



Aspen Discovery

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Library Advisory Commission
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Introduction to Aspen Discovery

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVb_cJ58Jrg&list=PLV_OXyJ1D3Bjr49J9FQ3M0uNhiNv4E04f&index=2



- Aspen Discovery Goals
- Maximize Patron usage of all Library materials.
- Complete integration with the underlying ILS and eContent providers.
- Make it easy for Patrons to use.
- Make it easy for Library Administrators to customize and maintain.

REMEMBER

You can enjoy
resources from
your local library!

- When searching the catalog, patrons will gain access to all of our materials in that one space:

- Physical materials
- E-materials
- Websites we curated
- Staff picks
- Database contents





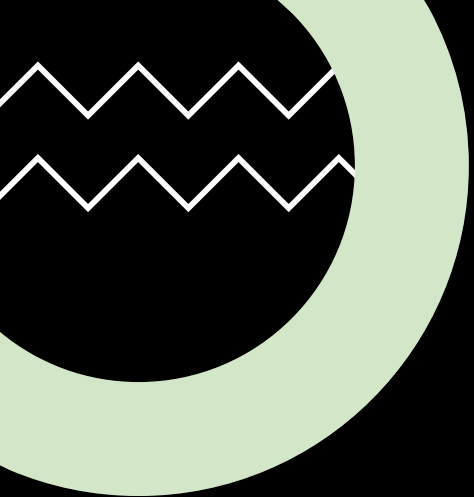
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- If you search for a title or word, results will show everything in catalog, and you can check out e-copies right from there without having to go to Overdrive or Hoopla or any of our other e-sites.

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- Check your account:
 - See physical items checked out
 - See e-items checked out
 - See holds, both physical and e-
 - Can pay fees via Paypal or credit card

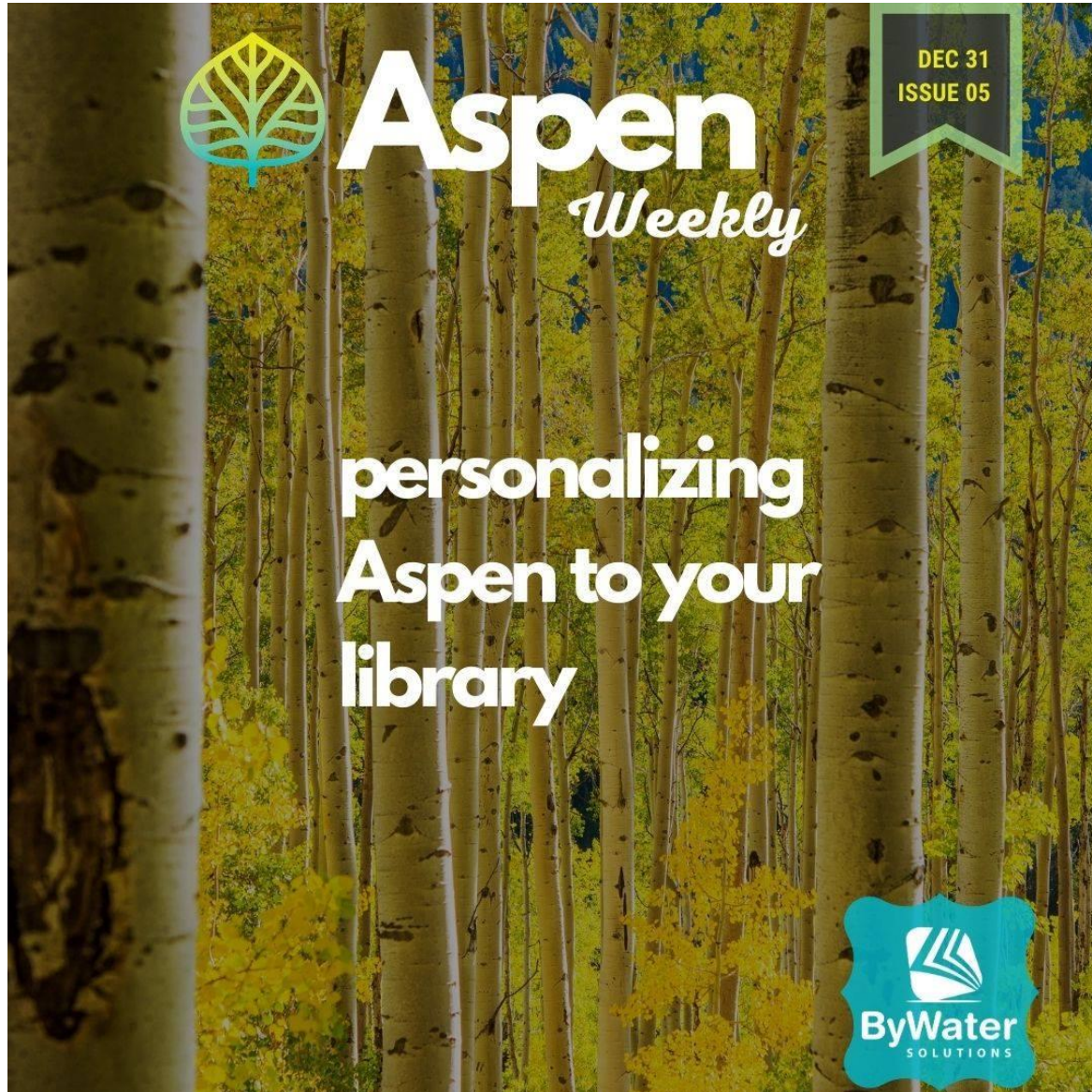




- Main Page can:
 - Show covers of new titles by genre, age group, etc.
 - Highlight Staff Picks Bibliographies for all ages
 - Feature upcoming virtual and in-library programs
 - Information from paid databases/websites
 - Show Accelerated Reading levels for school children
 - Show only available physical and e-materials

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- Can turn on My Reading History to keep track of both physical and e-materials you have checked out. Can clear the list at any time.





- Black Gold Cooperative System:
 - Weekly trainings starting end of April
 - Team of Goleta staff working on project
 - Can design exactly what we want our website to look like
 - Soft launch July 1
 - Hard launch mid-July



OPEN SOURCE LIBRARY SYSTEM

After each jurisdiction has gone live with its webpages, Black Gold will begin migrating to the Koha Integrated Library System, replacing Polaris. In the long term, it should give us more control and cost less.