Vega Discover Overview

Vega Discover 2022 recap - and exciting new features for 2023

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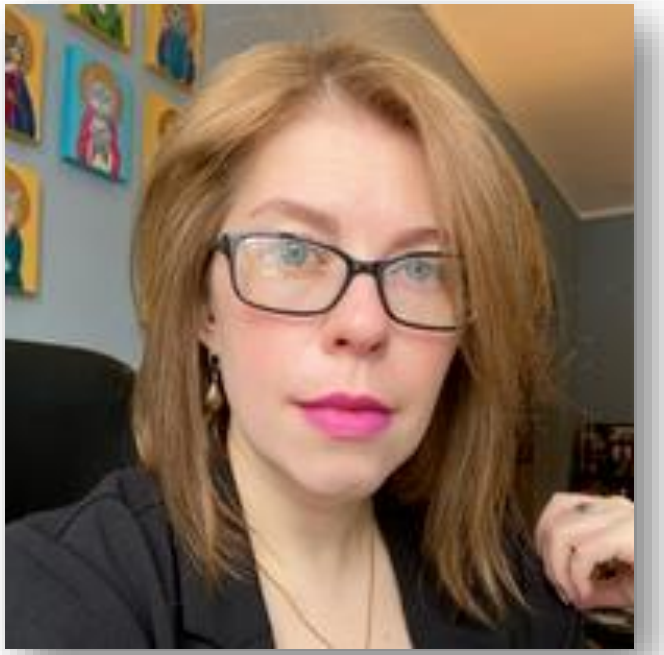
Meet the Team!



Samantha Cunning

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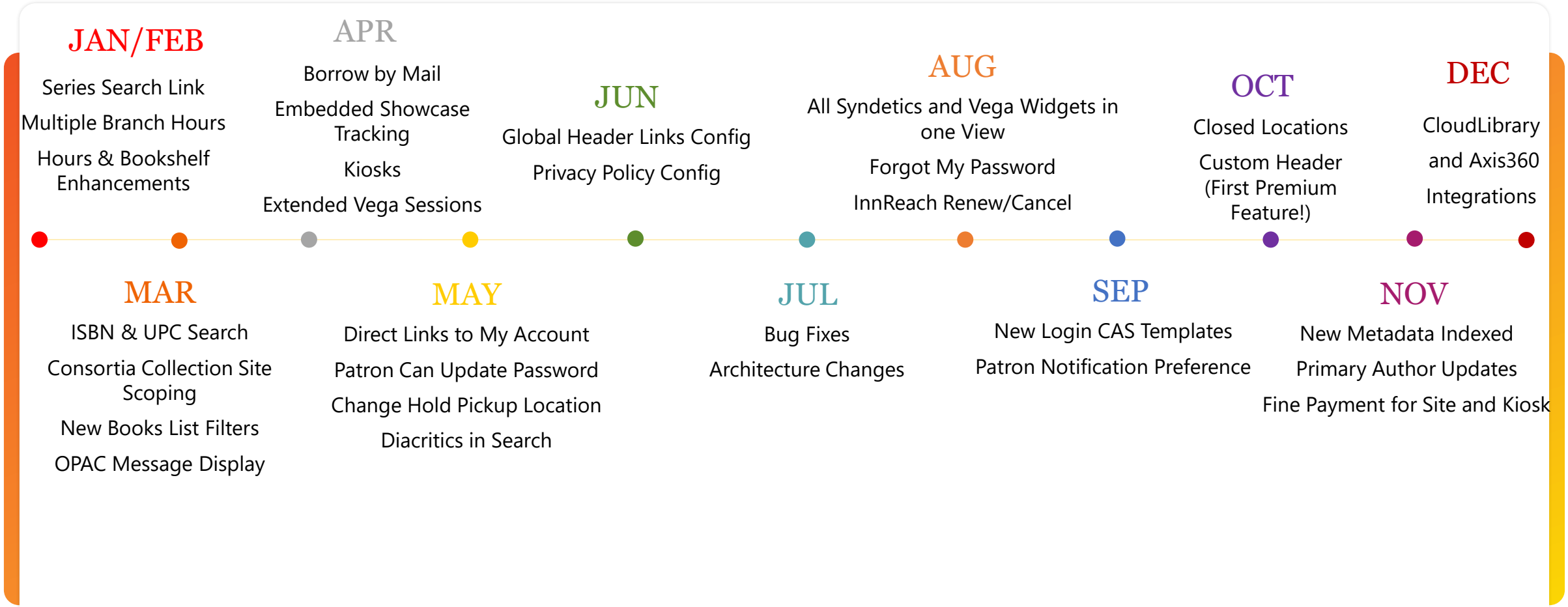
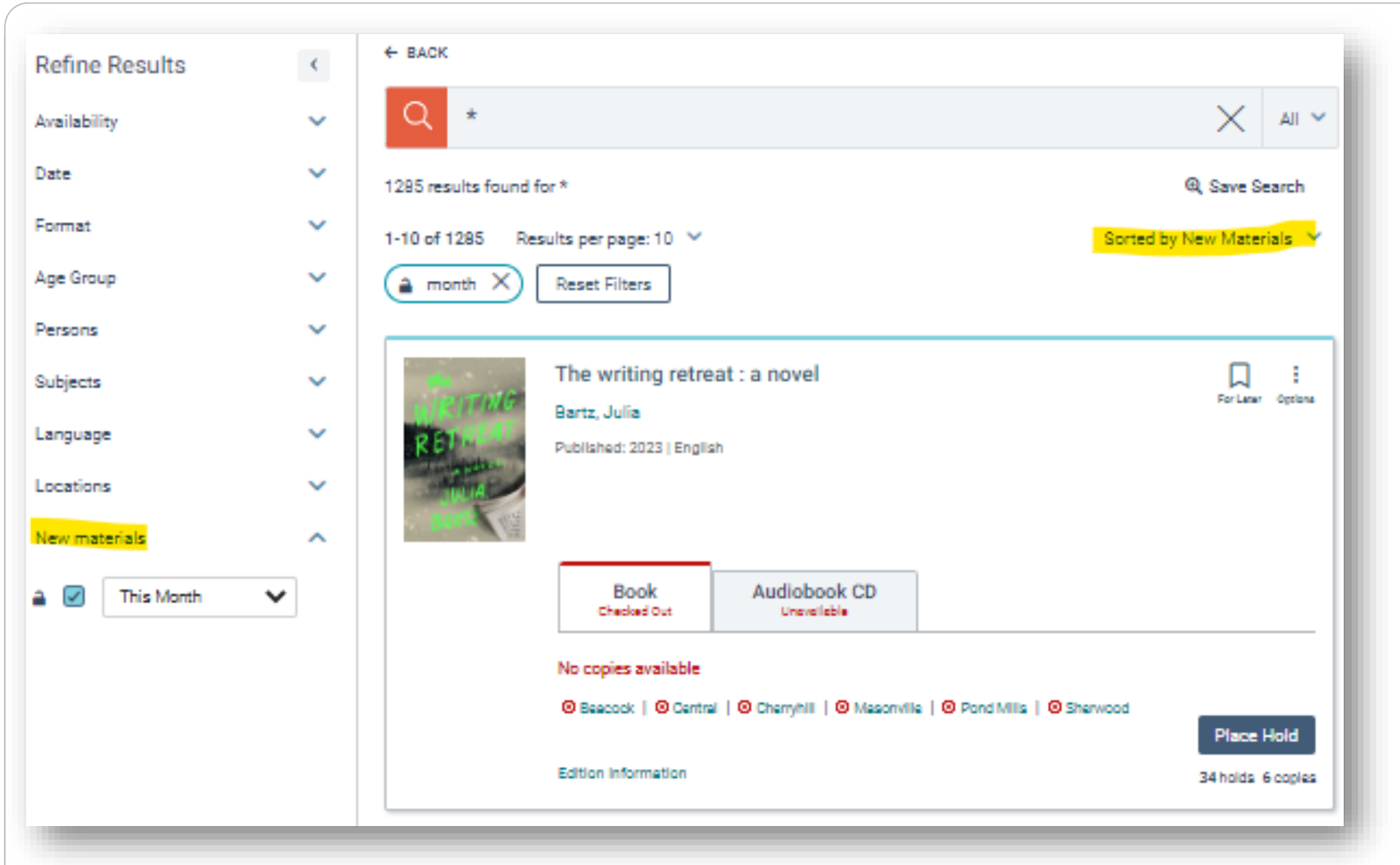
Librarians!

2022-2023 Review

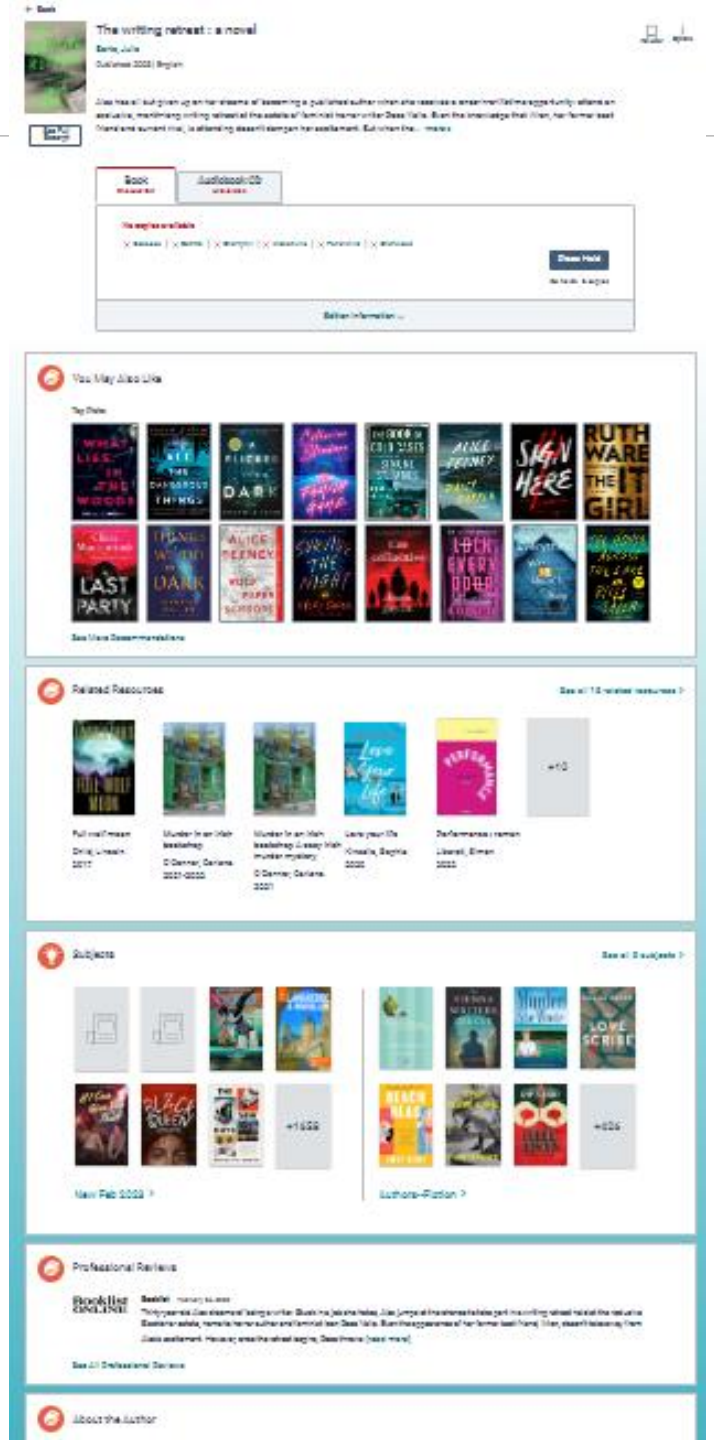
We've had a BIG YEAR in 2022 with 30+ New Features and 30+ Improvements & Fixes



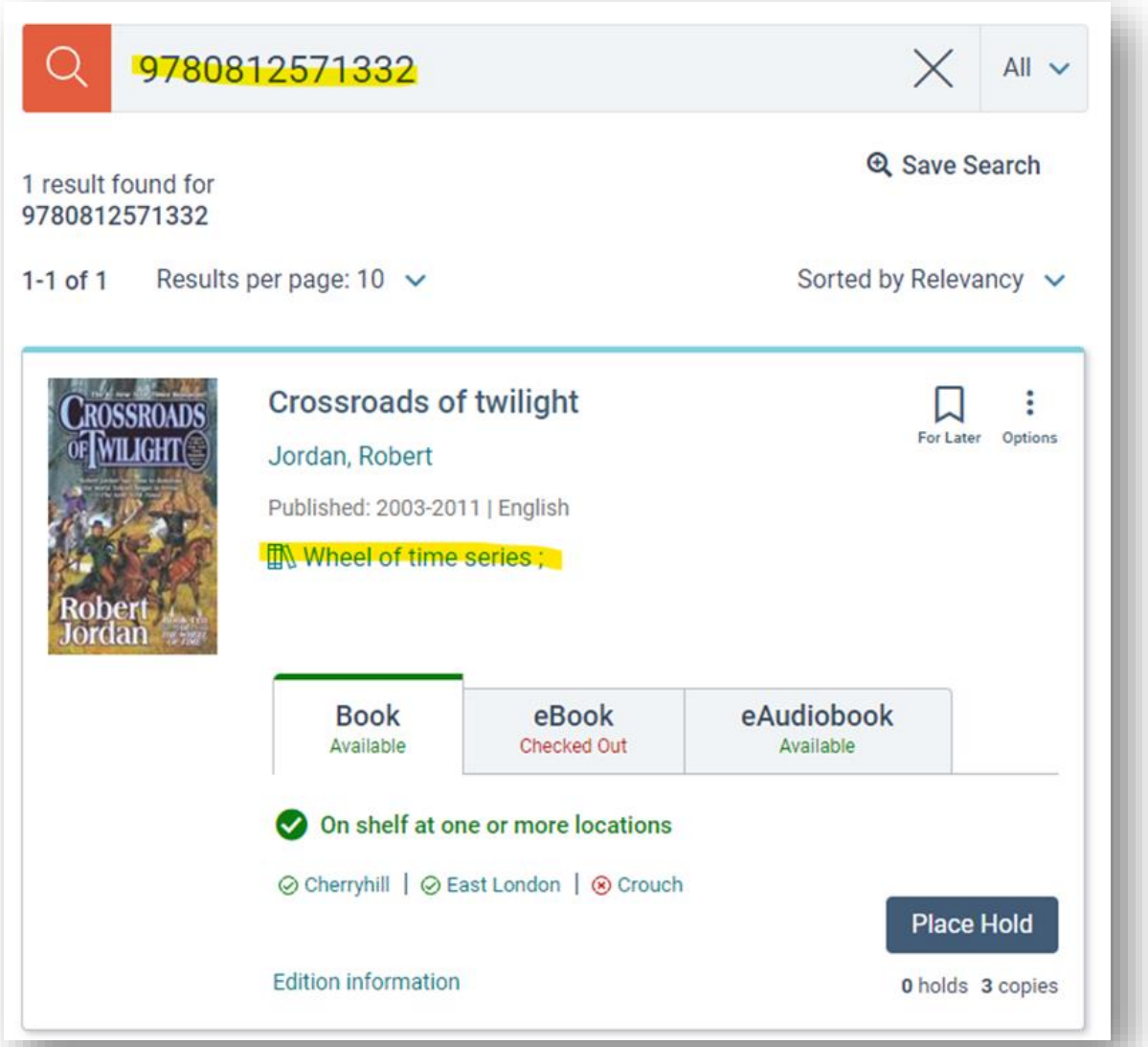
New Books Search Filter and Sort



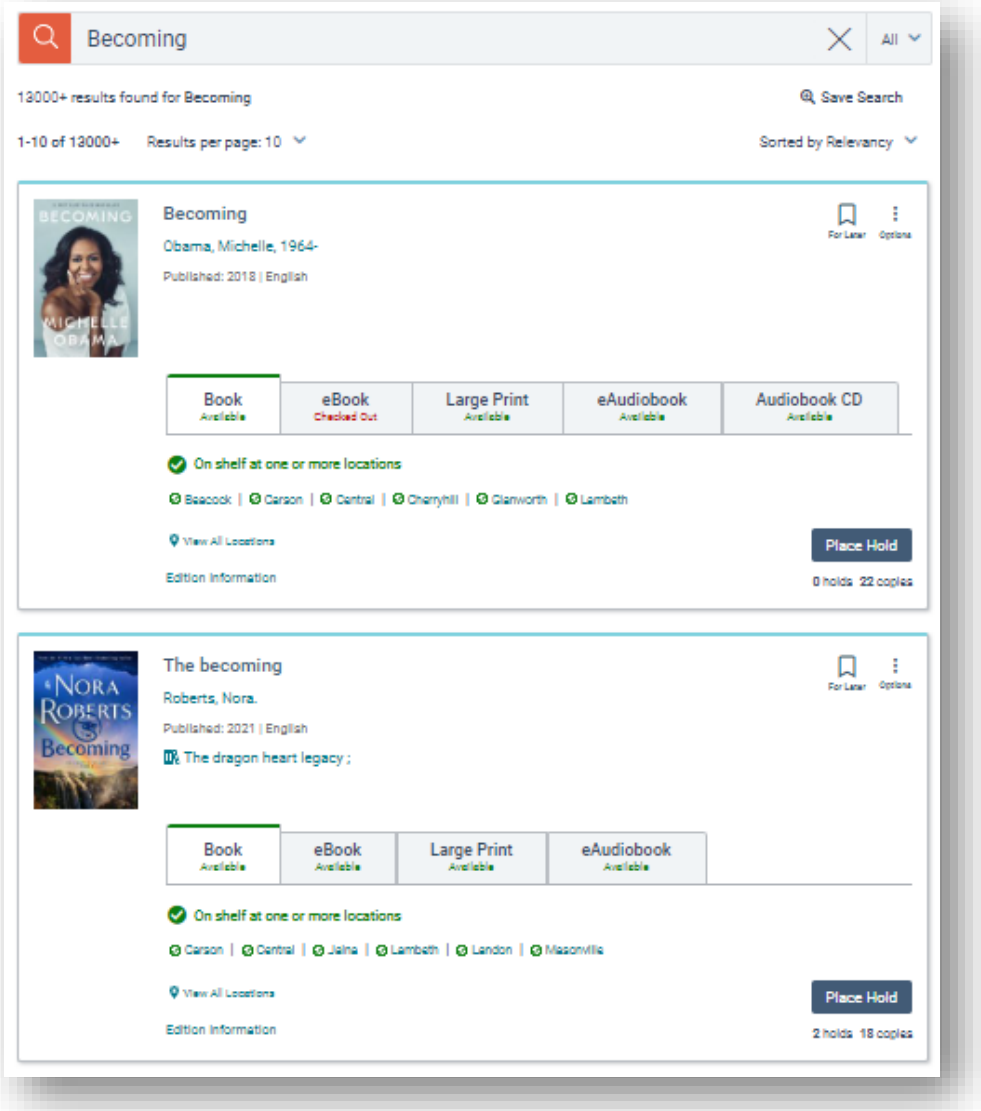
All Linked Data and Enriched Content in one view



