

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Following are the high-level functionalities a librarian can perform using the application:

1. Book Search:

- To search for a book, navigate to 'Books' tab. (Default tab)
- Search for a book by a keyword (part of ISBN or Title or Author name).
- A table will be populated below the search box showing the results.
- If it doesn't match any book details, 'No results found' will be shown.

2. Book availability and check-out:

- The search results in 'Books' tab will have a 'Available' column which denotes whether the book is available to check-out or not.
- If it's a 'No' in Available column, the book is already checked-out.
- If it's a 'Yes', there will be a link proceeding it to 'check out' the book.
- Clicking a 'Check-out' link, will open a window, showing the selected book's details and an input to enter the 'Card Id' of the borrower to check-out the book.
- Click 'Check-out' button to check out a book. If it's a success, the corresponding 'Available' value for the book in the search table will be updated. If it fails, relevant message for failure will be shown.

3. Book check-in:

- To check-in book(s), navigate to 'Check-ins' tab.
- Search for a book to check-in using its ISBN, borrower's id or borrower's name.
- A table will be populated showing relevant entries as per the search keyword.
- If it doesn't match any book details, 'No results found' will be shown.
- The 'Check-in' button will only be enabled when there is at least one book selected.
- One or more books from the table can be selected at the same time using the check-boxes.
- Clicking 'Check-in' button will check-in the selected books and the table would be refreshed.

4. Borrower management:

- Details of all the borrowers currently present in the system are shown in the 'Borrowers' tab.
- 'Add Borrower' link above this table, opens a form to add a new borrower.
- All the boxes should be filled up to enable the 'Add' button.
- Once the Add button is enabled and clicked, if the entered data validates, the borrower will be added, else appropriate validation error message would be shown.
- Click on the 'Add Borrower' name or arrow icons to toggle the displays. Opening the 'Add Borrower' form, hides the search table and closing it shows the search table.

5. Fine management:

- A button with refresh “Icon” on the top left corner calculates/refreshes fines for that day. After refreshing the fines, default ‘Book’ tab would be opened.
- A borrower has how much fine associated can be seen in the table of the ‘Fine Management’ tab.
- If ‘Include already paid fines?’ is selected as ‘Yes’(Default), the table would not filter out previously paid fines and the total fine shown for a borrower would be sum of previously paid and current unpaid fines.
- If ‘Include already paid fines?’ is selected as ‘No’, the table would filter out previously paid fines and the total fine shown for a borrower would be sum of current Unpaid fines only.
- Clicking on the ‘Card_id’ of a borrower from the table, would open a window showing his/her fine information.
- If ‘Include already paid fines?’ is selected as ‘Yes’(Default), the window would display both the paid and unpaid fines otherwise it will display only unpaid fines for that id.
- ‘Make Payment’ link after Unpaid option, will allow the librarian to record the fine payment for that book on that day.
- If it’s a success, the status of the fine would change to ‘Paid’ else relevant error message would be shown
- A particular borrower’s fine information can be viewed by searching for his ‘card_id’ in the search box provided on top of the page.
- Unlike other search boxes in the application, this requires exact match.
- Switching between ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ options of ‘Include already paid fines?’, will populate results based on the search box entry above it.

Note:

- Every search operation in the application can be triggered either by clicking on the search button or by pressing the ‘Enter’ key
- Every search results have pagination below it to navigate and accommodate large set of results. Each result page has maximum 8 entries.
- Every search would display all results if searched by an “ (Empty keyword)
 - a. Book’s search with no keyword would display all the books present in the library
 - b. Check-in’s search with no keyword would display all the books that are available for check-in.
 - c. Fine Management’s search with no keyword would display total fines of all the fined borrowers.