Howard County Library home page [http://hclibrary.org ]
This page is the second most popular page of our website. It features a sampling of items in our collection that are popular on Amazon.com. The specific parameters of what "gets" an item on this page are: items that are recently purchased gleaned by using the itype and the collection codes + items that rank high on Amazon.com’s API

All these web based services serve to expand Howard County Library and its role as an educational partner; each offers customers a chance for self directed learning and research experiences.

the most popular page of our website, this page offers detailed lists of items which appear on awards lists of notes and also uses an algorithm to dynamically display items new received and popular on Amazon.com. This page also uses quickly understandable terms to limit down what id displayed (book, music, DVD, e-Resources) an approach we plan to mimic in our Koha deployment.
Highly Recommended [http://www.hclibrary.org/highlyrecommended/]

This blog, built using WordPress and a template designed to look like our website is entirely staff driven (staff being customer service staff.) They select the items to review and we work to feature books, movies, and music on this blog. This blog gets more popular each day; we see our hits/visits growing each time we review them! The workload here has been in adding the links (staff find in burdensome) and we are discussing streamlining the process.

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24th Annual Computers in Libraries 2009

Tuesday, March 31
Library Website & Library Catalog: One Stop!
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What pre-defined RSS feeds does Howard County Library currently offer?
Chinese Language Materials
Korean Language Materials
Mysteries
All new catalog items
Recently Purchased Adult Audiobooks
Recently Purchased Adult Fiction
Recently Purchased Adult Large Print
Recently Purchased Adult Non-Fiction and Biography
Recently Purchased World Language Books
Recently Purchased Children's and Teen Audiobooks
Recently Purchased Children's Easy Books
Recently Purchased Children's Fiction
Recently Purchased Children's Non-Fiction and Biography
Recently Purchased Teen Fiction
Recently Purchased Music CDs
Recently Purchased Fiction DVDs (reservable)
Recently Purchased New Fiction DVDs

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Howard County Library recently launched Virginia Tech’s impressive LibX toolbar. We put it on every one of our customer and staff machines. Thus far, a few customers have been confused by too “search” bars – and we’ve taken those moments as much appreciated “training moments.” We are talking about an aggressive education and marketing outreach for this toolbar; at “press time” that outreach program is in development.


See it in action
Each of the 316 customer computers at the six Howard County Library Branches feature this toolbar; stop in to see it in action and decide if you’d like to install it on your own computer(s).

Features
The LibX Browser Toolbar is a Firefox and Internet Explorer extension that provides direct access to Howard County Library’s resources.

Quick full text access to Journal articles
LibX uses Google Scholar to search for articles and directs the user to the electronic copy subscribed to by your library. Select a citation, then drag-and-drop it onto the Scholar button on the toolbar. You can use this feature even from inside a PDF file, which makes retrieving papers referenced in a PDF file a snap.

Support for embedded cues
LibX places cues in web pages you visit if your library has resources related to that page. Whenever you see the cue, click on the link to look at what the Library has to offer. For instance, book pages at Amazon or Barnes & Noble will contain cues that link to the book’s entry in Addison. Cues are displayed at Google, Yahoo!, Search, the NY Times Book Review, and other pages. Watch this screen cast for examples of this cool feature.

Supported for xISBN
A book title can have different ISBNs for the paperback, the hardcover, even for different editions. LibX supports OCLC’s xISBN service; you can find a book, given an ISBN, even if the library holds this book under a different ISBN.

Installation
If Firefox displays a message “To protect your computer, Firefox prevented this site... from installing software on your computer.”, please the button labeled “Edit Options...” and did: “Allow add libraryorg to the list of websites from which extensions may be installed.” Then click “Ok.” and visit the “Install” link again.