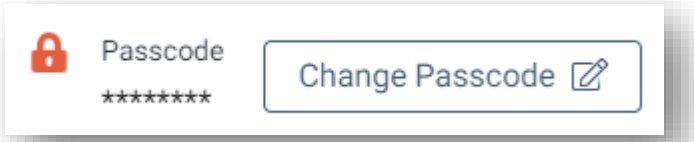
ISBN, UPC, Series, variable and added entry titles, notes and more

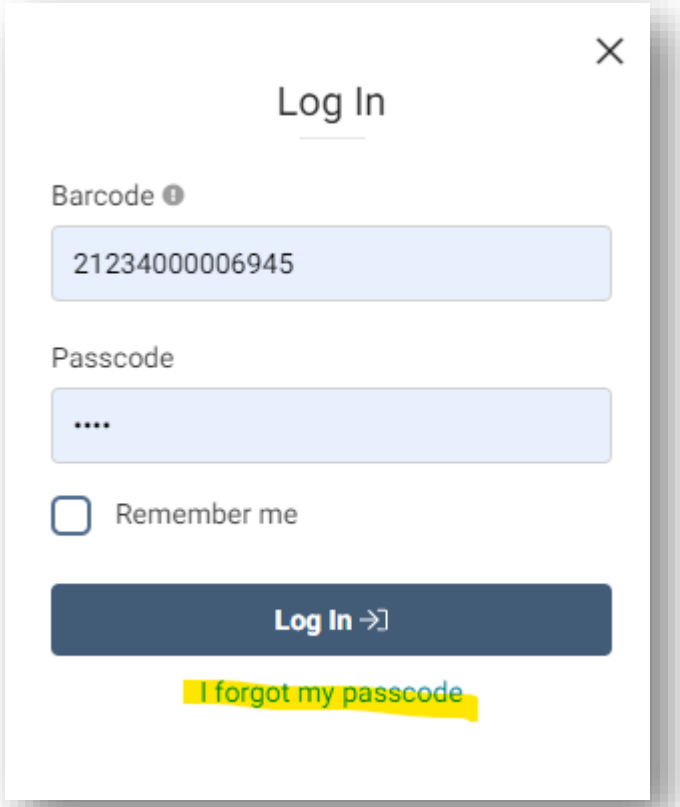


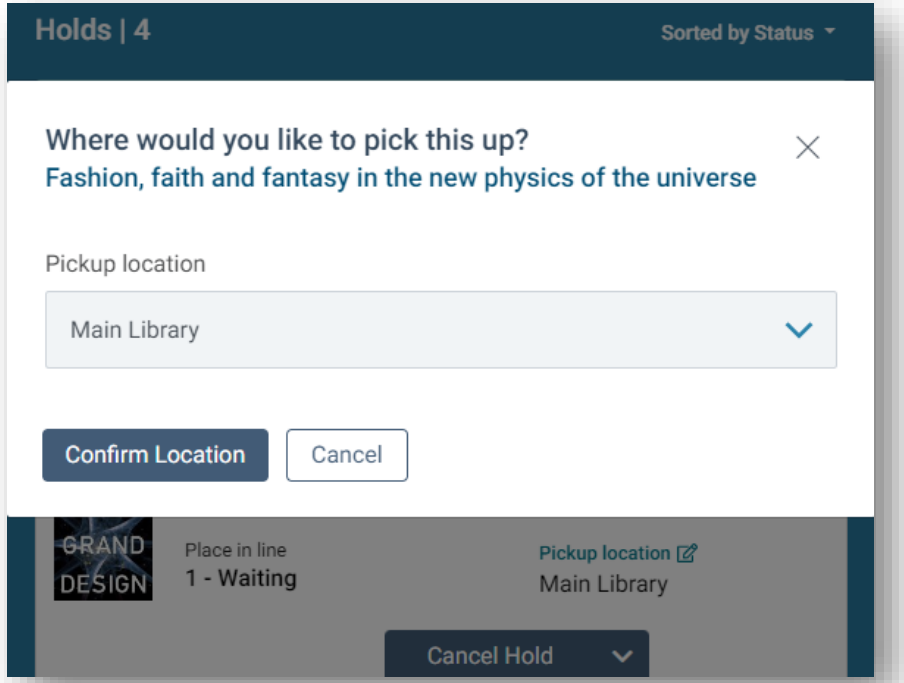
Relevancy Improvements to boost exact title matches



Patron Account Management Highlights







The New Features and Fixes Keep On Comin'!

JAN

BorrowBox Integration

Material Type Mappings for eContent

ILS Preference For eContent

FEB

eContent Logos Update

Patron Lists Migration

Increased Patron Lists Size

MAR

eContent Vendor Cover Images

API Ingested eContent Rollups

Translation Updates

eContent Management GA

APRIL

Custom Domain (Premium)

Holds Logic Updates

Vega Home Customization (Beta)

Grid View (Beta)

MAY (Anticipated)

Home Page (All)

Facet by Collections

VPAT (Accessibility) Remediation

JUNE (Anticipated)

Smart(er) Call Number Display

Availability Facet Change

Search by Additional Identifiers

Kids Catalog (Premium, Beta)

Display Item Notes

AND BEYOND!

OAI-PMH Harvesting (Beta)

Benefits of eContent Management in Vega

CONSORTIA

Share subscriptions, Configure & Scope eContent to Sites, and view eContent subscription details across your organization.

CATALOGERS

Configure it once and let Vega handle the updates for you! No need to load eContent into the ILS.

CURRENCY

Vega updates each subscription automatically DAILY. Materials are always up to date for your subscription!

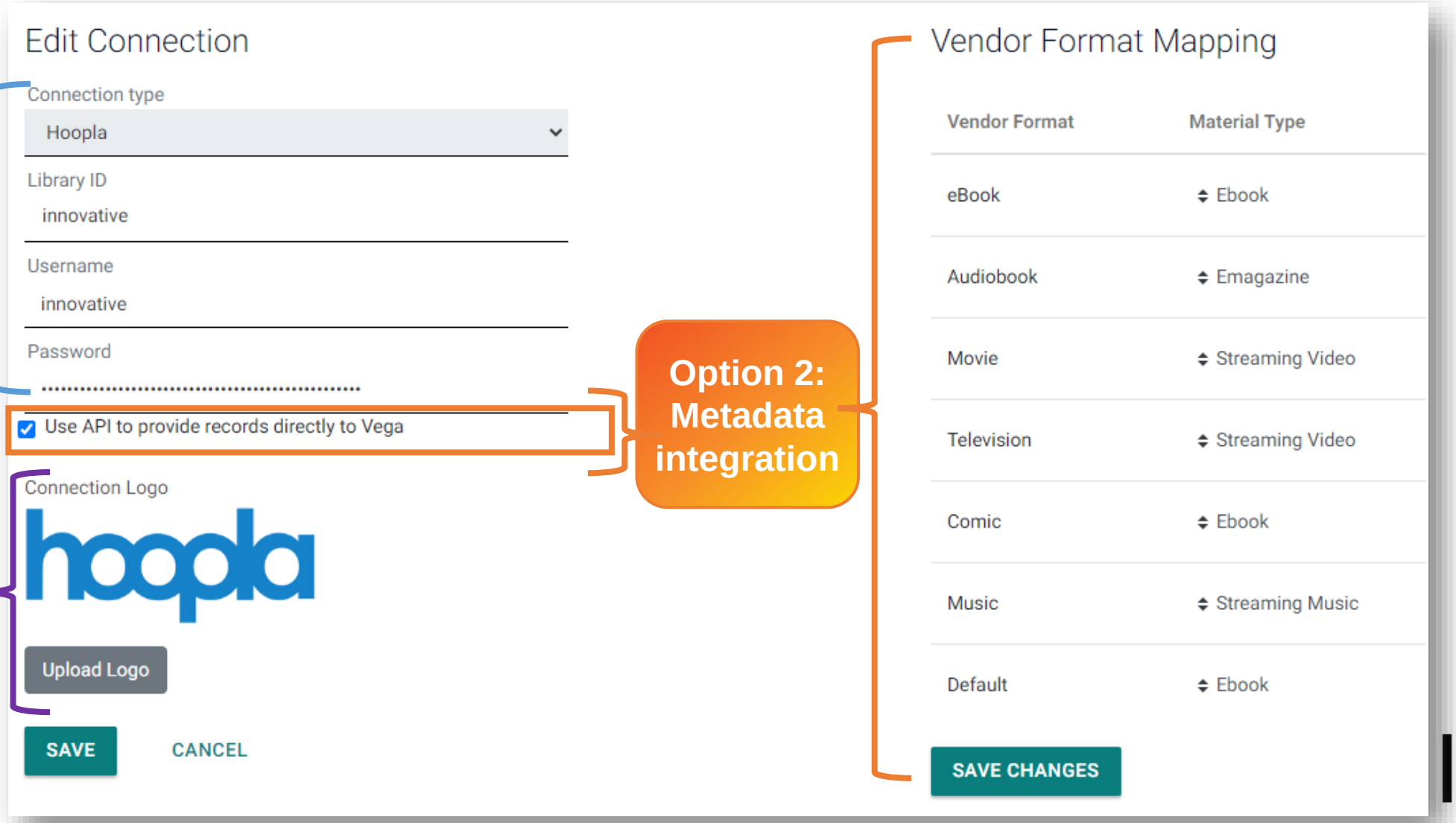
Vega Manages your subscription – set it and forget it

eContent Configuration

Option 1: Circulation Connector

Option 2: Metadata integration

Option 3: Change logo



eContent Configuration

Option 1: Circulation Connector

For each vendor we support you will enter your subscription credentials. Alone, this configuration will provide full circulation functionality to your patrons for econtent records you load into your ILS.

Option 2: Metadata integration

To start loading econtent directly into Vega you will need to configure the Vendor Format Mapping to the right which tells Vega how to display content that we ingest from the vendor by mapping it to your existing ILS materials types. This will ensure that your econtent subscription materials interfile seamlessly with your other catalog materials in Vega and display to your patrons based on the material type vocabulary your library uses.

After configuring the Vendor Format Mapping and saving you will be able to check the, “Use API to provide records directly to Vega” checkbox and save to begin allowing Vega to manage your econtent subscription updates.

Once you save, a scheduled job will appear in your record extractions.

Option 3: Change logo

For any vendor that you would like to update the displayed logo for - we also allow you to do so in the individual vendor configuration. So for instance if you want to display the libby logo rather than the overdrive logo you can simply update the logo in your configuration.

Automatic Subscription Updates

EXTRACTION STATUS | SCHEDULED EXTRACTIONS

SCHEDULE MARC EXTRACTION | SCHEDULE SUBSCRIPTION EXTRACTION

Extraction Name	Next start ↑	Next extraction scope	Actions
SUFFC TEST OverDrive subscription updates	03/06/23 1:38 PM	New and updated every 1 days 03/06/23 - 03/06/23	
SUFFC TEST OverDrive subscription full	03/08/23 2:28 PM	New and updated every 1 days 03/08/23 - 03/08/23	
Nightly Extraction	03/14/23 2:00 AM	New and updated every 1 days 03/12/23 - 03/14/23	
Hoopla subscription updates	03/14/23 10:48 AM	New and updated every 1 days 03/14/23 - 03/14/23	

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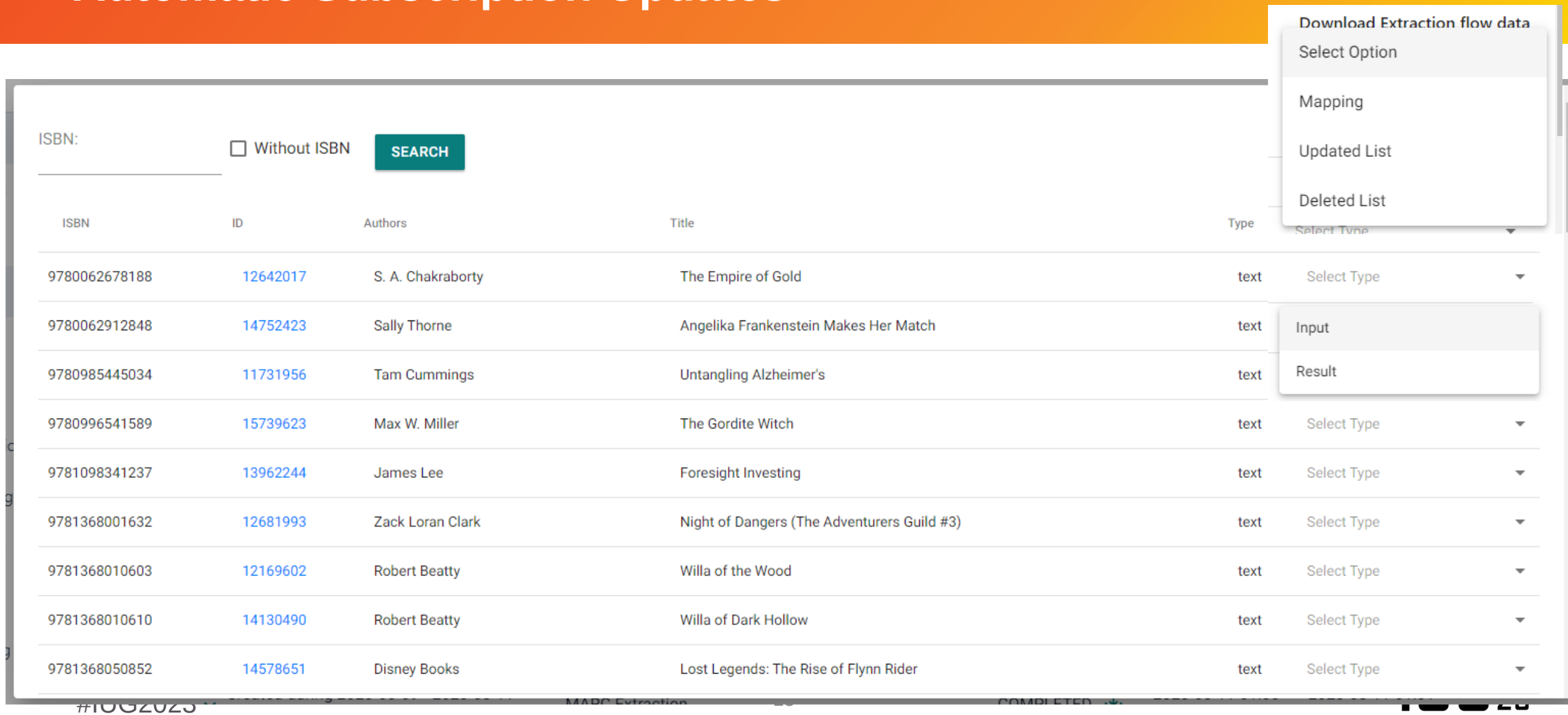
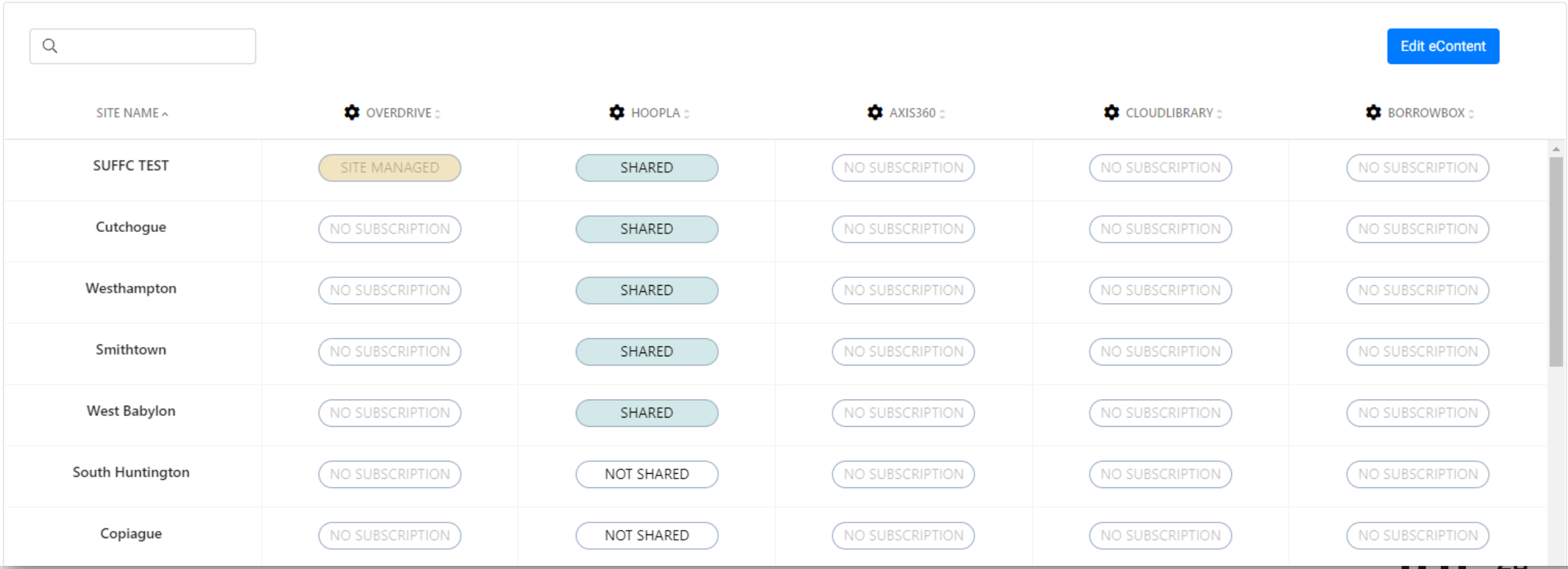


