

**System Requirements & Specifications**

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Public Library System

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1. Introduction

## Purpose

The current library system has become outdated and underperforming. The web portal lacks sections for book suggestions and library events. Book searching has limited options and can be made more user-friendly. A new system that is more efficient and has added features will be developed. This document will describe the overall design of a public library system. Including detail information on book characteristics needed for searching, and functions allocated to librarians, library attendants, patrons, administrators and vendors needed to maintain user and book records, lend books and other resources, and maintain the library catalogue.

## Product Scope

Separate web portals will be maintained for patrons, librarian/attendants, administrators, and vendors/suppliers. Three different URLs will be used. One for patrons, one for library attendants, librarians, and administrators, and lastly one for vendors. All three groups will interact with the same database under varying levels of access. After login page users will be redirected to the appropriate portal.

Patrons will be able to:

* Create login account with Library Card
* Perform book and other media searches
* Make reservations
* Access online content
* Access library partner’s resources
* Pay late fines
* Add funds to prepay printing account
* Receive notifications when resources become available

Librarians and library attendants:

* Scan Library Cards to verify accounts
* Order books
* Receive payments

Administrators

* Reset passwords for librarians/attendants. Reset passwords for patrons only if automated system fails.
* Maintain database

Vendors and Suppliers will be able to:

* Receive purchase requests
* Update delivery status
* Send purchase estimates and bills.

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## Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

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| Term | Definition |
| Patron | Library card holder that makes use of library resources |
| Vendor | Sells books and other media as requested by librarian |
| Librarian | Manages patron’s accounts, maintains catalogue of media resources |
| Library Attendant | Facilitates book/media checkout, receives payment, issues library cards |
| Administrator | Makes changes to system, performs updates, adds features |
| PHP | Web Server language used to validate data, and interact with database |
| SQL | Language used to manipulate database |
| HTML | Scripting language used to create framework of webpages |

## References

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## Overview

This document describes the different entities needed in the library system. It will also describe the constraints and dependencies. Case studies will be used to illustrate the functional requirements of the system.

1. Overall Description

## Product Perspective

The Library System is intended to be used by the city’s public libraries. The system is to be used by five types of users, patrons, librarians/administrators, and vendors.

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## Product Functions

The functions of the system are as follows:

* Allow users to login
* Search books and other media with a variety of search options such as media, ISBN, title, year, author etc.
* User types will have varying levels of access and functions
* Patrons are able to make reservations online. Checkout must be done by librarian.

## User Characteristics

There will be five different types of users, patrons, librarians, library attendants, administrators, vendors. Each will have a separate web portal, with different functions and features.

Before being able to create an online account, patrons will need to obtain a library card from the library. Once this is obtain patrons will be able to create an online account and log in to the system. Once logged in patrons may search media, make reservations, preview media, access e-content, pay for late fees, add funds to printing account and log out of the system.

Librarians and library assistants must be employees and authorized by management to use the system. Once they have been authorized and an account has been created by an administrator they may log in to the system. Library attendants will be able to check out books, receive payments, search media, search patrons. Librarians will have all functions allotted to library attendants plus have the ability to edit or add book records, update patron records, and purchase books and other media.

Vendor should be able to receive purchase requests from librarians, update delivery

Status and send purchase estimates and bills.

Administrator have all functions that librarians have except that of checking out books, processing payments and ordering books. In addition, administrators may delete records from the database, add new staff members to the database, perform password resets for everyone only if needed, and perform general maintenance on the database.

## Constraints

The system will be entirely web based and there will be no need to install software on any individual computer.

## Assumptions

System will be compatible with all web browsers and can be used from a wide variety of devices.

1. Use Cases

## Users and use cases

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| USER TYPE | USE CASES |
| Patron | Create online account  Log in  Search books/other media  Make reservations  Add printing funds  Preview media  Access e-content  Pay late fees  Log out |
| Library Attendant | Log in  Search books/other media  Search patron records  Check out books  Receive/process payments  Log out |
| Librarian | Log in  Search books/other media  Search patron records  Check out books  Receive/process payments  Edit/add book records  Edit/add patron records  Purchase books  Log out |
| Administrator | Log in  Search books/other media  Search patron records  Edit/add book records  Edit/add patron records  Delete records  Maintain database  Reset passwords directly  Log out |
| Vendor | Receive purchase requests  Update delivery status  Send purchase estimates and bills. |

## Users and use case diagrams

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## Log in - Patrons

To obtain a library card patrons must present proof of identity and residency to librarian or library assistant in person at a library location. The required information to create an account will be first/last name, library card number, home address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

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| USE CASE | LOG IN |
| Description | Allow Patron into appropriate system module |
| Actor | Library patrons |
| Preconditions | Patron must have a Library Card and be registered in the database |
| Basic Flow | 1. Patron goes to Library website 2. Patron types in user name and password 3. Information is validated 4. Web portal for patrons opens |
| Post-conditions | Username and Password must match data in database for patron. Username not case sensitive. |
| Alternate flows | Error message – ‘username or password incorrect’  Option 1 – try again  Option 2 – Forgot Username/Password  Option 3 - register |

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## Log in – Librarians

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| USE CASE | LOG IN |
| Description | Allow Librarians into appropriate system module |
| Actor | Librarians |
| Preconditions | Librarians must be employed and authorized by management |
| Basic Flow | 1. Librarian goes to Library website 2. Librarian types in user name and password 3. Information is validated 4. Web portal for librarians opens |
| Post-conditions | Username and Password must match data in database for patron. Username not case sensitive. Librarian have elevated rights. |
| Alternate flows | Error message – ‘username or password incorrect’  Option 1 – try again  Option 2 – contact administrator |

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## Log in – Vendor

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| USE CASE | LOG IN |
| Description | Allow Vendors into appropriate system module |
| Actor | Vendors |
| Preconditions | Vendor must be under contract and authorized by management |
| Basic Flow | 1. Vendor goes to Library website 2. Vendor types in user name and password 3. Information is validated 4. Web portal for vendors opens |
| Post-conditions | Username and Password must match data in database for patron. Username not case sensitive. Librarian have elevated rights. |
| Alternate flows | Error message – ‘username or password incorrect’  Option 1 – try again  Option 2 – Contact administrator |