

# Patrons

## PATRONS

Use the Patrons module to create, view, modify, and remove patron and operator record data.

To log in directly, add /patrons to the end of your [Alexandria URL](#).



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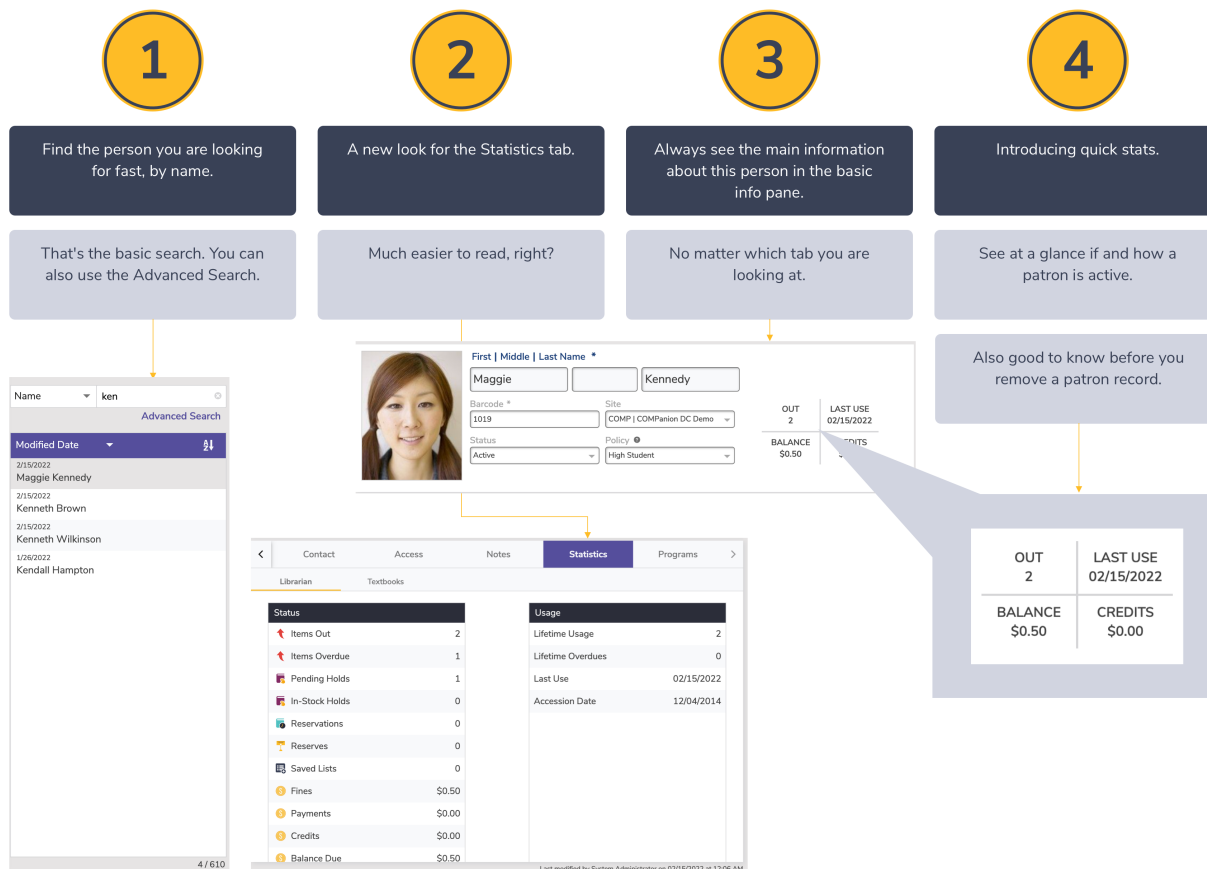
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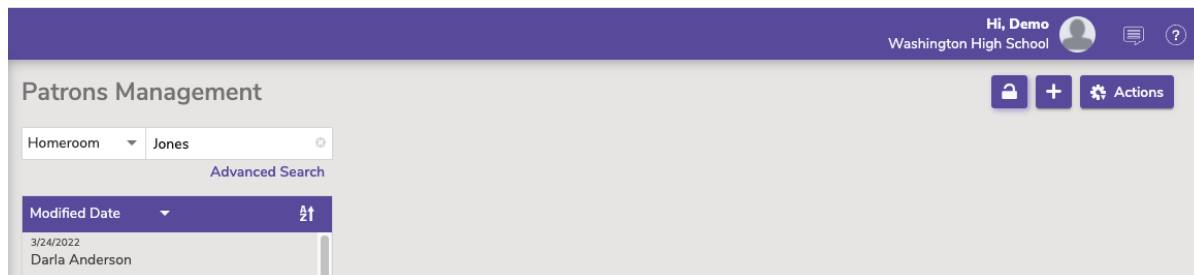
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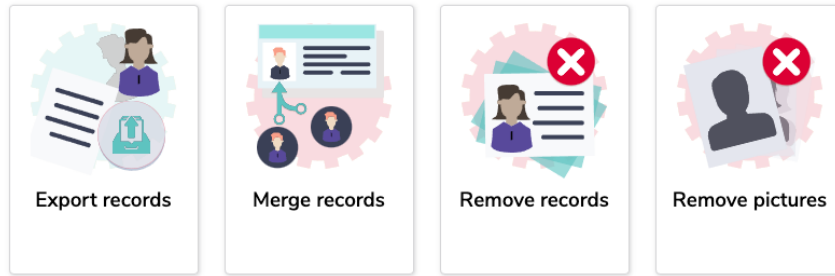
### Record Selection