Management via Collection Sites (Consortia, Premium)

eContent Management



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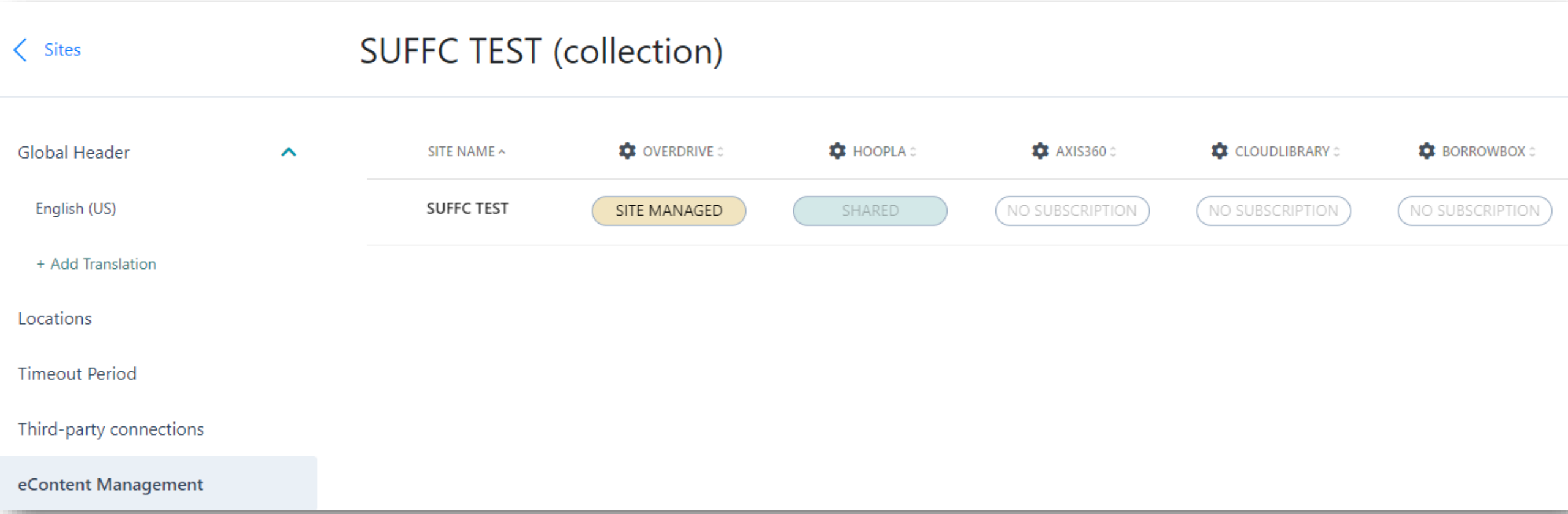

LIVE Home Pages!!!!

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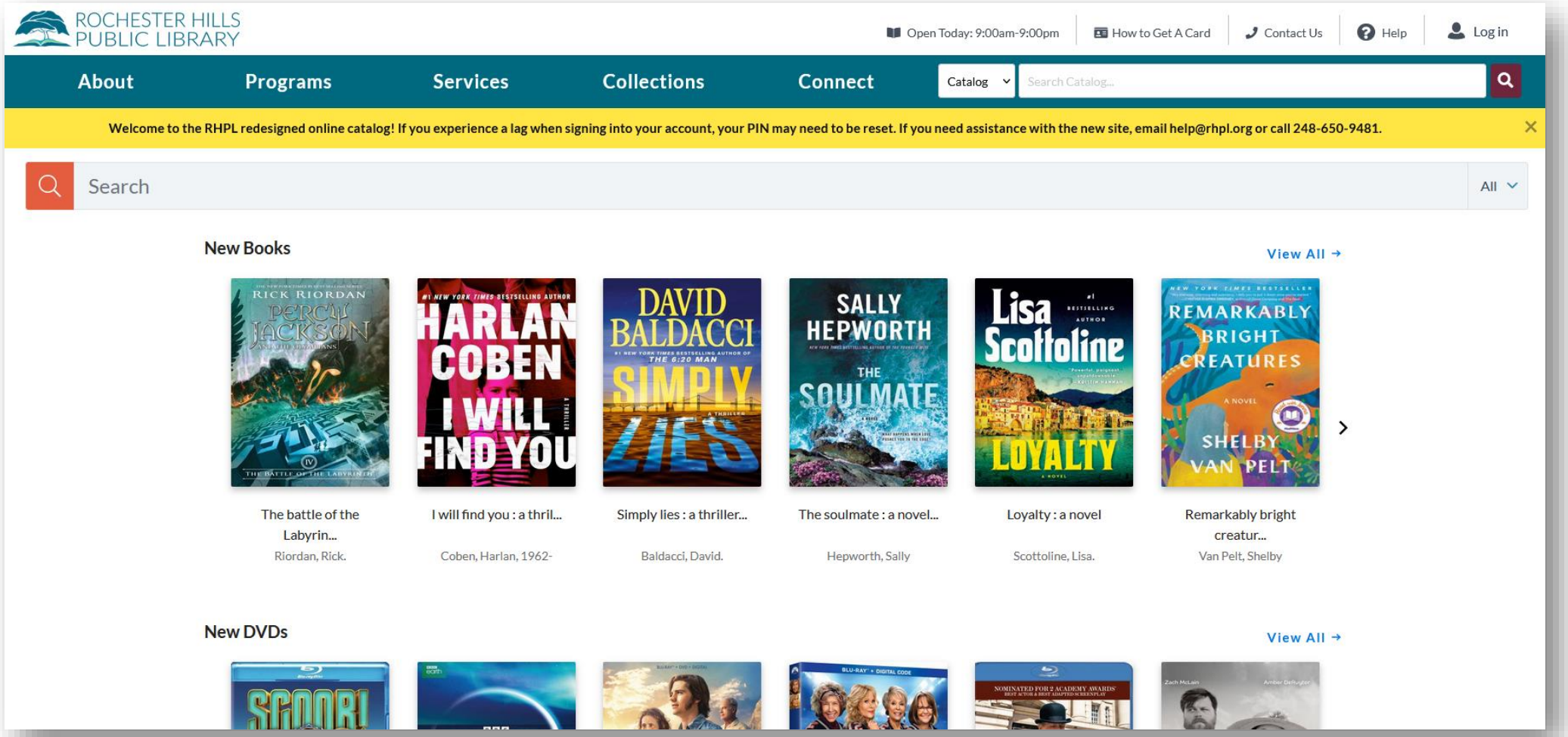
Thank You Early Adopters!

How it all comes together with Custom Header + Home Page



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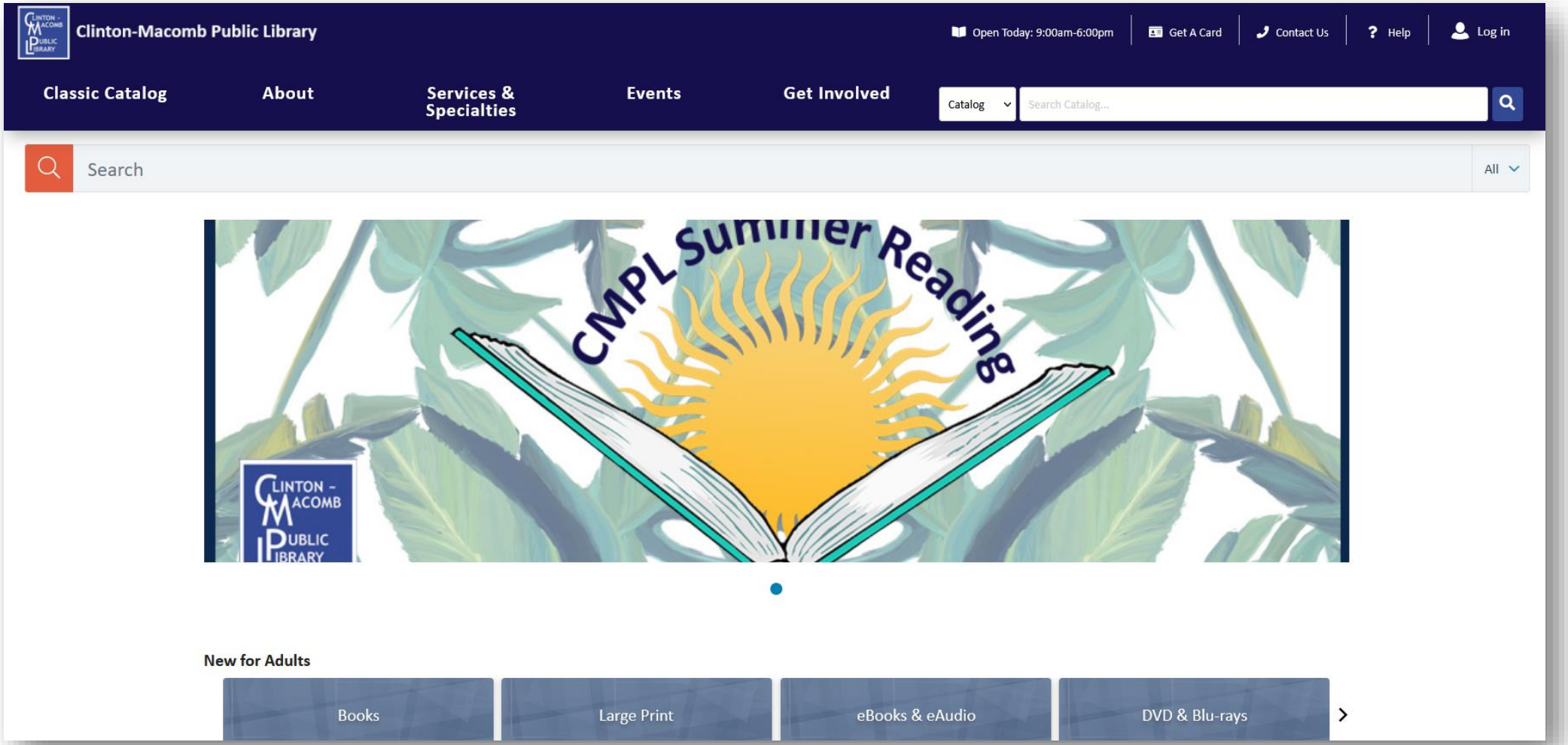
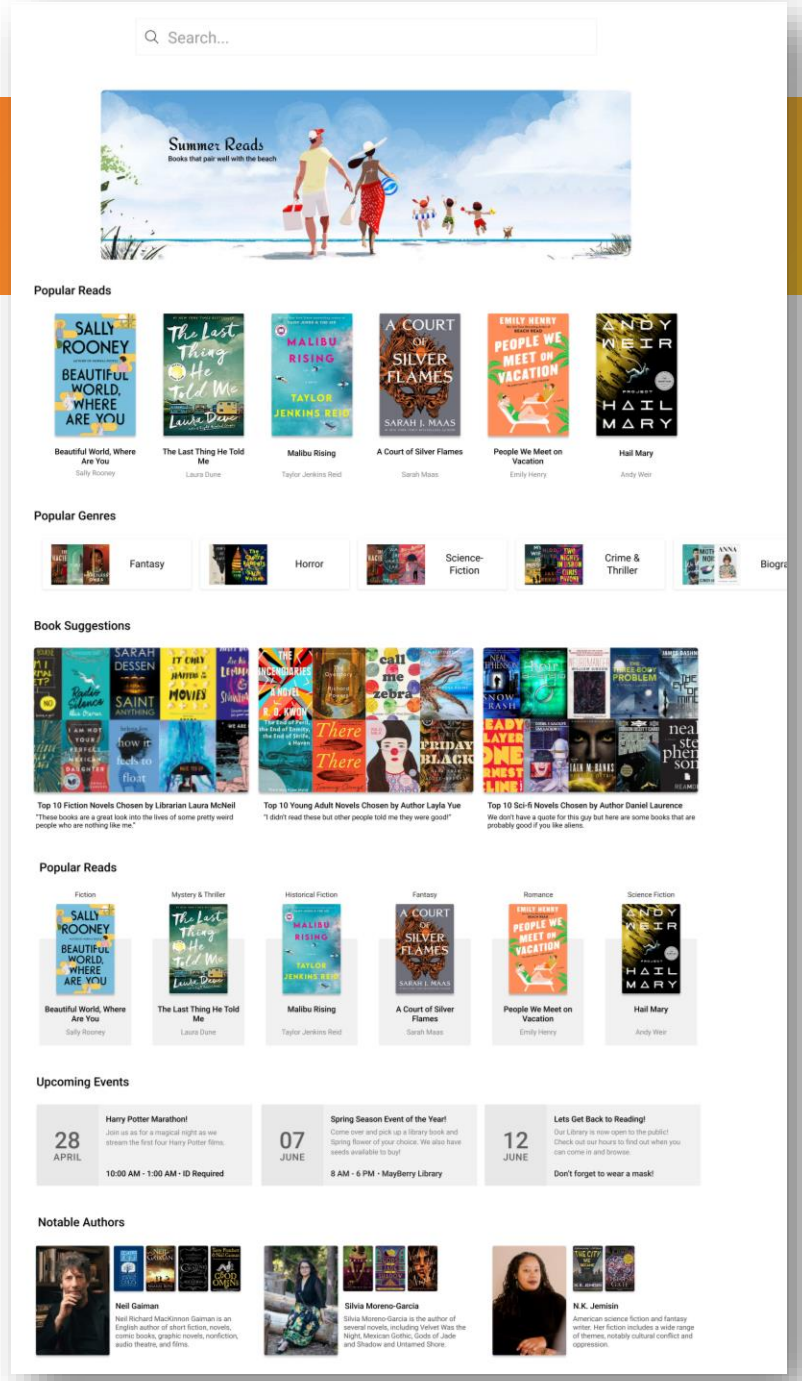


Home Page Builder

Discover/Discover+ License
- Add up to 5 rows of content

Discover Premium and Consortia Licenses
- Kiosk and Collection sites will have their own home page configurations.
- Each home page view can add up to 20 rows of content.

