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Sarasota County School District Sarasota, FL

We are a district of 42 elementary, middle and high schools. I am responsible for keeping the Mandarin program running in all 42 of these schools.

After using the same program for 20 years we moved to Mandarin M3. It was a whole new way of cataloging and circulation for us and the people at Mandarin were with us every step of the way. Their quality of tech support has not changed since 2002.

In 2007 we upgraded to Mandarin Oasis. The students,

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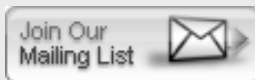
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teachers, and parents love it. All the schools' databases are accessible from our district website.

http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/High/oasis_index.htm

This enables the parents to take an active part in helping the student select appropriate books for pleasure reading as well as book reports, etc.

I love it because it is no longer necessary to install software on each computer needing access to Mandarin OPAC. At one point that was in excess of 400 computers.

Circulation in Oasis is very user friendly. Navigating through Cataloging is pretty straight forward.

The upgrade to Oasis was quick and required very minimal down time.

Darlene Senn
Library Automation System Technician

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Automation is even easier and more seamless when you add our Oasis web hosting service to your customized solution. Because we host your information on our servers, you will not need to keep or maintain any servers at your library. Just send us your catalog and patron records, and we'll take care of the rest.

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Communicate faster and more securely with your patrons

Now emailing patrons vital information about their accounts is easy to do with Mandarin M3 and Oasis.

Today online communications is increasingly in demand. Your patrons expect email notification on important information. If your library webpage or OPAC doesn't have a "Contact the Librarian" link you are also missing out on many opportunities.
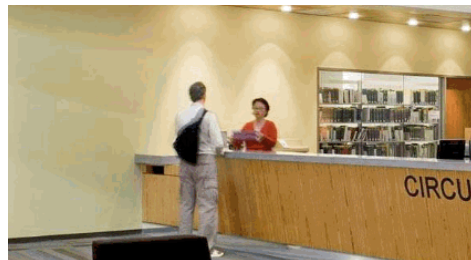
Mandarin M3 and Oasis offer electronic notices. It's easy and simple to set up this feature. Simply go to Circulation and choose Library Transaction mode - from the Mode menu in M3 or from the dock in Oasis.

In M3.

- Right-click in the Transaction Pane and choose "Select Transactions." Choose the type of transaction you want (Overdue Loans or Fines). For Overdue Loans choose All or a number of days overdue. For Fines choose from Current Day, All, or the number of recent days.
- Put a check mark in the box for "Send notification."
- Click OK.

In Oasis.

- Click on the button for Loans and choose the overdue period, or click on Fines and select from the menu.
- Click on the "Send notification" link.

Note: The feature assumes that you have set your SMTP server address and have chosen the correct subfield in the patron record. Check with Mandarin Tech Support if you have questions about settings.

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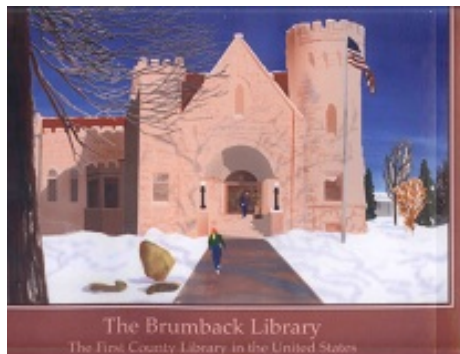
The Brumback Library
The First County Library in th United States
Van Wert, Ohio

John Sanford Brumback, for whom the Brumback Library is named, was born in 1829 in Licking County, Ohio. When he was four years old his father died, leaving his mother with six young children and a log house on forty acres of undeveloped land. John attended school during the winters, when he was not needed on the farm. He learned as a child to depend upon

himself, which helped develop his work ethic. At ten he was entrusted with taking the produce from his family's farm to market; at fifteen his mother boasted about his horse-trading skills; at seventeen, he left the farm with fifty dollars and opened a general store. His success continued through the years.

In the spring of 1862, with $5,000 in gold, he moved his wife and children to Van Wert, Ohio, a sparsely populated county. He opened a dry goods store and took an interest in the stave business - the area had thousands of acres of fine hardwood timber. In 1884 he sold his store and bought a controlling interest in the Van Wert National Bank. He became president of the Bank, helped create and finance many companies and became known as a keen businessman, banker and philanthropist.

In 1890, twelve women in Van Wert, Ohio, formed the Van Wert Ladies Library Association to establish a subscription library for residents in the area. The library, which contained 1,400 books, became a free city library in 1896 as a result of a city tax. Brumback offered financial support because he believed that all county residents should have access to a free public library. When the building plans he ordered were almost completed, Brumback became seriously ill. His son, Orville S. Brumback, followed his father's wishes and constructed an even better building than planned. Orville was responsible for legislation that was passed by the Ohio Legislature that approved the first tax-supported public county library in the United States -The Brumback Library.

The cornerstone for the building was laid in 1899 and in 1901 the building was dedicated. No expense was spared in the construction of the building, which was designed by D.L. Stine of Toledo and built by J.S. Zook of Van Wert. The architecture is a combination of Gothic and Romanesque, with a Ludowici tile roof and turreted towers. This imposing building sits among the trees in the park, as originally requested by John Brumback; Brumback's heirs continue to provide support to the library including two renovations. In 1917 the basement was remodeled for a Children's Section and, in 1991, an addition was added and renovation completed to the existing building.

The Brumback Library holds the proud distinction of being the first county library in the United States. In 1979, the Main Library was added to the National Register of Historic Places and was also recognized as an historic site by the State of Ohio's Bicentennial Commission. A true cultural legacy, The Brumback Library continues to provide outstanding service, as intended by John Brumback, to the citizens of Van Wert County.

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