You can select multiple records at once using the **<ctrl>** (Windows) or **<cmd>** (Mac) key to quickly export, merge, or remove records, or remove patron pictures. Make sure to unlock the Patrons Management first in the top right of the screen.

### Multiple records selected

You've selected 3 records. What would you like to do?



Oops! Clear all selections.

### Picture Controls

Hover over patron pictures to select buttons to easily change, remove, or add new patron pictures. (These options are also still available in the action menu.)



### Modifications

You can view the modification history of a patron record, to see when changes were made, and who made them. Access the modification history in the bottom right corner of the patron record by clicking on the current modification information.



## Modification History

Run on 03/24/2022 4:38 PM for 1001 - Anderson, Darla.

| Date/Time           | Patron name          |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 03/24/2022 12:07 AM | System Administrator |
| 01/26/2022 3:18 PM  | System Administrator |
| 10/26/2021 1:19 PM  | System Administrator |
| 07/21/2021 9:36 AM  | System Administrator |
| 04/27/2021 1:37 PM  | System Administrator |

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See our [Alexandria Makeover](#) page for more information about the changes and improvements!

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Unlock the record before editing.
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Hi, Demo

Mia Middle School

Patrons Management

Name

Site: MIA

Advanced Search

Modified Date

No results.

Manage your patrons

What would you like to do?

Add patrons

Search for patrons

View recently added

View recently modified

I don't know — Help!

Navigation

**Patrons Management** includes a few important and distinct areas:

- Patron controls on top, which includes the [Actions Menu](#).
- Records List on the left.
- The No Results pane or [Current Record](#) pane on the right.

Search for and click on a patron, then click the padlock icon to unlock the record for editing. If you are switching between Patrons and Circulation, the current record in one will become the current record in the other.

## Add Patrons

When unlocked, select the plus in the top right to add patrons, or if no record is currently pulled up, you can select the Add patrons card on the Patrons landing page. See [Managing Patrons](#) for more information.

## Actions Menu

- **Remove Patron.** This selection *permanently* removes the selected patron or operator record. Be sure to address any items checked out or fines owed before removing the patron.

There are times you may need to remove patrons who no longer use your library or operators who are no longer authorized to access the Alexandria. Use **Remove Patron** to permanently remove the current patron or operator and ensure the security of your site(s).

When a record is removed, all associated information is also removed. For example, removing a patron also removes all history and statistics and any holds or reservations that the patron had pending. To remove a patron with items checked out, be sure to have them return all items to the library or record them as Lost.

### How to Remove Patrons

1. Log into Patrons by adding **/patrons** to the end of your Alexandria login URL.
2. Locate the patron you wish to remove.
3. Select (highlight) the patron you'd like to remove from the **Records List** of results on the left.
4. From the **Actions** drop-down menu, select **Remove patron**.
5. You will be asked if you're sure you'd like to permanently remove the selected patron; click **Remove** to delete the record or **Cancel** to keep them in your database.
6. Patrons should not be removed if they still have items checked out. If a patron owes any fines or charges, you can still remove them, but their fines will be cleared from the system.



Removing a record is permanent and **cannot** be undone without manually re-entering their information or recovering the information from one of your database archives.

- **Merge duplicate by barcode.** Merges the current patron record with another that's specified by barcode. All lists, reviews, charges, checkouts, holds, history, and more from both records will be kept.

### Merging Rules

The "keep" record is one you want to keep, and the "merge" record is the one you want to copy data from and delete.