Content Row Types
- Hero Carousel
- Cover Carousel
- Showcase Groups
- Authors
- Events (Q2 Manual Creation, Q3 Vega Program Integration)



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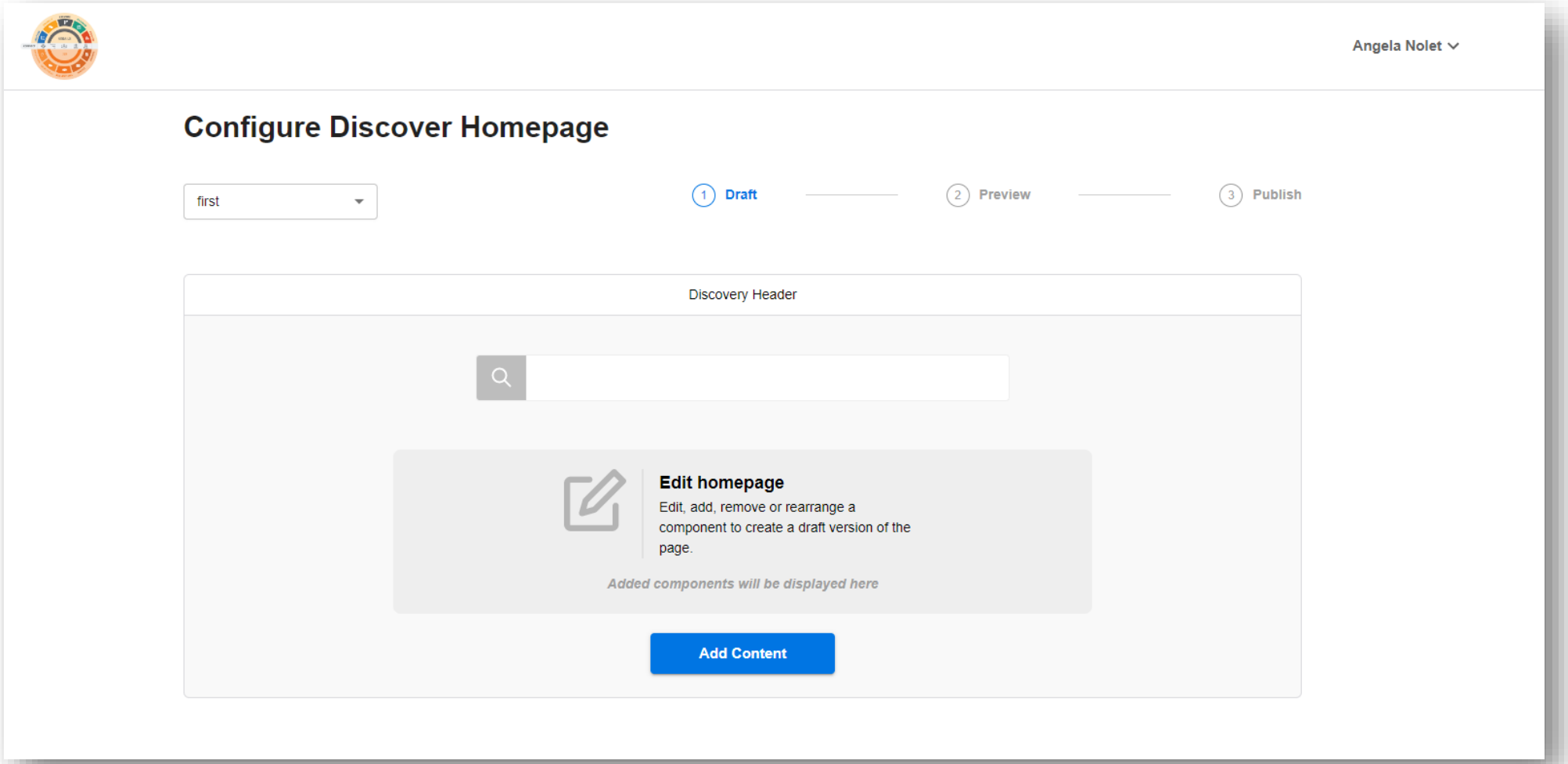

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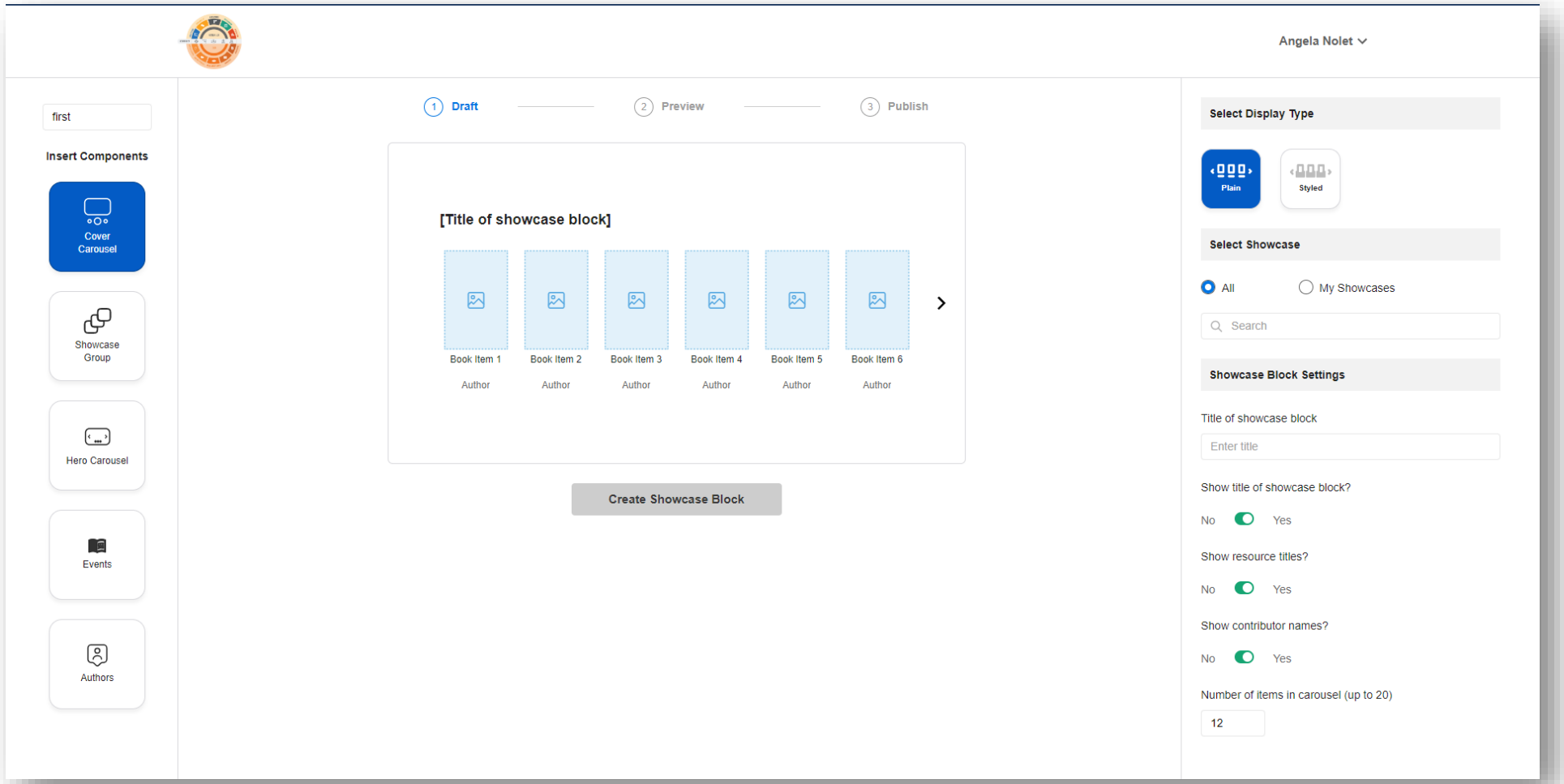

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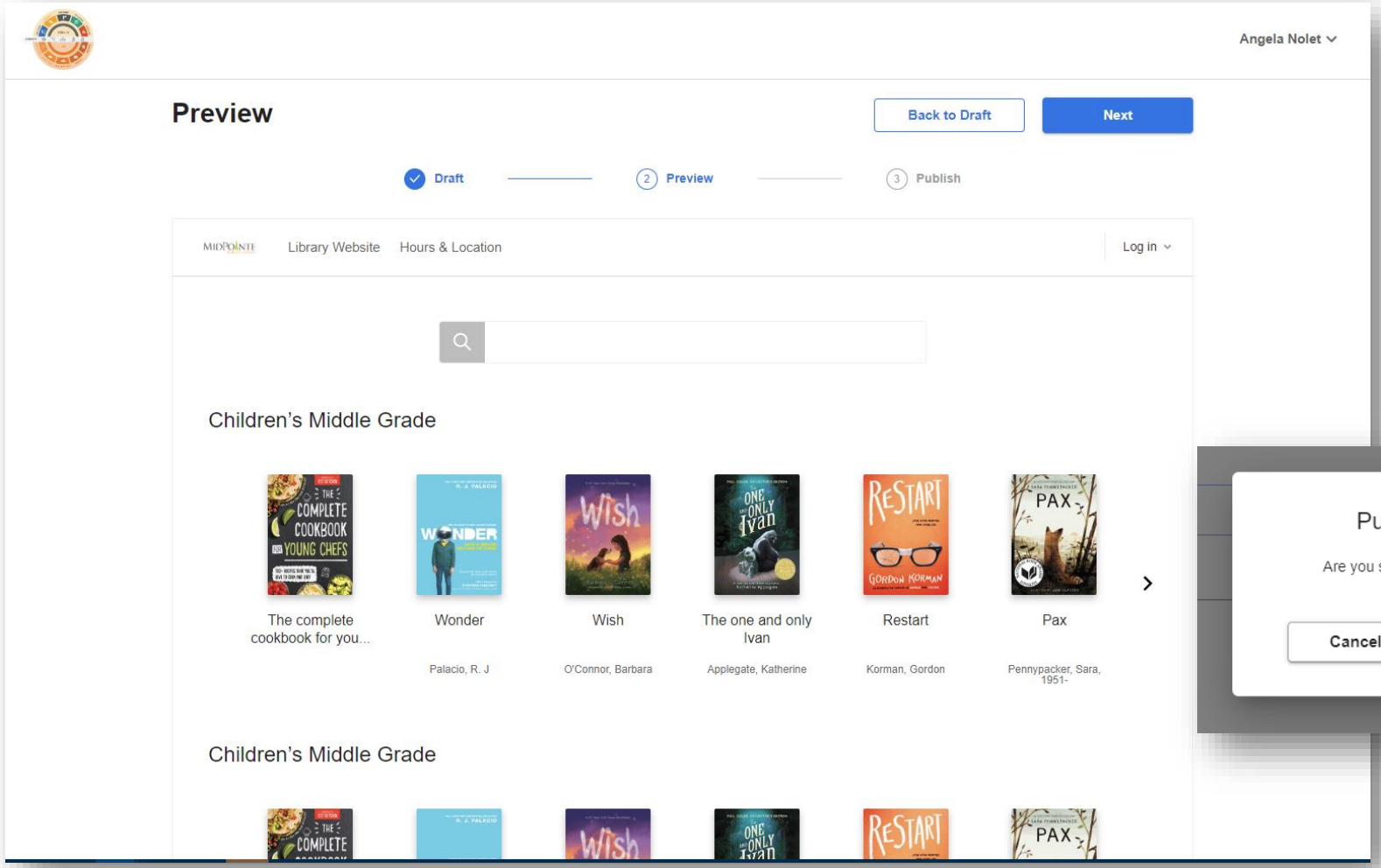

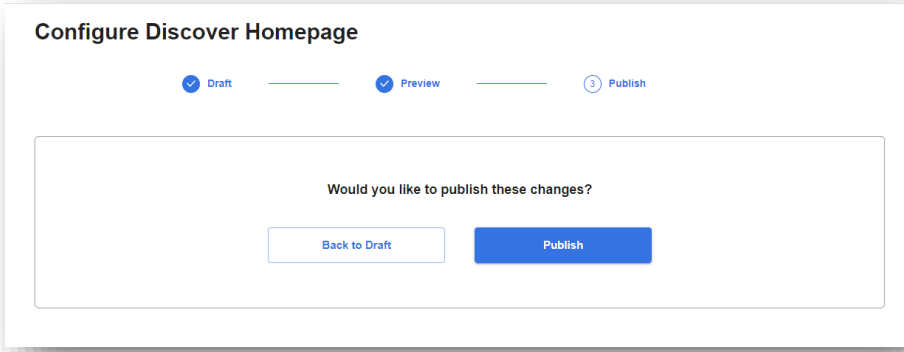

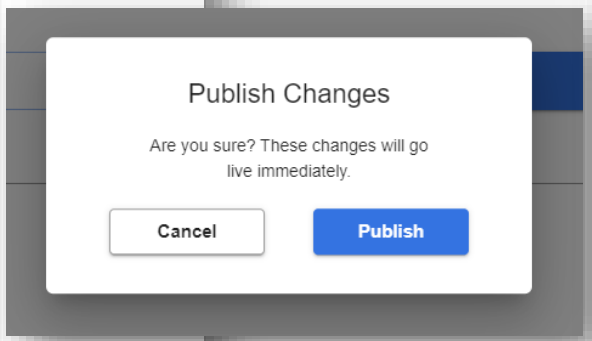

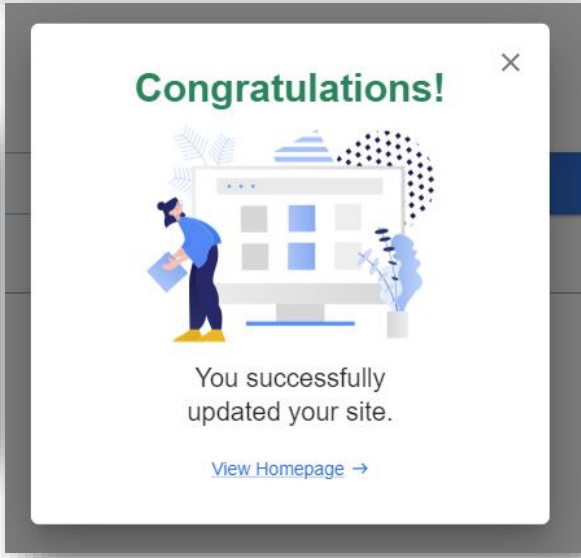

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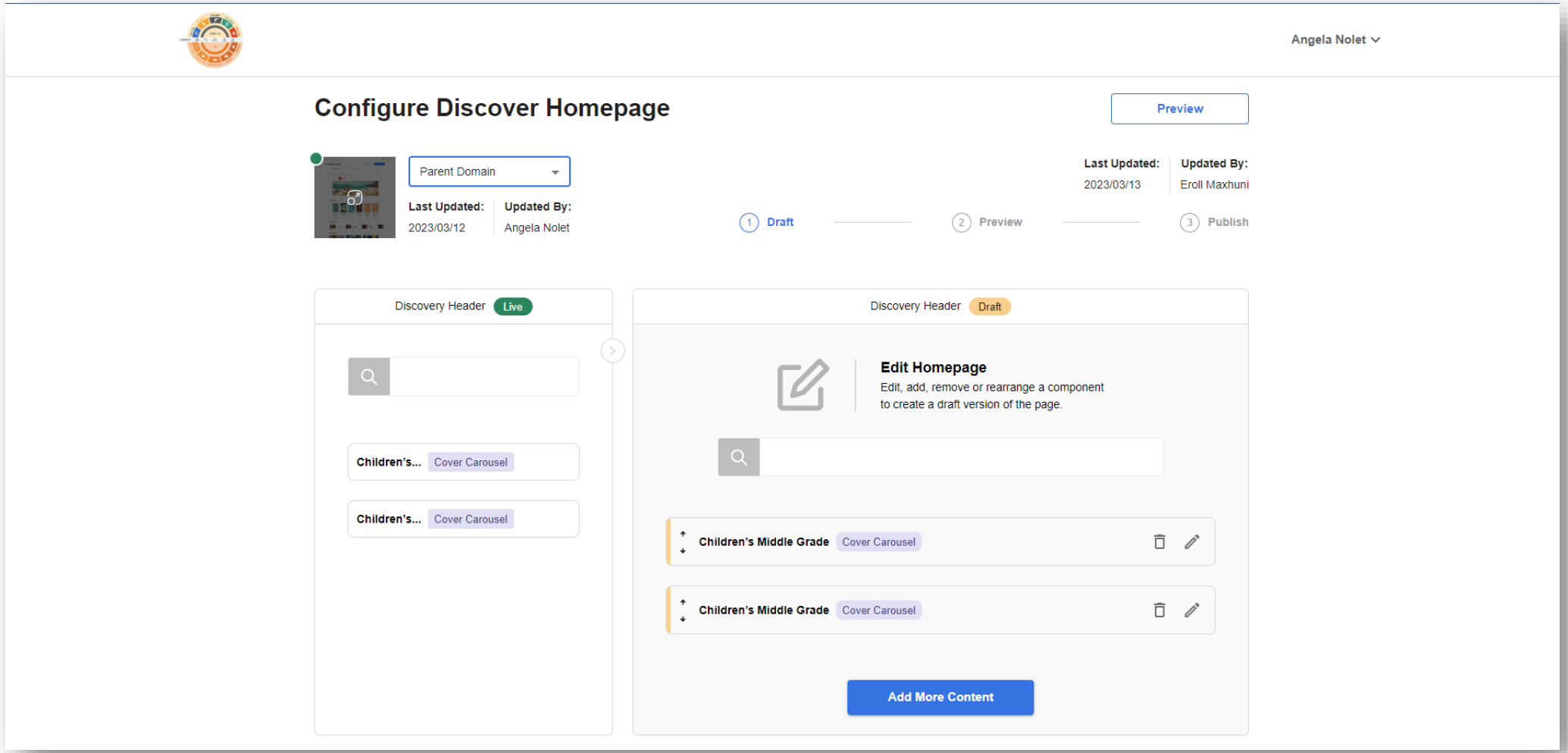


Research

- Provide larger than normal **hit areas**
- Prominently display recognizable **characters/faces** as it promotes longer interaction time
- Provide **literal metaphors** - children's brains are still developing the ability to create logical associations
- Limit to a **single level of navigation**
- Keep **labels short and concise** (1 word)
- Younger kids (less than 9) are less likely to **scroll**. Older kids do not have an issue with scrolling
- Older children (8+) are turned off by sites that looked like they were targeting 'babies' or younger kids.

