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Book Systems Announces Atrium 11.0

Huntsville, AL - Book Systems, Inc., an innovative leader and provider of library automation solutions, is pleased to announce the release of Atrium version 11.0. Atrium has been improved in several areas including changes to the OPAC (emphasis on KidZviZ), Self Check, plus the addition of new features such as the Administration Settings Manager, Community, and printing Bookplates for donated items.

KidZviZ OPAC interface for Atrium creates a world that kids with a broad range of reading skills can easily navigate and search the library catalog. In addition to Dewey, KidZviZ now supports Common Sense Categories (CSC), a new categorization system. CSC provides a system for young patrons to be able to quickly and easily locate books similar to a bookstore layout. Three new category bubbles have been added to KidZviZ (Sports/Activities, Nature, and Fiction) to expand searching and provide further support for CSC.

New enhancements to Atrium's Self Check module give more flexibility in designing how Self Check stations operate in your library. Animated buttons and hover effects for mouse actions are now available to draw the attention of young patrons. Desktop shortcuts with the Self Check login information embedded in them can be created for Self Check stations. These shortcuts allow you to put the Self Check module into a Kiosk mode where either circulation interface can be open without having to enter a username or password.

In today's fast paced tech world, software must change in order to keep up. Atrium's new Settings Manager congregates settings into one place where a user can easily find a setting with a simple keyword search. The ability to access each Administration setting can still be found through Atrium's menu bar, but the Settings Manager expedites the process when a specific setting needs to be found.

One of the most exciting additions is the Community feature. Community gives libraries and patrons the ability to create Community posts to promote groups, clubs, special events, workshops, and more. Posts can include descriptive details along with a logo, contact information, website, calendar of events, and direct links to social media resources. Using the OPAC interface, patrons can use keyword searches to find not only traditional library resources but also "approved" posts for organizations and activities that are related to their search term.

Adding events and community groups to your online catalog is just the beginning of how the Community feature for Atrium can help the library expand to new horizons and turn a traditional library into a center of innovation and connectedness in their community.



In addition to the Community search, three new search widgets – Community Spotlight, Google Calendar Events, and Simple Search have been added to the OPAC.

Atrium version 11 is brimming with many other new features and enhancements that will benefit any library. Further information is available at <http://booksys.com/customer-support/upgrades>.

About Book Systems, Inc.

Book Systems provides state of the art library automation and asset management software to public libraries and schools of all sizes. Book Systems is a privately-owned company with its corporate headquarters located in Huntsville, Alabama.

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