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## Oasis 2.9 now available!

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**Working with you: You Asked. We Delivered.**

This new version includes many updates and tweaks to make a great program even better. Most of the changes are based on feedback from customers, as we continue to respond to the needs of library users.

One brand new feature is the **Kid's Catalog interface** that provides simplified and kid-friendly access to the OPAC. See more about this [here](#). Other updates include revised formats in the OPAC that provide for displaying more of the record information as well as recognizing new RDA standards. Your patrons will be pleased to see the ability to sort their current and historical transactions when they log into their accounts. In their History, they can also see the date an item was returned.

In Oasis Circulation you are now able to change the due date on all a patron's transactions at once. Our many customers outside of the Eastern United States will be happy that they can set their own installation's time zone.

These are just a few of the changes you'll see in the latest version of Oasis. To see the complete version notes [click here](#). For questions about moving to Oasis, about Oasis in the cloud, or about updating your current Oasis, contact us at [automation@mlasolutions.com](mailto:automation@mlasolutions.com) or call 800 426 7477 or 561 995 4010 ext 751. Watch for upcoming free webinars covering new



features, tips and tricks. And, as always, please continue to send us feedback.

## **FREE WEBINARS! Mandarin Oasis and WebOPAC new Features**



Let us show you how to maximize your time by learning how to better use your library automation system.

Join us either **Tuesday at 11:00AM** or **Thursday at 1:00PM** for a brief 15 minutes instructional webinar on:

**Sept 24 at 11:00 am and 26 at 1:00pm.**

How to take advantage of the new multiple bookbag feature.

**Oct 1 at 11:00am and 3 at 1:00pm.**

How to customize the Visual Search.

**Oct 8 at 11:00 am and 10 at 1:00pm.**

How to access the new setup option for Oasis.

**Oct 15 at 11:00am and 17 and 1:00pm.**

Learn how to customize templates in the Oasis cataloging module.

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## **How to use Self-Check mode in Mandarin Oasis and M3!**

Allow your patrons to check out materials on their own while you gain time to do your other important work. Students often enjoy the scanning process and feel more ownership of their transactions. Older patrons appreciate not having to wait to be served. Setting up your Mandarin program for Self-Check is an easy process, and it can preserve your security and privacy settings while giving

patrons the opportunity to be more involved in the library processes.



Navigation tabs: Catalog, Circulation, Groups, Reports, Inventory

Left sidebar menu:

- Loan
- Return
- Renew
- Reserve
- Booking
- Status
- Self-Check
- Self-Return
- Quick Return
- In-House Circulation
- Library Transactions
- Options
- Clear Display
- Upload Transactions
- Change Date
- Monday
- 10:51:50 AM

Main interface:

Barcode: [input field] [Barcode icon]

Current Database: Mandarin Library

User: admin

Patron: [Empty area]

Item: [Empty area]

Transactions: [Empty area]

Self Check is a mode in both M3 and Oasis Circulation. Clicking on the link for that mode locks out all other access to the program. You decide whether to allow the patron's information to display when the patron barcode is entered, and you decide how long the program goes without activity before clearing the screen for the next patron. You can decide how the program reacts to various circulation blocks such as overdues, fines and messages.



Navigation tabs: Circulation

Left sidebar menu:

- Self-Check
- Self-Return
- Clear Display
- Change Date
- Monday
- 10:50:53 AM
- 23 September 2013

Main interface:

Barcode: [input field] [Barcode icon]

Current Database: Mandarin Library

User: admin

Patron:

 **P6 Campagnes, Tina**  
 Grade: 9  
 Homeroom:  
 Teacher:  
 Fines Owed: 35.30

Item: [Empty area]

Patron Transactions: Transactions: 1 - 6 of 6

Barcode	Call Number	Item	Transaction	Created	Date Due
B28763	J FIC HAH	Stepping on the cracks.	Fine	08 November 2006	11 April 2005
B89	92 DAV	Julius Caesar,	Overdue Loan	08 November 2006	13 November 2006
B5	FIC KOO	Hideaway /	Fine	07 July 2006	15 November 2005
B39324	FIC War	The mystery cruise /	Fine	24 July 2002	17 April 2002
B43481	J 796 BAG	Coaches /	Fine	24 July 2002	03 May 2002
B43415	FIC HAH	Promises to the dead /	Fine	24 July 2002	30 April 2002

Set up a kiosk or self-check workstation with a barcode scanner on a stand, and instruct your patrons to scan their own barcodes and then their item barcodes. It might even be possible not to have a keyboard, or only to have a number pad on this station. A printer can be attached to print a receipt showing the transactions, and you determine how much patron information displays on the printout.

Your time is valuable, and Mandarin's Self-Check feature can help you maximize the use of that time for the most value to your library.

If you would like more information about the Self-Check mode, please contact Mandarin Technical Support at [support@mlasolutions.com](mailto:support@mlasolutions.com) or 800-426-7477.