Research

In Library Behavior

Children less than 8 years old:

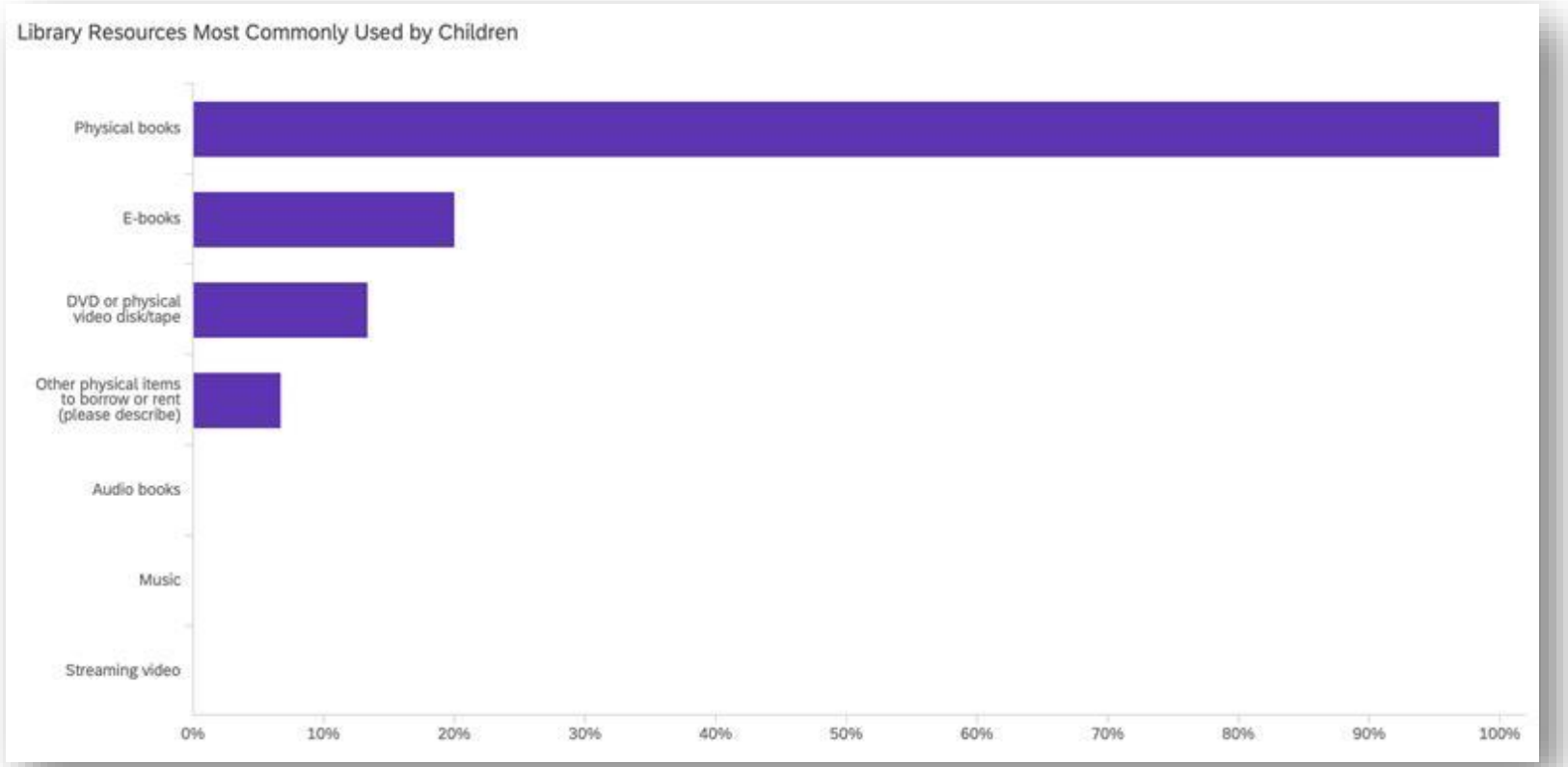
- Primarily browse shelves
- Chooses books based on **covers and illustrations**
- Chooses books based on **characters**

Children 8-12 years old:

- Primarily browse shelves
- Scan/flip through books
- Looks in sections for **genres**
- Looks for **series/character**
- Looks for books based on **recommendations of a known title**
- Looks for books based on topic of **interest**

Research

- Materials borrowed (ages 7 and under)



Books

E-books

DVD

Games

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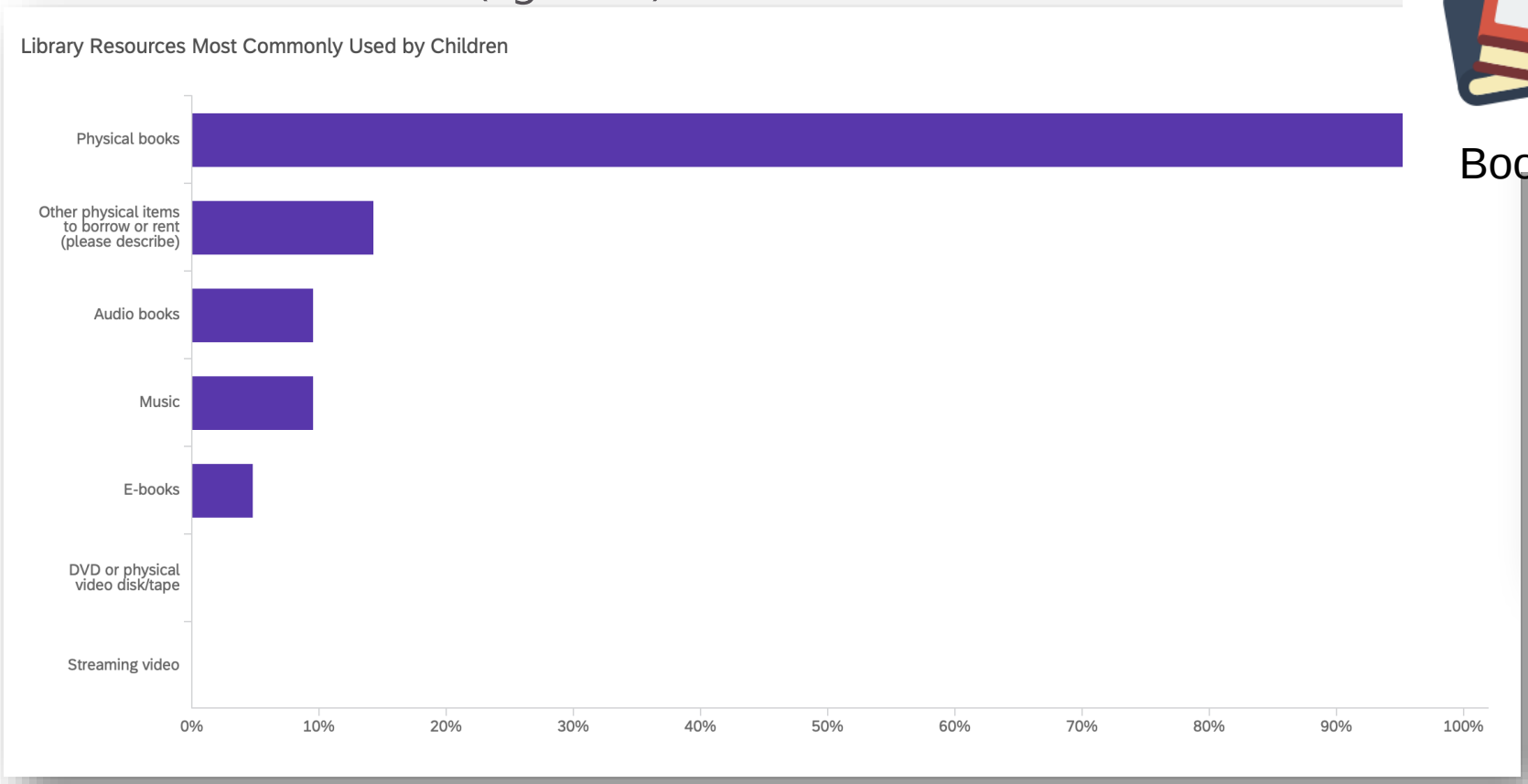

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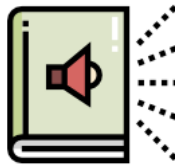


Audio books

Music

E-books

Youth Patron Survey

Websites most visited (ages 7 and under)

The YouTube interface is the same for older and younger children.

Youth Patron Survey

Websites most visited (ages 8+)

Google becomes close 2nd

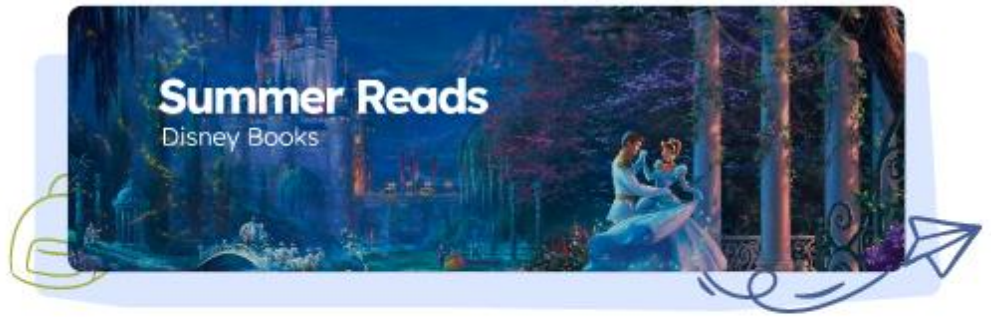
Showcase Group

Discover books about

Dinosaurs | Adventure | Animals | Arts&Crafts

Fantasy | Mystery | Sience Fiction | Sports

Hero Carousel



Cover Carousel

Popular Reads

Events

Upcoming Events

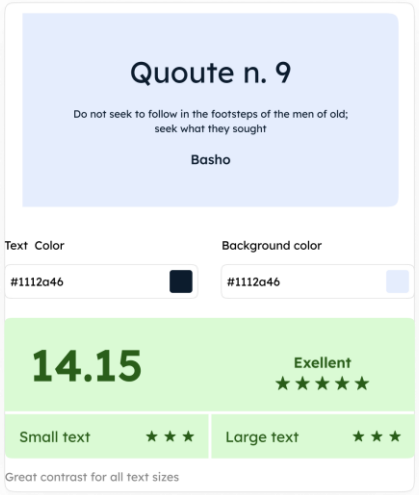
18 Nov — Lego Block Party — Come to the library for an unstructured, creative play open-house. — 4:00 PM - 5:30 AM

22 NOV — Tutoring — Volunteer tutors provide homework help for primary students. — 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

30 NOV — Girls Who Code — Join Girls Who Code and learn to code with Scratch. Meet each week and develop your coding skills. — 5:00 PM - 6:30 AM

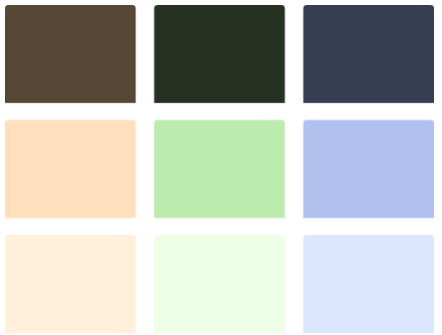
Guiding Design Principles

Kids Catalog



Accessible

Colors, fonts, and other elements that enhance legibility for readers of all levels and abilities



Welcoming

Soft and friendly colors that do not distract from content

Rounded Corners are Easy on the Eyes (and the Brain)

