



Building a culture of sharing

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What we want to cover

- A bit about Aspen Discovery
 - How Aspen came to us
- What Aspen content is being shared and how
 - Why sharing (the practical aspects)
 - Aspen themes
 - Translations
 - Where else do we go with content sharing?
- Building a community
 - Users in the US / UK
 - Between support organisations



A bit about Aspen



Languages

Borrow Help Events Learn About Library Website

Sign in Menu

by Keyword in Library Catalog Search

New at the Library

Staff Favorites

Trending

NY Times Lists

Books

On Order

Large Type

DVDs

Audiobooks

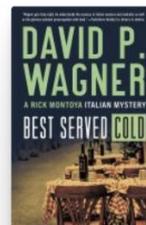
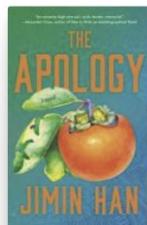
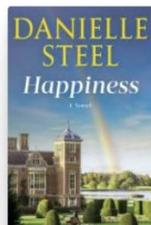
Comics

Magazines

Video Games

New at the Library » Books

Covers Grid





Aspen goals

- **Goal 1: Create a unified experience through deep integration with ALL library technologies**
- **Goal 2: Maximize User Engagement with the Library**
- **Goal 3: Connect every user with a personalized and accessible library homebase**
- **Goal 4: Empower library administrators to customize and expand Aspen**



Aspen and ByWater Solutions

- Started support in 2019
- Natural complement to Koha
- Can support any Language currently 10 active translations
- As of June 2023 ByWater has 90+ partners, representing 800+ libraries, and 1800+ branches
- 6 different ILSs
- 9 ½ Staff currently working on only Aspen



Aspen and PTFS Europe

- Started taking interest in October 2020
- Now 6 sites (all with Koha LMS)
 - 4 public libraries
 - 1 academic library
 - 1 health library service
- Team with knowledge of both Koha and Aspen



Problems in need of solutions

- Maintain Local Control of language (different libraries call the same functionality different things)
- Share translations between libraries
- Accessibility for users (high contrast, dark mode)
- Make things easy for administrators!
- Aspen releases monthly, don't want to slow down that cadence



🏠 FIND YOUR LIBRARY

➔ SIGN IN ☰

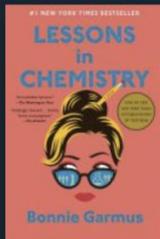
🔍 by Keyword in Library Catalog 🔍 Search

- Top Checkouts
- Lincoln Awards
- Rebecca Caudill Awards
- Monarch Awards
- Bluestem Awards

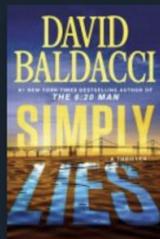
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- Top Checkouts- Adult Non-Fiction
- Top Checkouts- Kids
- Top Checkouts- Movies

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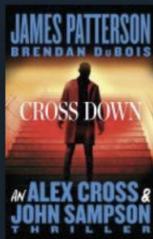
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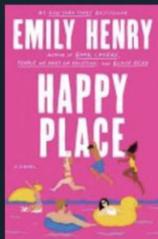
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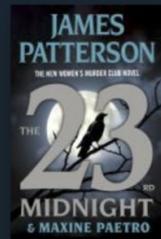
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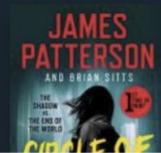
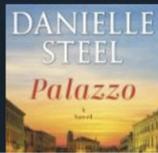
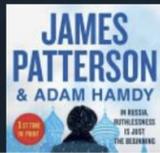
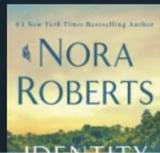
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How Themes work

- Set colors, images, display options within admin interface
- Contrast checker helps ensure accessibility contrast

Page Background Color ?

#ffffff

Use Default

Body Background Color ?

#ffffff

Use Default

Contrast Ratio 5.33

Body Text Color ?

#333c42

Use Default

Contrast Ratio 11.26

Link Color ?

