patron records to contain homeroom information.

- **Notices** (Choose English, French or Spanish): Choose this option if you want to mail or email students and/or parents to notify them of overdues, fines or checkouts that are due soon.
- 3. Click Continue.







### Step 2: Limit

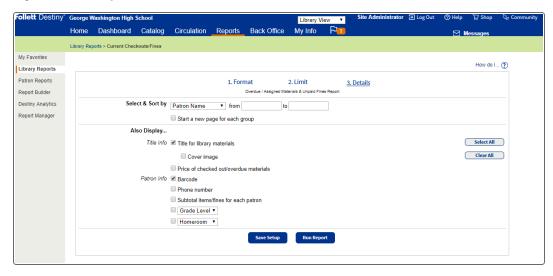
- 1. By default, the report includes all active patrons. You can limit patrons by the following:
  - To exclude specific patron types, click **Update**, and then deselect the appropriate checkboxes. Click **Save**.
  - To include only a specific graduating class, select **Graduating in**, and then type the year.
  - If you allow students from other schools in the district to check out your materials, choose if you want to include those patrons.
  - If you want to include patrons with an Inactive or Restricted status, select accordingly.
- 2. By default, the report includes materials with any circulation type. You can limit materials by the following:
  - To exclude specific circulation types, click **Update**, and then deselect the appropriate checkboxes. Click **Save**.
  - If your school uses Destiny Resource Manager or Destiny Textbook Manager, choose if you want to include resources or textbooks and related fines.
  - If students at your school can check out materials from other schools in the district, choose if you want to include those materials.
- 3. Click Continue.



### Step 3: Details

The instructions for this step vary depending on the format you selected in Step 1.

#### If you chose Report:



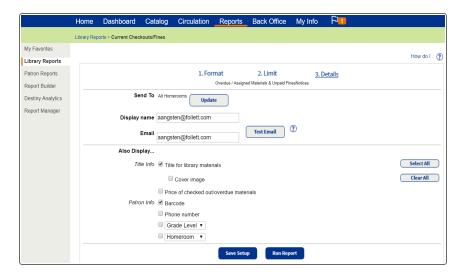
- 1. In the **Select & Sort by** section, select a method for identifying patrons to include from the drop-down.
- 2. In the **from** and **to** fields, do one of the following:
  - To include all patrons, leave both fields blank.

**Note:** If you selected Homeroom, select **Any Homeroom** from both drop-downs to include all.

 To limit the report to one name or number (such as a specific patron or all 8th graders), type or select the same name or number in both fields. For example, you might choose to run the report for one patron (to Smith from Smith) or one grade level (to 8 from 8).

- If you leave the **from** field blank and type a name or number in the **to** field, it includes all those items up to and including the name or number in that field.
- If you type a name or number in the **from** field and leave the **to** field blank, it includes that name or number and all those after it.
- 3. If you chose to run a PDF report, a **Start a new page...** checkbox appears. If you want to start a new page after every group in the report, select it. Groups are determined by the information you selected in the **Select & Sort by** section.
- 4. From the **Also Display...** section, select or deselect the title and patron info to include in the report. Select the **Cover image** checkbox to include a thumbnail of cover images.

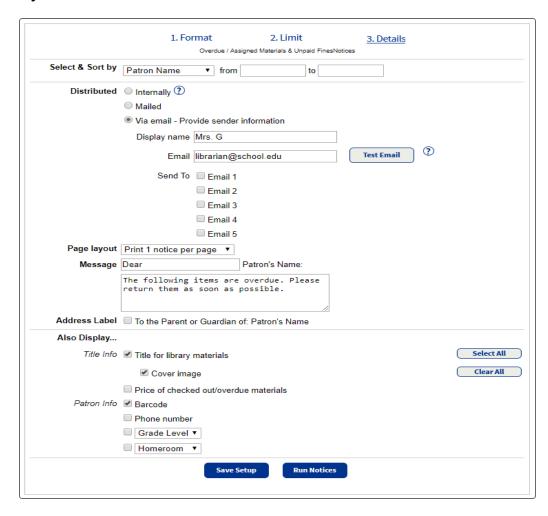
#### If you chose 'Email to Homerooms':



- 1. By default, all homerooms are included. To exclude a homeroom, click **Update**. Deselect homerooms accordingly, and then click **Save**.
- 2. In the **Display name** field, verify or change the name and email address you want to appear as the email sender.
- 3. From the **Also Display...** section, select or deselect the title and patron info to include in the report. To include a thumbnail of cover images, select the **Cover image** checkbox.