Fun

Minimal elements that invoke a playful and creative atmosphere

Engaging

Interesting icons and images to draw attention to content

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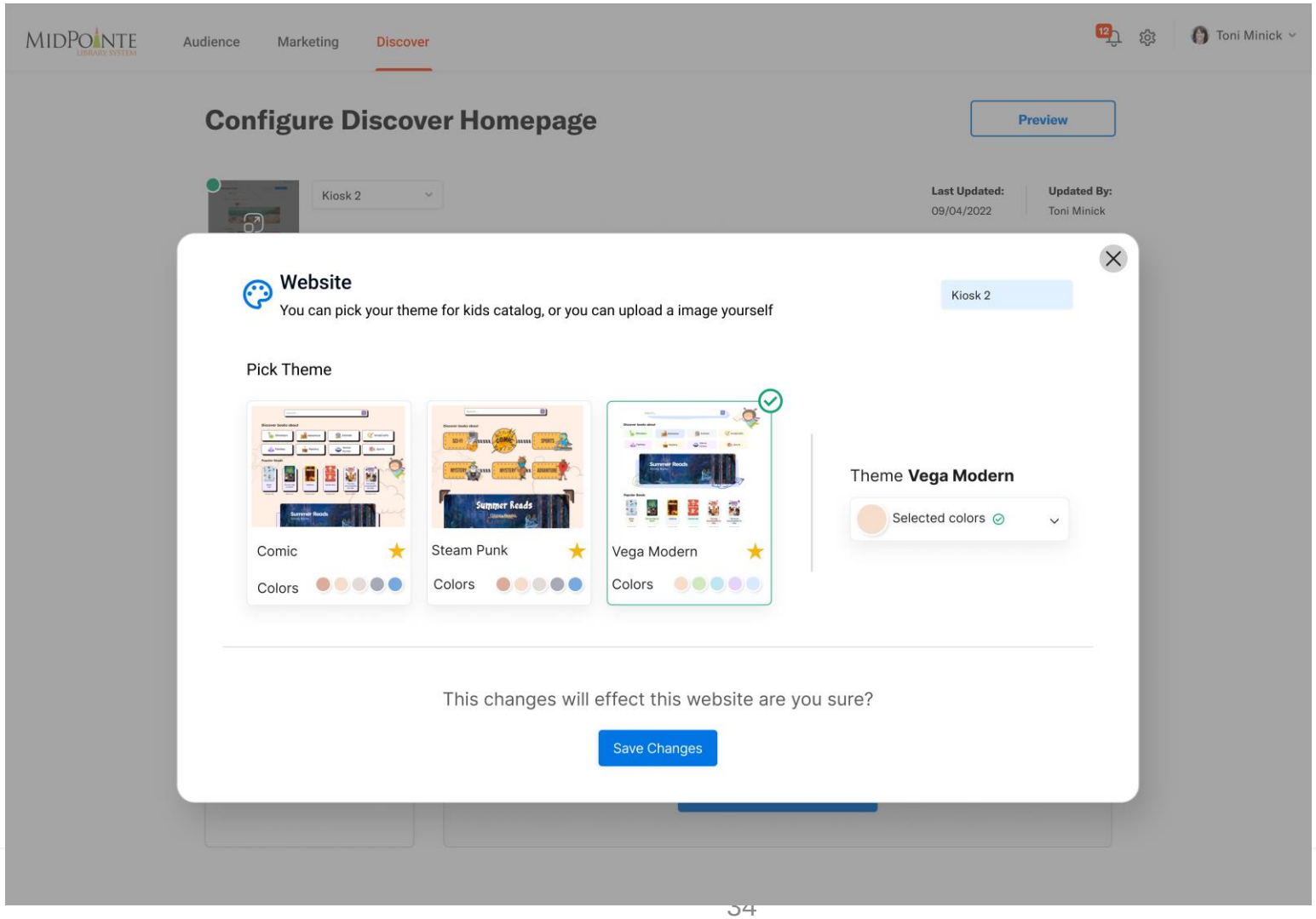
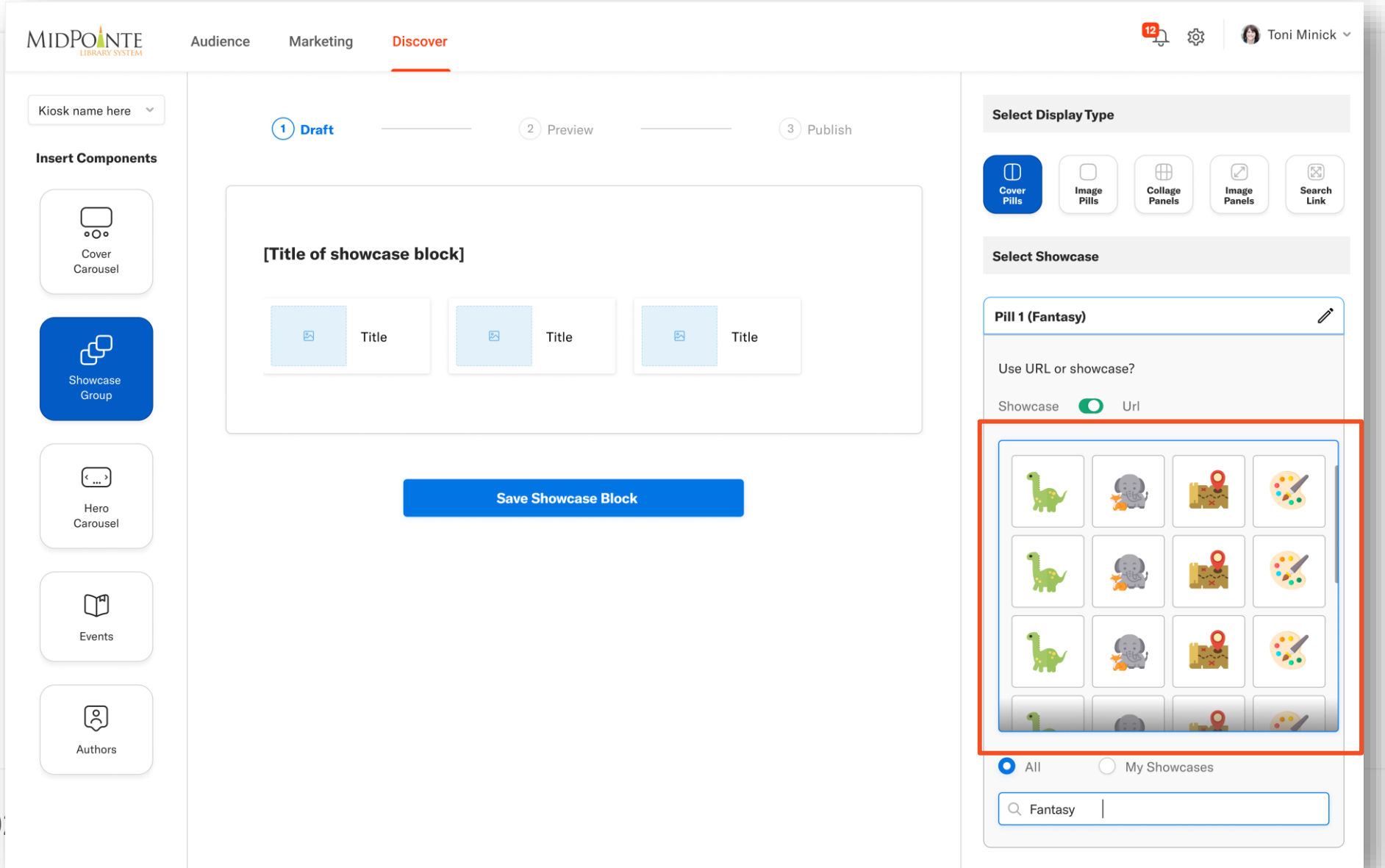
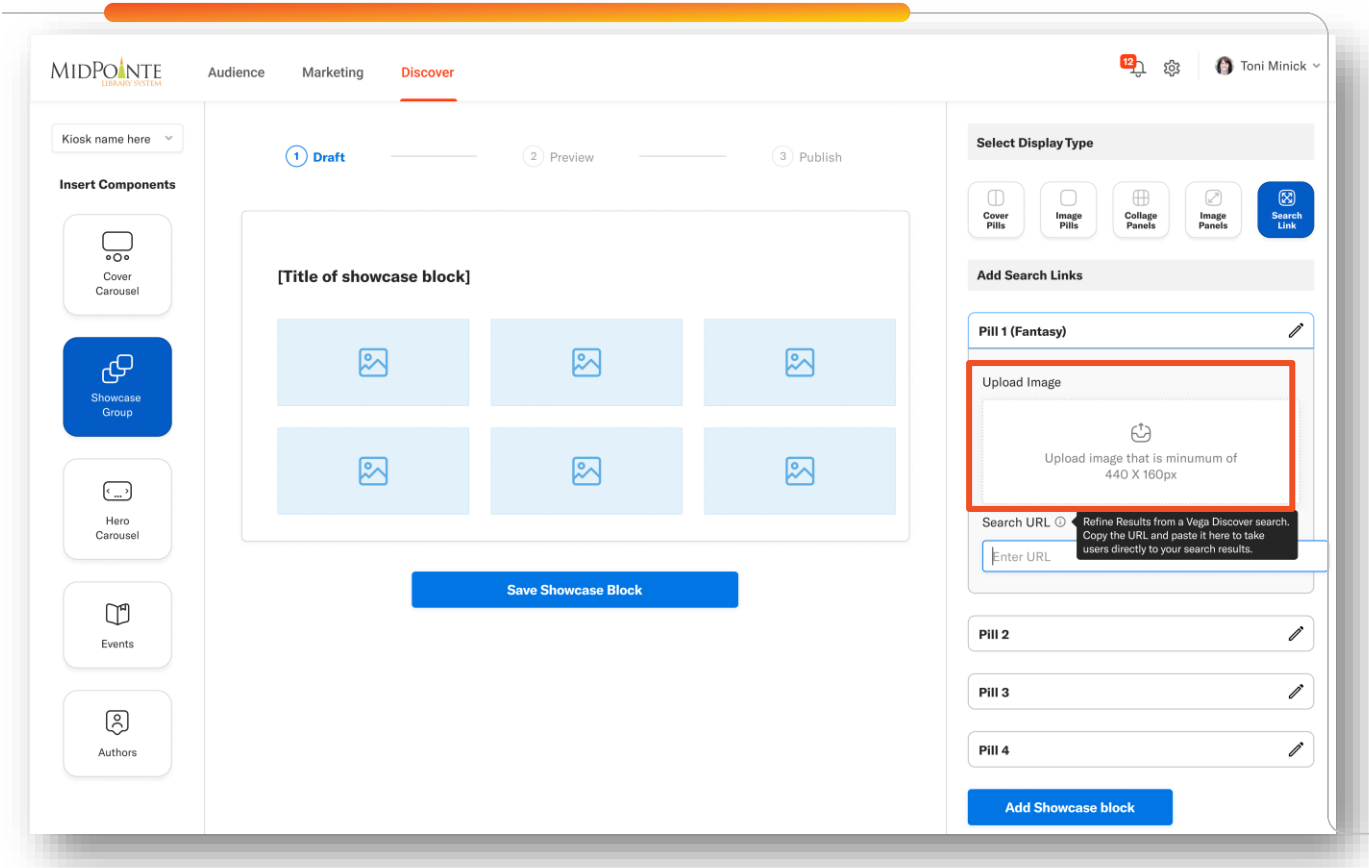
Theme Picker



Icon Library



Showcase Group



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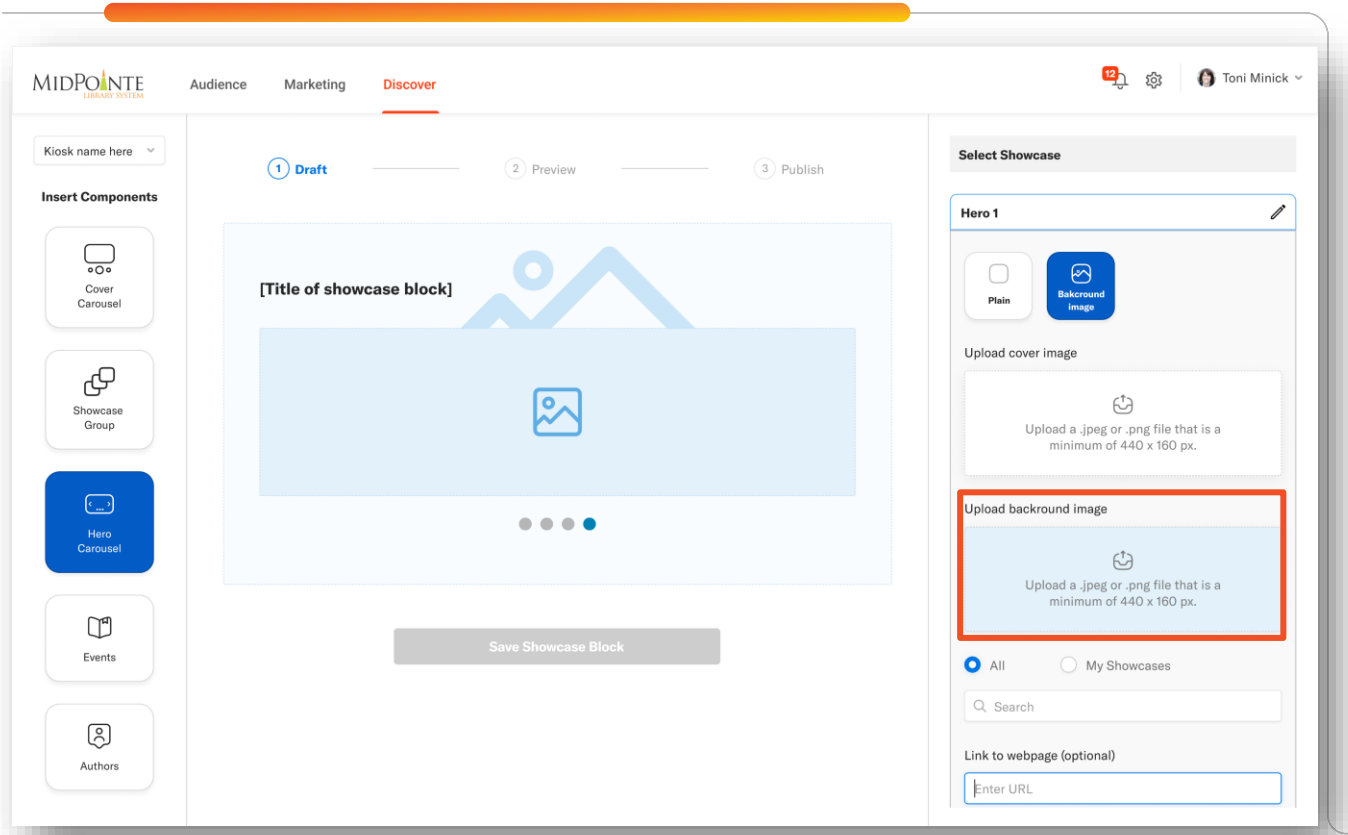

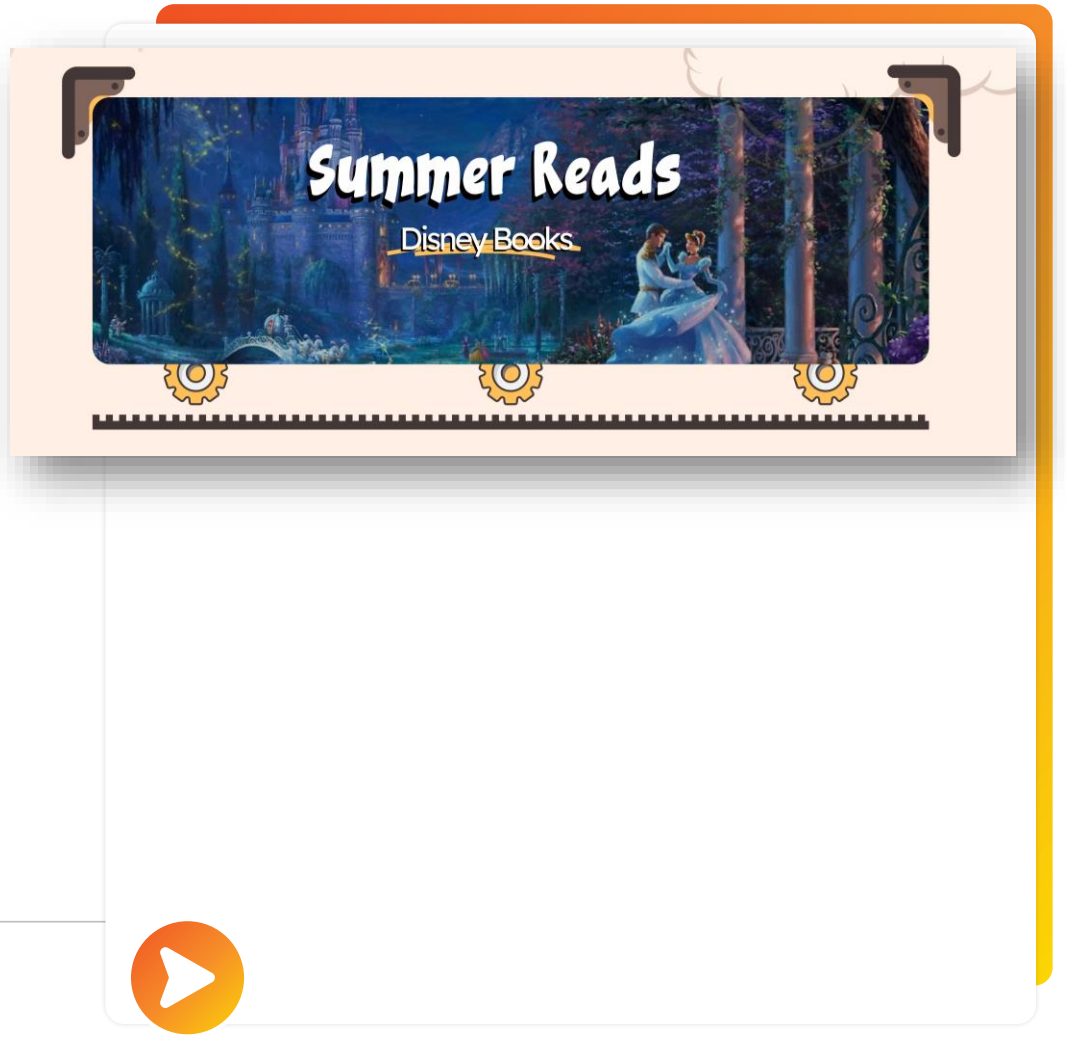

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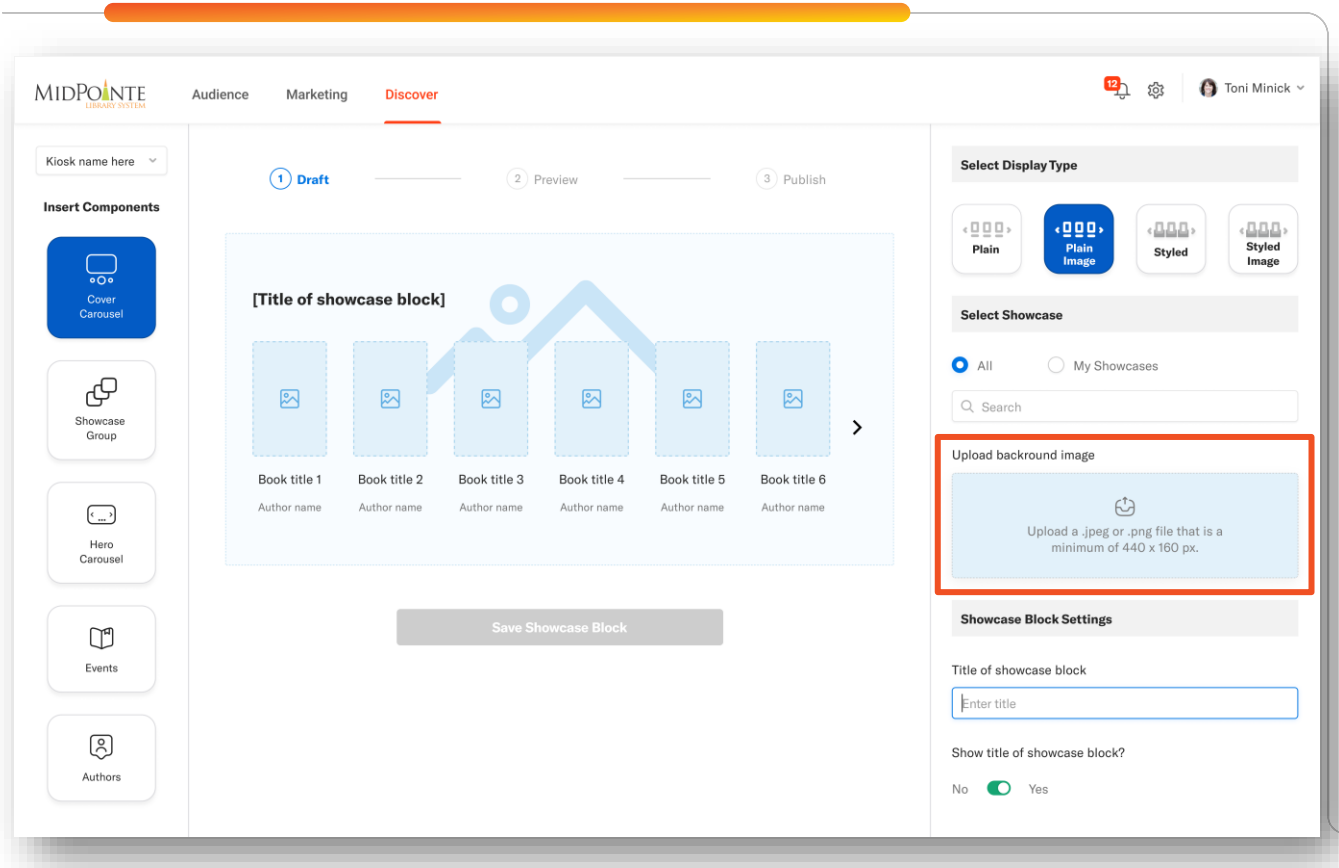