#3174AF

Use Default

Contrast Ratio 4.94



Theme system

- Choose whether to share your theme
- Import shared themes

Themes

 Return to List

 History

 Copy

 Share with Community

 Delete



How Themes work technically

- Settings for themes are defined in our database
- Write custom CSS for the theme on save based on data for the theme. The custom CSS is also saved to the database.
- Custom CSS is served to the patron based on their selected theme.
- Themes can be extended
- Multiple themes per library!
- Patron can select which theme they want

1984: a novel



Autor Orwell, George
Series Signet classic

Descripción

The year is 1984. Winston Smith works for the Ministry of Truth, his job is to 'correct' history so that all records support the Party's official worldview. But Winston is in grave danger; his memory still functions. He knows that the Party controls the people through brutal alienation, depriving them of every liberating human pursuit, from reason to passion. Together with his beloved Julia, Winston risks his life in a revolution against the powers that be. But can Big Brother ever be overthrown? Although 1984 has come and gone, Orwell's prophetic dystopian classic is timelier than ever. 267pp. BRODART CO., c2004.

Libro

No está disponible

Reservar

Otras ediciones

7 copias, 2 personas en la lista de espera.

Audiolibro en CD

Disponible

Reservar

Otras ediciones

Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library - Adult
Science Fiction & Fantasy
CD SF ORW
2 disponible(s)

Audiolibro digital

Disponible electrónicamente

Pídalo en
CloudLibrary

Otras ediciones

Add to List

Cerrar

Más Información

Interface Languages

[? Documentation](#)

Select	Id	Weight	Code	Display name - native	Display name - English	Locale (i.e. en-US, en-CA, es-US, fr-CA)	Facet Value	Display To Translators Only	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	0	en	English	English	en-US	English	No	Edit History
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	1	fr	Français	French	fr-FR	In French	Yes	Edit History

Compare

Batch Update Selected

Batch Update All

+ Add New

Translations

Start Translation Mode

Export All Translations

Export For Bulk Translation

Import Translations

Import Bulk Translations

Hide terms that have been translated already

Show Terms created / changed since

Show Terms displayed to

Either Public or Administration Users

Show metadata (from MARC Records, eContent, etc)

Show admin entered data (list names, system messages, etc)

Show Terms containing

search

Show Translations containing

Update Filters

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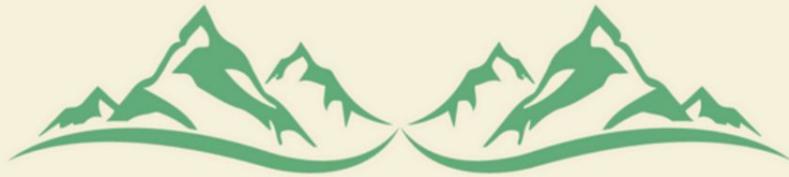
A log of searches that have been checked for new results to generate notices.

/Admin/Home

3153

Advanced Search

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Languages 3243 ⚙️

Exit Translation Mode 4316



A. ADMINISTRATOR ☰

by Keyword ▾

in Library Catalog

New in stock 6057

Fiction 5218

Wiley fin



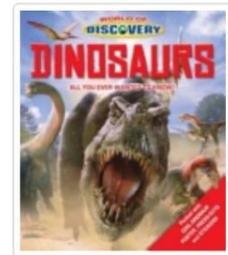
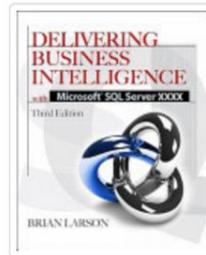
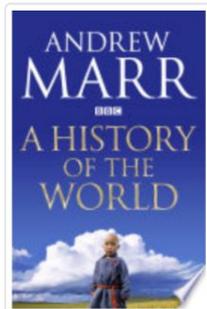
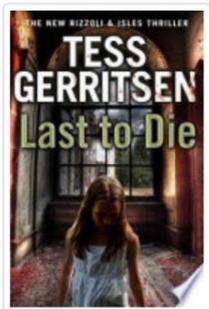
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- Aspen Administration 3199
- Library Home Page 3148
- Library Hours & Location 3978
- Language 4756
 - English
 - ✓ Français
- Sign Out 3149

