



## New Online Catalog Coming April 17

Ela Area Public Library District cardholders will use a new online catalog system this spring to search for titles and place holds. You'll see a new look as you search for library materials and will be introduced to new features.

### What to Expect

We will operate on a limited access system from April 14-16. During this time, please remember the following tips:

- **PLEASE BRING YOUR LIBRARY CARD WITH YOU TO THE LIBRARY!** Library staff **WILL NOT** be able to look up your account to check out materials to you.
- If using the catalog remotely, please call to confirm an item is on the shelf. Search results in the online catalog may not be up-to-date.
- No holds can be placed.
- Items returned to the library between **April 14-17** will check in **AFTER** we are live on April 17. Due dates will automatically extend and items will remain on your library card until we are live on the new system.
- Your library **PIN** or password will transfer over to the new system in all **CAPS**. For example, if your **PIN** is currently mypin1, it will be **MYPIN1** in the new catalog.
- Your reading history **WILL NOT** transfer to the new system. To save your reading history, please fill out the form available at [catalog.ccslib.org](http://catalog.ccslib.org). Your reading history will be emailed to the address provided.

### Why the Change?

Our consortium voted last year to move to a new software platform. This decision was made after many months of review by librarians from all 24 libraries. The core principle was to provide the best user experience for our patrons. We think you'll be excited with the new look and features.

### New Catalog Features

In preparation for the new system, which will go live April 17, here are some details to know about new features and the implementation timeline.

- Seamlessly use the new catalog on your phone, tablet or computer.
- Create an easy to remember username to log into the library catalog.
- Select your notice preference, including email, text or automated calls.
- Renew material automatically. Three days before your items are due, the system will automatically try to renew your materials for you. If you have an email listed in your library account, you'll receive an email letting you know the new due date, or a courtesy reminder if the items cannot be renewed.
- Choose your preferred pick-up location from any of the 29 participating locations.  
**\*NOTE: Ela pick-up locations include inside pickup and the drive-up window.**

To find additional information and tutorials on how to use the new catalog, visit [catalog.ccslib.org](http://catalog.ccslib.org).



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