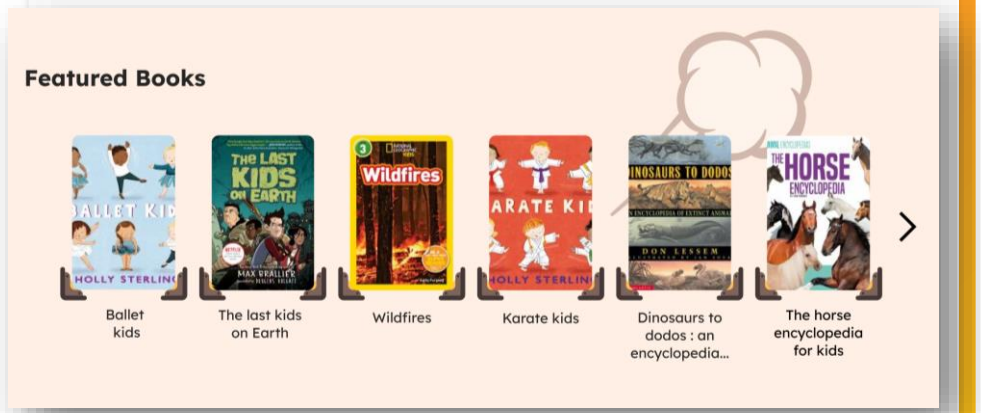

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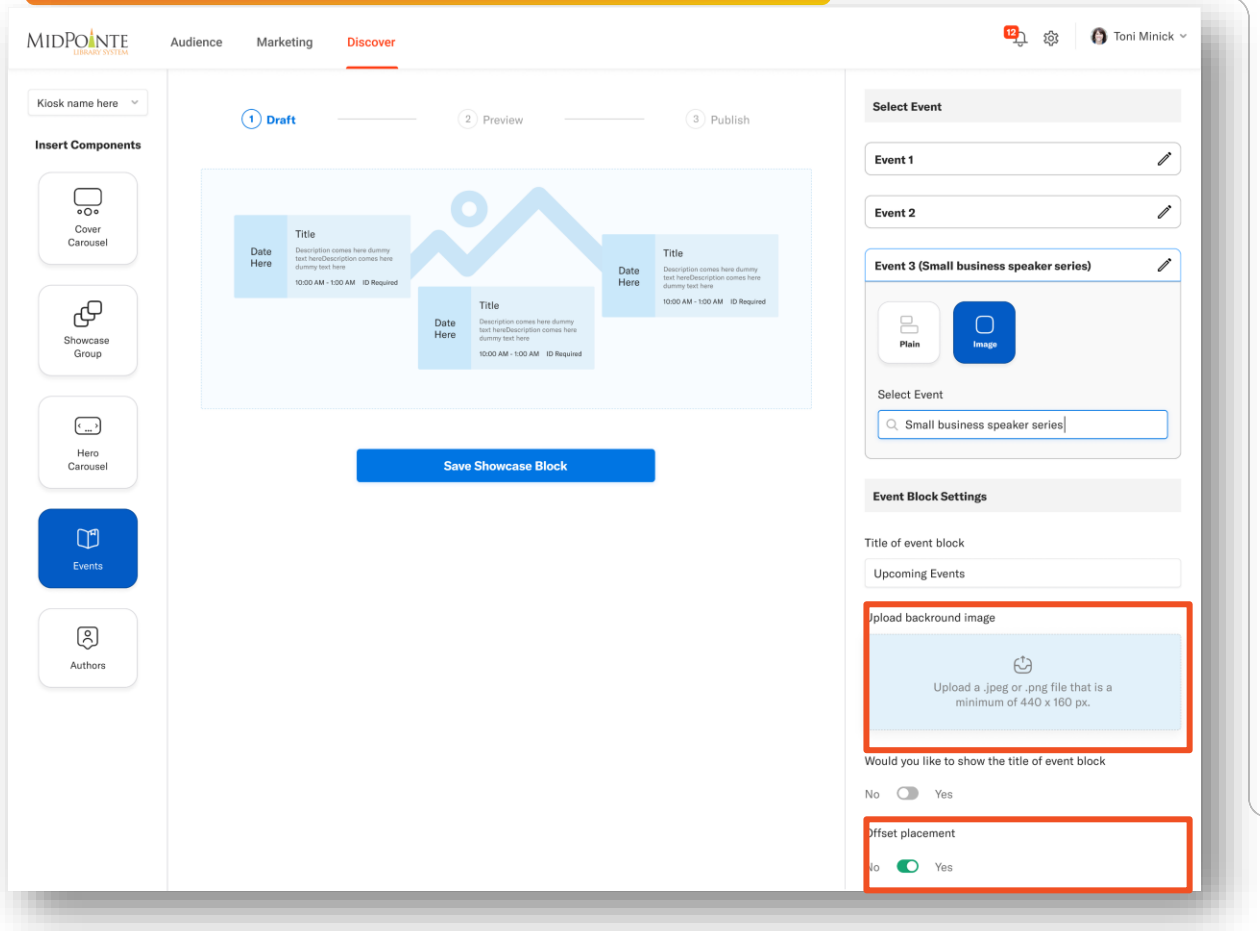
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Event 1
Event 2
Event 3 (Small business speaker series)
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Image
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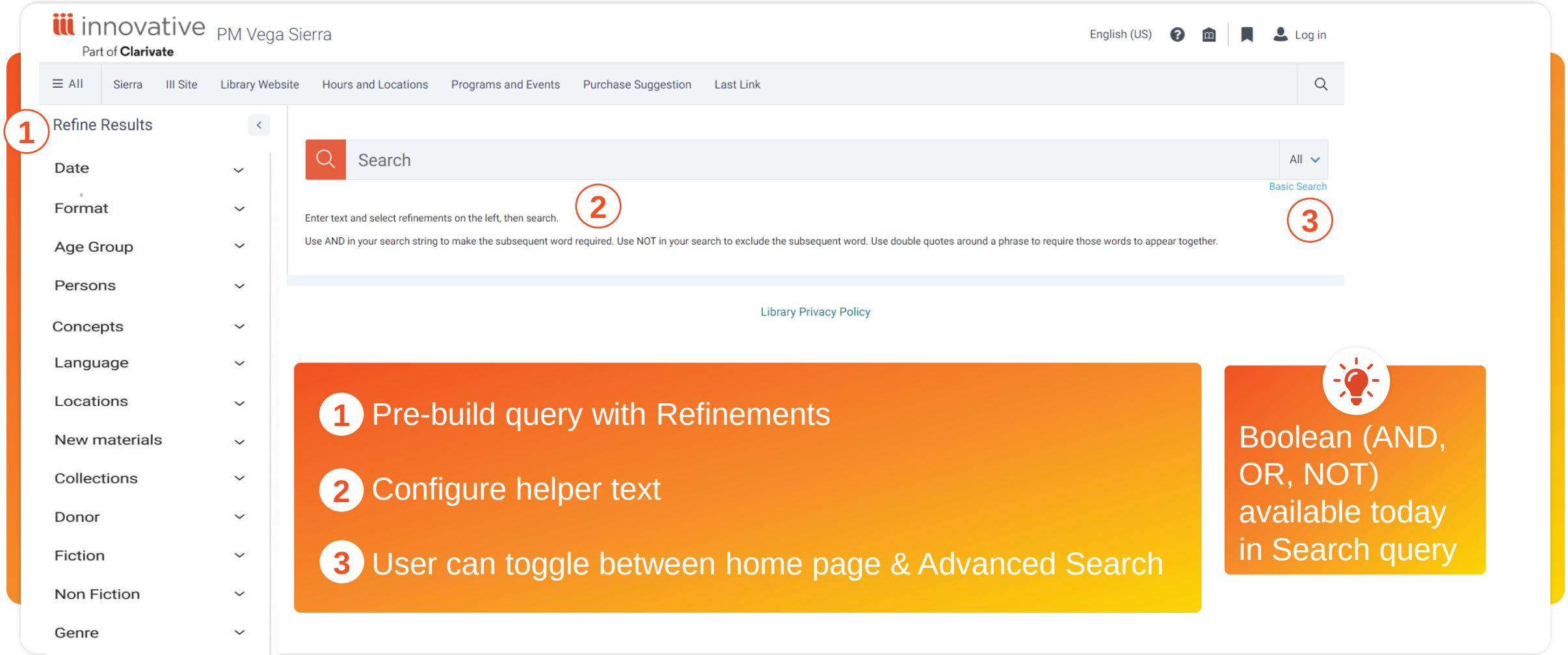
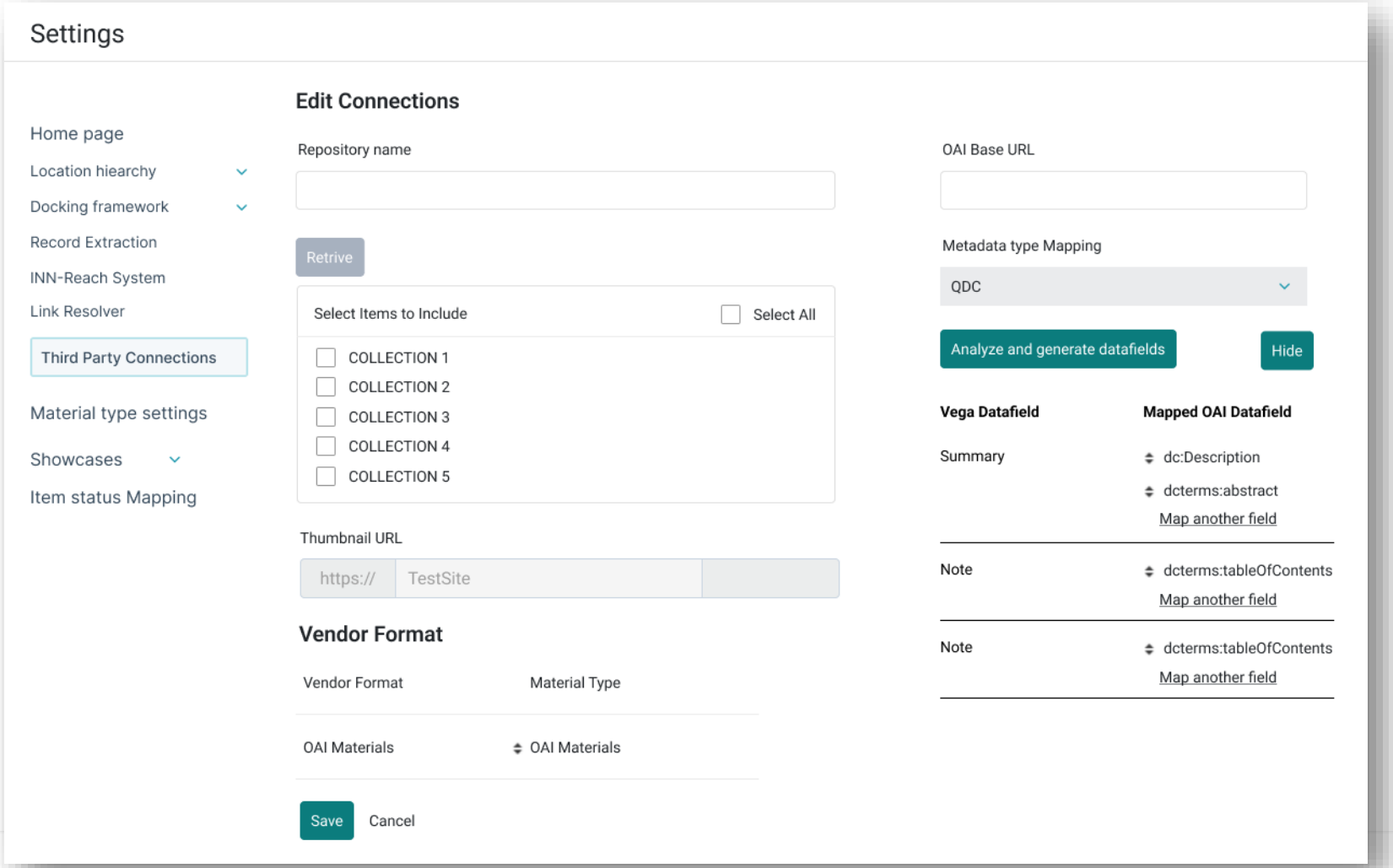
Advanced Search



1. Pre-build query with Refinements
2. Configure helper text
3. User can toggle between home page & Advanced Search

Boolean (AND, OR, NOT) available today in Search query

OAI-PMH Integration Settings



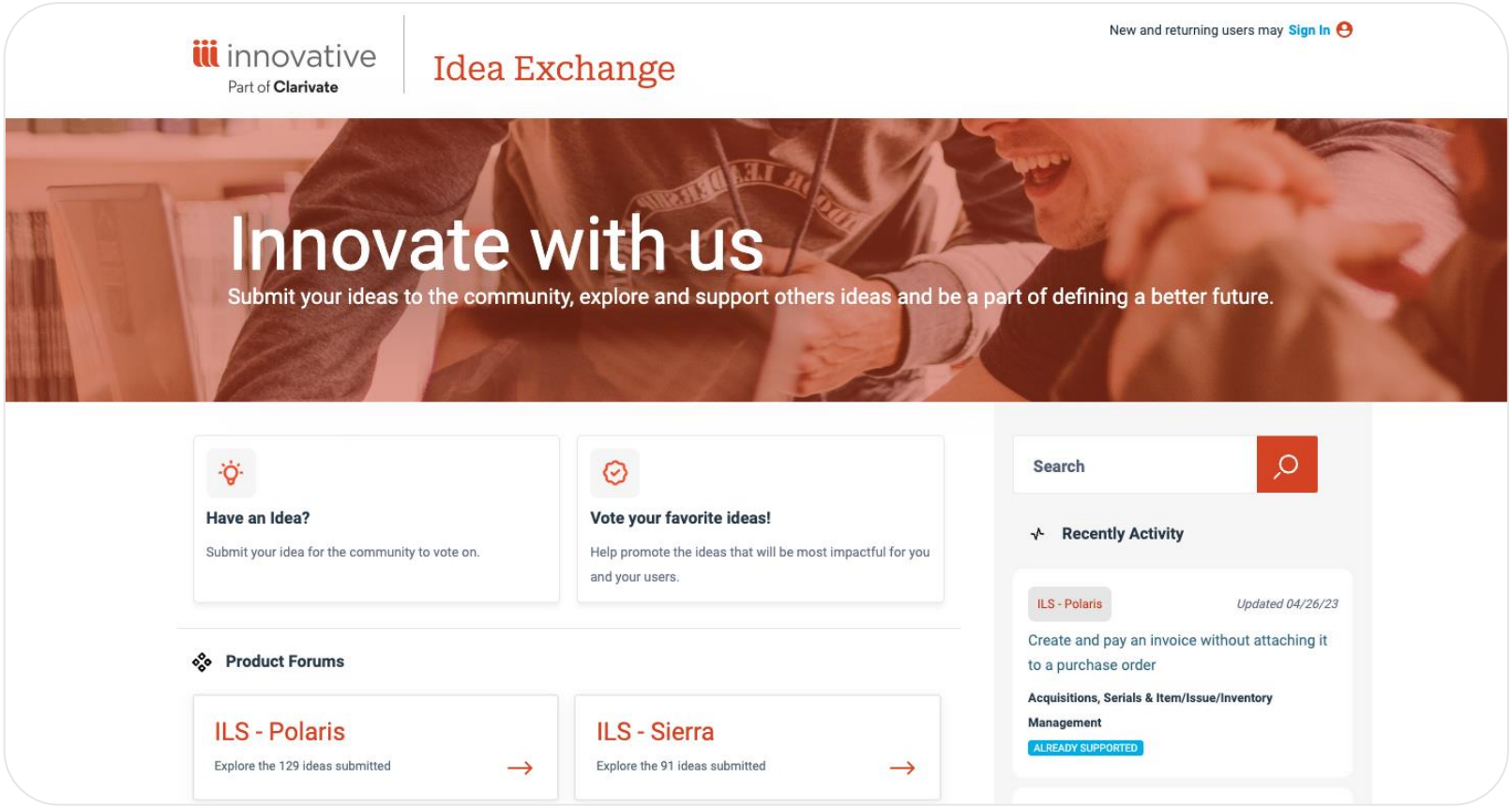
Let’s Build Together!