🔍 New in stock 6057

📖 Covers 3165

📑 Grid 3166

✖ Hide 3304



Translate a term 4317



English Translation 8437

Your Account

Translation 4318

Mon compte

Close 3171

Update Translation 4319



Translation system technical

- Example in PHP

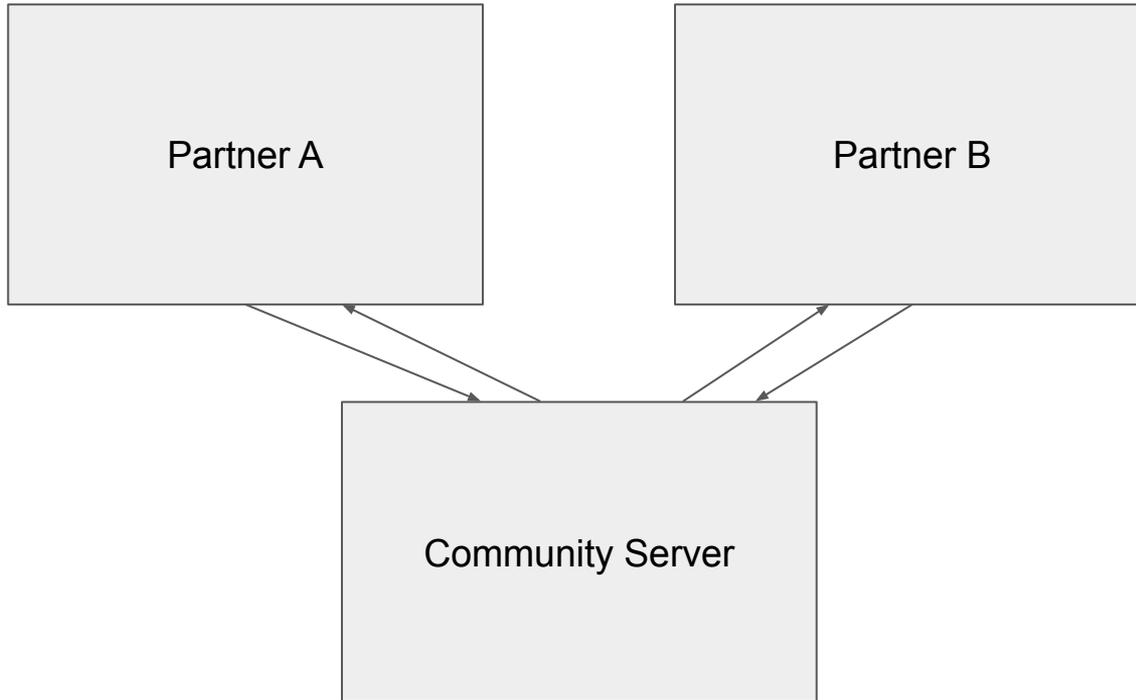
```
translate([  
    'text' => 'Cancelled %1% hold(s) successfully.',  
    1 => count($holdKeys),  
    'isPublicFacing' => true,  
]);
```

- Example in Template (Smarty)

```
{translate text="Are you sure you want to delete %1%?" 1=$object->name inAttribute=true  
isAdminFacing=true}
```



