



FLORA Library

Library management solution

Flora Library is an integrated full web library management solution specifically designed to comply with documentation and IT standards.

Today, information professionals have a strategic role at the heart of Information Systems. Flora Library is an application specifically for librarians and information managers, giving them new possibilities within the overall Flora Library system. Flora library adheres to technical standards, so that it can be easily integrated into existing information systems. With their modular design, Flora library's services can be adapted to meet the needs of any project. Easy to configure, Flora library can be rapidly implemented or customized, by modifying controls, and applying new security, confidentiality and management rules. Its 100% web interface makes deployment and customization simple.

A multimedia catalog

Thanks to **Flora library**, it is possible to manage bibliographic records, link them to multimedia files, check authorities and locate copies of all types of material.

Flora library renders data in XML and conforms to the Unicode format for managing multilingual holdings. Cataloguing is available in several formats:

- MARC
- bibliographic or ISBD
- adhoc

Input assistants are available to the professional user: forms include validation checks, vocabulary lists, authorities, subject headings, and thesaurii to ensure that accurate data is entered.

With **Flora library**, the catalogue can be complemented by access to **Flora library's** imaging and multimedia document management services:

- digitization
- image manipulation
- optical character recognition.

Data in ISO 2709 or ASCII delimited format can be exchanged using standard import/export functions.

Powerful search functionality

Searching the catalogs or associated documents relies on all the power of the **Flora library** engine.

- simplified search (global multisource search),
- more complex searching (multifield, multicriteria, full text, by links, Boolean).

Thanks to **Flora library**, information professionals can offer their patrons high quality searching, getting the best out of their holdings as well as opening out to other resources: online databases, internet sites, partners' holdings.

Flora library's OPAC services enable patrons to search collections, look up item location and availability, serial holdings information, etc.

The borrower can also extend his search thanks to links like "works by the same author" or "other articles from the same serial issue". The Z39.50 server and client protocol is of course integrated into i-kiosk Library.

Data catalogued in **Flora library** are available to other libraries. The client permits simultaneous searches of several Z39.50 servers, including **Flora library**. The records obtained can be retrieved in a standard format (ISO 2709) in order to be imported directly into the catalog.

Extended services

Patrons benefit from extended services:

they can have a customized home page to reflect their interests (Subscription by profile), place hold requests, make purchase requests, view their user account (current loans and holds, purchase request status, borrowing rights), access index term lists and a thesaurus assistant, manage their search history and selection basket, view multimedia documents associated with a catalog record or a serial issue (table of contents), browse press and thematic guides. The Selective Dissemination of Information service makes it possible to send regular information updates relevant to a user's interests directly to his workstation. The user can share queries with other users or groups of users and automate dissemination of results on a regular basis, at a frequency of his choosing. This can be done via his customized home page, by mail or email, or by making a file available in a directory.

Services for circulation and lending

These **Flora library** services permit real-time circulation management of all types of material, including composite documents: borrower registrations, loans, renewals, returns, holds, including anomaly detection. Backup loan ensures that loans and returns continue even if the central system is unavailable.

Users can record their transactions themselves using a loans kiosk equipped with an antitheft system.

The mobile library module enables management operations to be carried out during a round: catalog searches, loans, returns.

Services for accession

These **Flora library** services cover all the operations involved in processing an order: purchase requests, purchase order creation, accession, invoicing, claims/cancellations, supplier management, budget tracking.

Services for serial

These **Flora library** services manage serials subscriptions and check-in.

The whole processing lifecycle of this type of material is covered: orders, claims, renewals, check-in, budget tracking, article indexing, issue distribution. The serial holdings statement is automatically updated on check-in.

Stocktaking

This standalone service makes it possible to read barcodes of items on the shelves. A data synchronization function helps manage the inventory and allows discrepancies to be checked: lists are produced of items which should have been found on the shelves and were not, and vice versa.

Statistics tracking

A full range of pre-configured statistics comes as standard and enables formatted Excel files to be generated (data grouped with totals, subtotals, etc.).