Enhancements

https://ideas.iii.com

If I Ran the Zoo:
How an Idea Becomes a Product
Saturday, 9:00 am

IUG Enhancements Forum
Saturday, 10:30 am



Migrated Forums

ILS - Polaris
Explore the 118 ideas submitted →

ILS - Sierra
Explore the 84 ideas submitted →

New Forums

INN-Reach
Explore the 2 ideas submitted →

Innovative Mobile
Explore the 1 ideas submitted →

Innovative Phone Alerts
Explore the 2 ideas submitted →

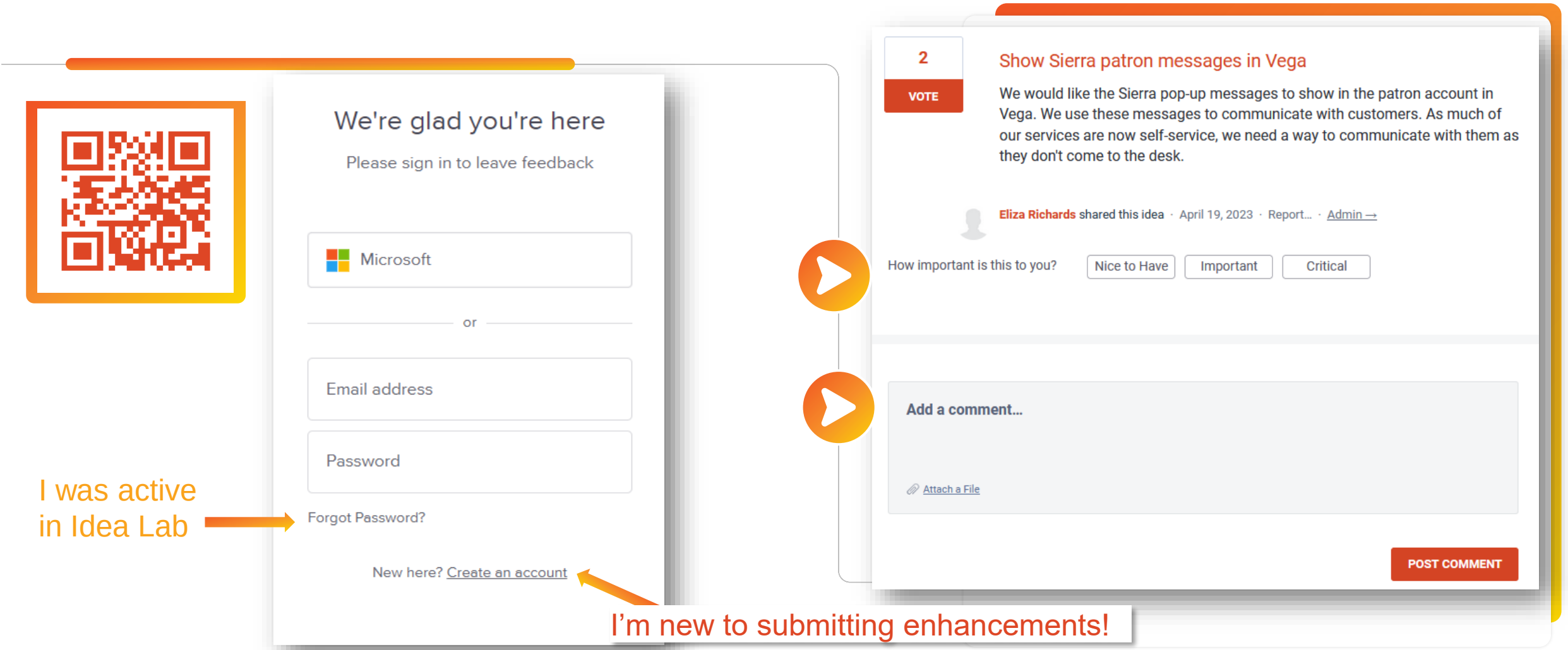
LX Starter
Explore the 0 ideas submitted →

Vega Discover
Explore the 2 ideas submitted →

Vega Program
Explore the 0 ideas submitted →

Vega Promote
Explore the 0 ideas submitted →

Idea Exchange – Please Vote, Comment, Rate Importance!

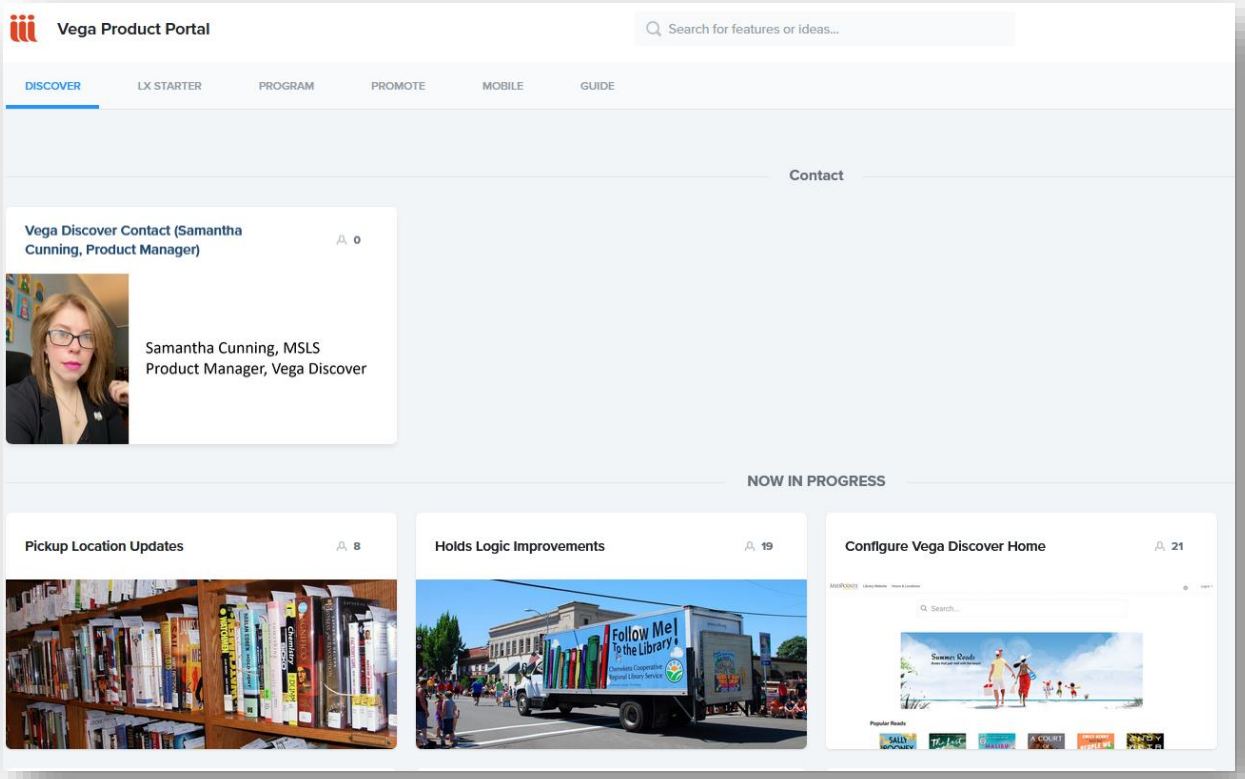


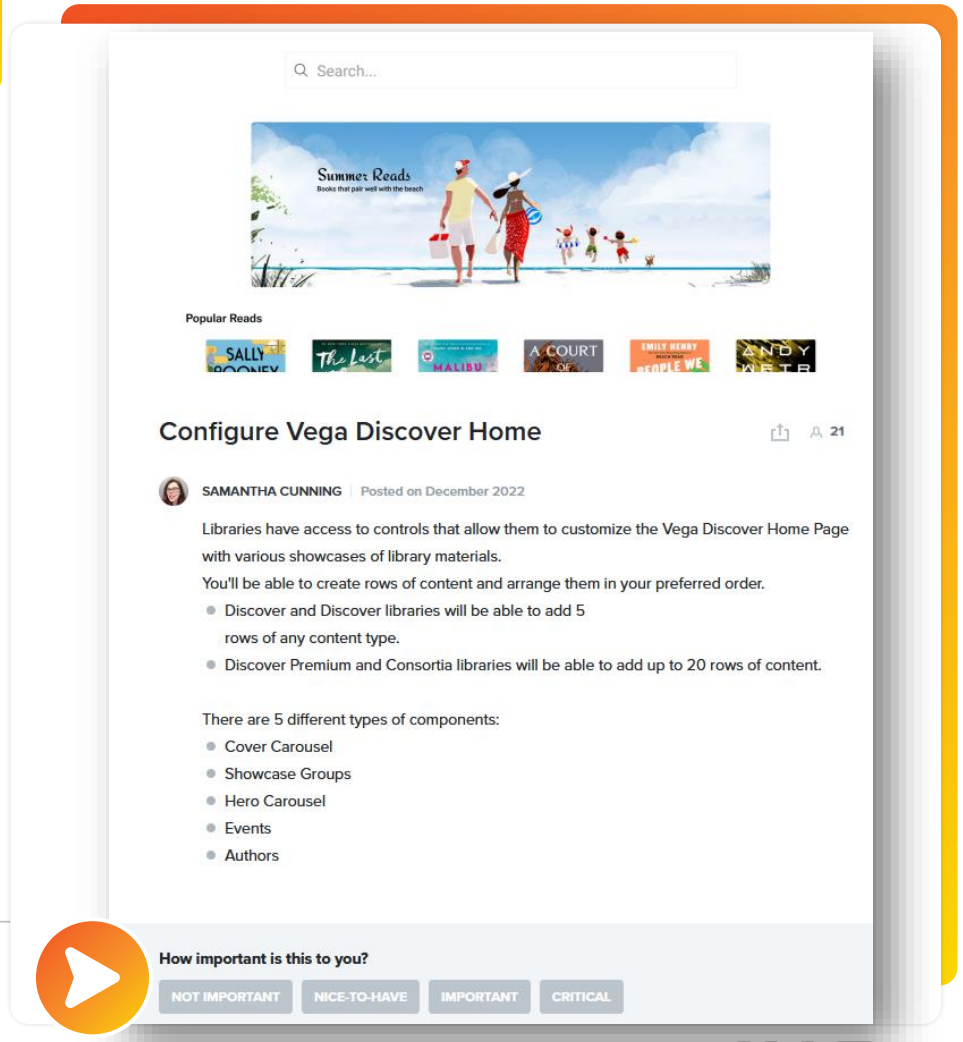
I was active in Idea Lab

I'm new to submitting enhancements!

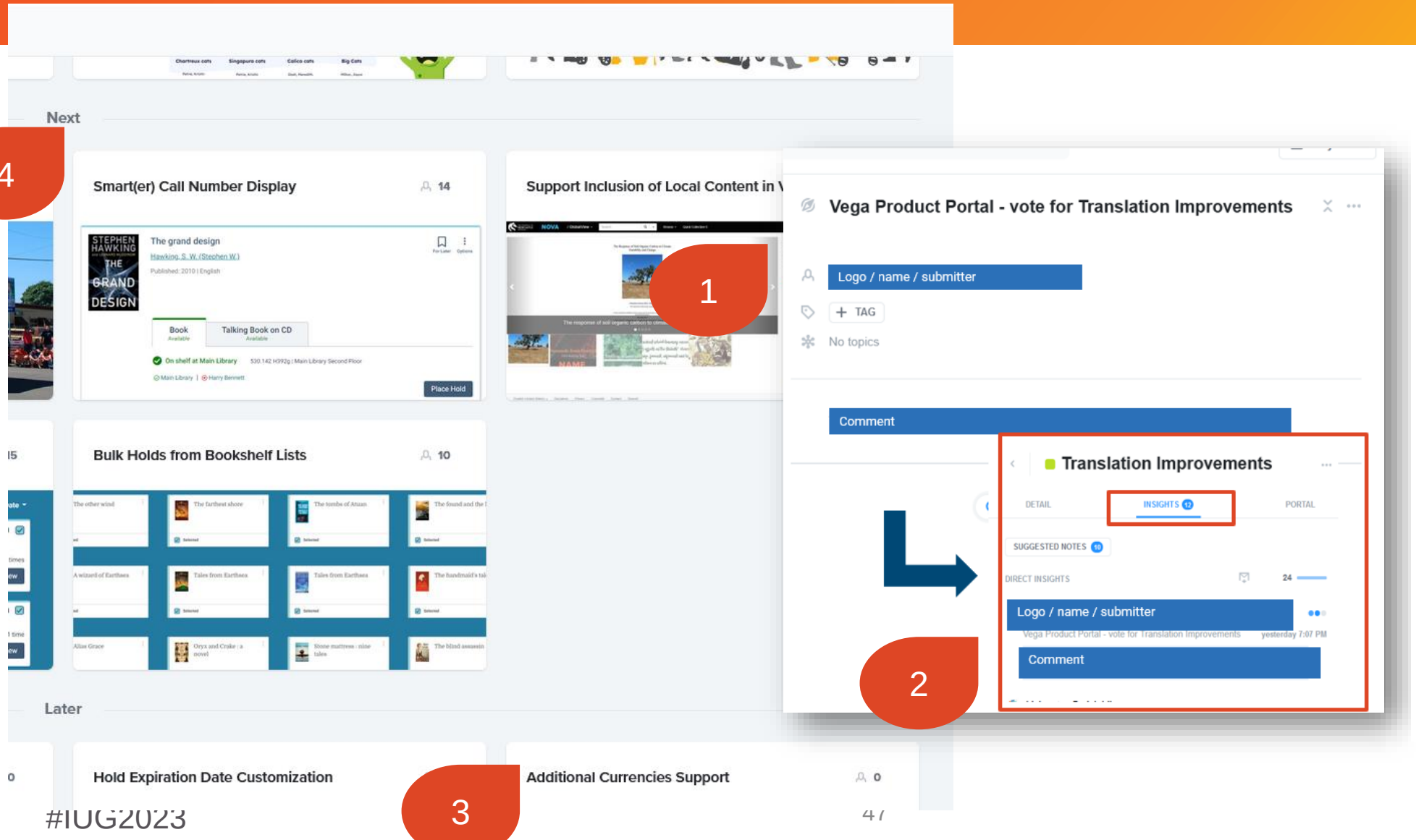
Discover Product Roadmap

- https://portal.productboard.com/iii/15-vega-product-portal/tabs/64-discover





Product Portal Flow



1. Product team records & reviews insights
2. Applies insights to feature
3. Creates portal card & adds to public backlog
4. Moves cards to Next & Now stages as they progress through queue until… **Live!**

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Technical Excellence

- ✓ Every two weeks our Engineering teams release bug fixes, features, and technical updates
- ✓ Regular audits for
  - ✓ SOX Compliance
  - ✓ Accessibility (VPAT)
- ✓ Product Portal: Now, Next, Later

For features in the “Now In Progress” section – our development teams are actively working on those features. Depending on the complexity of the code, they could be released within weeks or months, which is why there isn’t a set time. We also want to allow for a bit of flexibility and buffer – agile, if you will – so we can be responsive to urgent items.

Citation: Pilcher, R. (2021, December 21). *Should product roadmaps have dates?* Roman Pichler. Retrieved March 27, 2023, from https://www.romanpichler.com/blog/should-product-roadmaps-have-dates/

Additional Resources

Trainings: https://innovative.libguides.com

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Public Roadmap: https://portal.productboard.com/iii/15-vega-product-portal/tabs/64-discover

Idea Exchange: https://ideas.iii.com/

Questions?

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THANK YOU

Questions?