Sharing system technical





Sharing system technical

Find Community Content



Search

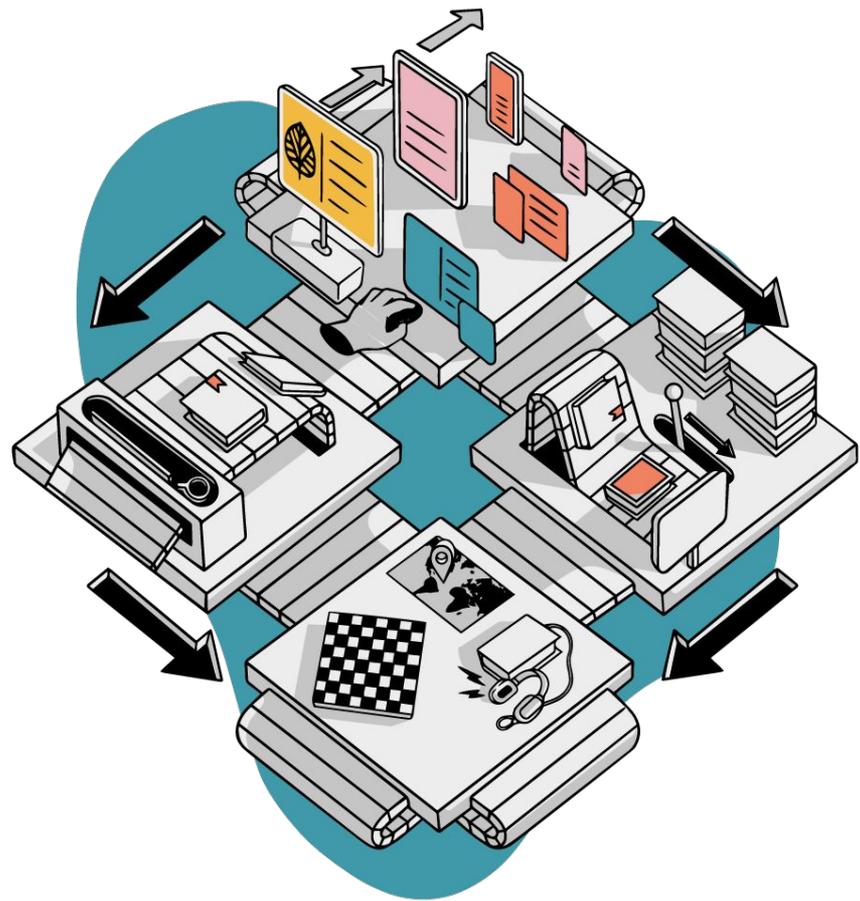
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High Contrast on White	Main Library 04/06/23	Optimized for High Contrast on White (provided by ByWater Solutions)	<input type="button" value="Import"/>
High Contrast on Black	Main Library 04/06/23	Optimized for High Contrast on Black (provided by ByWater Solutions)	<input type="button" value="Import"/>
Aspen Discovery Model Theme	Aspen Consortium 05/18/23	The theme used on Aspen Discovery's model site.	<input type="button" value="Import"/>



Where do we go next

Other content:

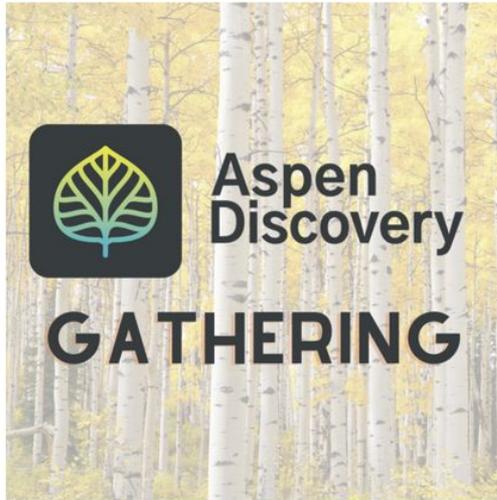
- Metadata
- Other elements created in Aspen
 - Placards
 - Pages
- More “look and feel” elements (icons...)





Building a community of users

Aspen Gathering Monthly
Meeting - September 2023



In the US

- Community meeting
- ILS specific meetings
- Special Topics



Building a community of users

In the UK

- Small group of library teams
- Push to join international (US-based) community
 - Slack workspace
 - Bimonthly community meeting
- Planning some online meetings from November



A community of organisations

- ByWater Solutions
- PTFS Europe
- Theke Solutions
- Interleaf Technology
- Equinox Open Library Initiative



Growing the community





Questions???

Catalog Results

[See all 79,063 results >](#)



1) I Have Some Questions For You

Author: [Makkai, Rebecca](#)
Formats: Book, Bag Book, e-Audiobook, e-Book, Kindle, Large Type



2) Questions

Author: [Anderson, Mike](#)
Format: e-Audiobook



3) Questions

Author: [Box Clever](#)
Format: e-Music



4) Questions

Author: [Drew Raber](#)
Format: e-Music



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