#### If you chose Notices:



1. In the **Select & Sort by** section, select a method for identifying patrons to include from the drop-down.



- 2. In the **from** and **to** fields, do one of the following:
  - To include all patrons, leave both fields blank.

**Note:** If you selected Homeroom, select **Any Homeroom** from both drop-downs to include all.

- To limit the report to one name or number (such as a specific patron or all 8th graders), type or select the same name or number in both fields. For example, you might choose to run the report for one patron (to Smith from Smith) or one grade level (to 8 from 8).
- If you leave the **from** field blank and type a name or number in the **to** field, it includes all those up to and including the name or number in that field.
- If you type a name or number in the **from** field and leave the **to** field blank, it includes that name or number and all those after it.
- 3. Select how you want notices distributed: **internally**, **mailed** (includes address) or **email**.
- 4. If you selected Via email:
  - In the Display name field, verify or change the name you want to appear as the email sender.
  - In the **Email** field, verify or change the email address you want to appear as the email sender.
  - From the **Send To** options, select one or more checkboxes to identify the email addresses you want to send notices to. The options correspond to patron record fields, which can include up to five email addresses.
  - To send yourself a test email, click **Test Email**.
- 5. If you selected **internally** or **mailed** in the **Distributed** section, in the **Page layout** drop-down, select the number of notices to print on each page.
- 6. In the **Message** fields, you can customize the salutation before the patron's name and the text of the message.
- 7. To include the text, "To the Parent or Guardian of:" with the patron's name, select the **Address Label** checkbox.
- 8. From the **Also Display...** section, select or deselect the title or patron info to include. You can also select to include a thumbnail of cover images.



### Step 4: Save & Run

Now that you have the report set up, you are ready to save and/or run it.

If you want to run a report or notices that you do not want to save for later use:

- 1. Click **Run Notices**. Report Manager appears and displays your report at the top of the list. The status automatically updates.
- 2. Click the **View** link to see the report, notices or status of the email notices.

If you want to save the report or notices to run again or schedule it to run automatically:

- 1. Click Save Setup.
- 2. In the **Save As** field, type a name for the report or notices.
- 3. From the **Schedule Report** drop-down, select **Do Not Schedule** if you do not want the report to run automatically. To schedule the report to run on a daily or weekly basis, select accordingly, and then select the day and/or time you want them to run.

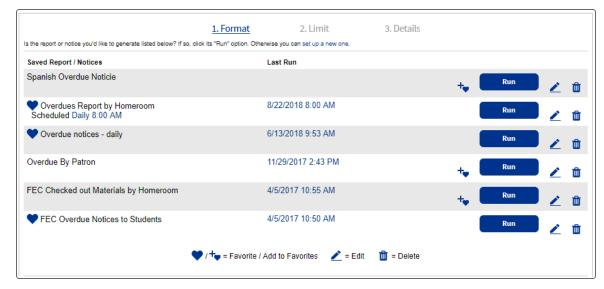
**Note:** If you do not want the report or notices to run on closed days, select the **Do not run** on closed days (Closed: Sunday, Saturday) checkbox.

4. Click Save Setup or Save & Run.

If you selected **Save & Run**, Report Manager displays your report at the top of the list. The status automatically updates.

5. Click the **View** link to see the report, notices or status of the email notices.

The saved report or notice setup appears on the Format page, in the **Saved Report/Notices** list at the top.





### **Assess**

In the following table, use checkmarks to self-assess your level of understanding of the learning outcomes covered in this session.

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Check out library materials.
Check in library materials.
View patron status information.
View copy status information.
Run a Current Checkouts/Fines report.
Run Current Checkouts/Fines notices.

If you need more help, go to:

- Destiny Help for feature information and step-by-step instructions
- www.follettcommunity.com for how to's, videos, training tools, blogs and forums

For the most recent product updates, see the *What's New in Destiny* document, available in both locations.