If a field is blank in the "keep" patron record but filled in the "merge record", the final record will use what's in the "merge" record's field:

| "Keep" Record | "Merge" Record | Final Record |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|               | Griffith       | Griffith     |

If the same field is filled in both the "keep" and "merge" records, the final record will use what's in the "keep" record's field:

| "Keep" Record | "Merge" Record | Final Record |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Dibbs         | Griffith       | Dibbs        |

All General, Category, Contact, and Alert Notes on the "merge" patron record will append to notes on the "keep" patron record:

| "Keep" Record                | "Merge" Record         | Final Record                                           |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Needs to meet with librarian | Mrs. Apple's book club | Needs to meet with librarian<br>Mrs. Apple's book club |

### How to Merge Patron Records

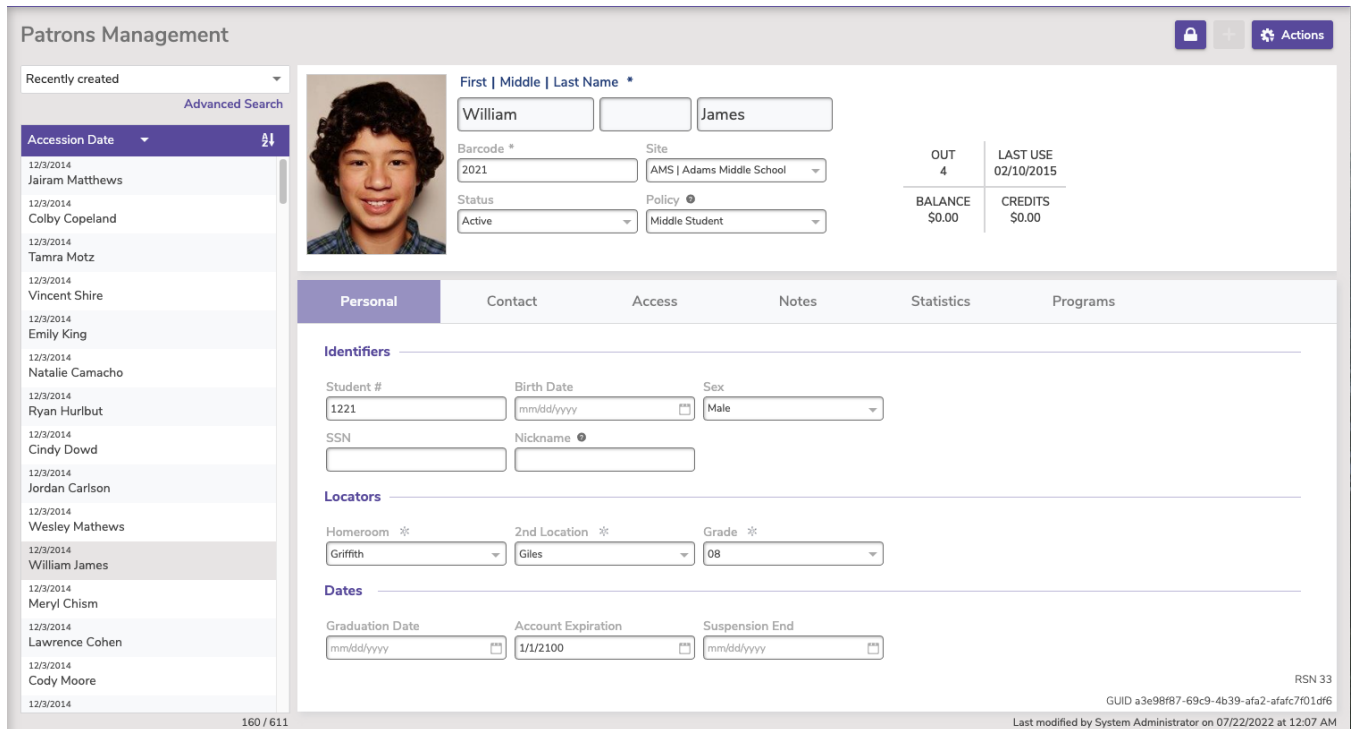


Merging records is permanent and cannot be undone without recovering the information from one of your database archives.

1. Log into Patrons by adding /patrons to the end of your login URL.
2. Locate the patron record you wish to keep ("keep" record).
3. Select (highlight) the "keep" record from the **Records List** of results on the left.
4. Make sure the patron record is  unlocked.
5. From the **Actions** drop-down menu, select **Merge duplicate by barcode**.
6. In the **Merge Records** dialog, type the barcode of the patron you'd like to merge with the current patron ("merge" record). The barcode must consist of 3+ numbers. Click **Continue**.
7. A confirmation dialog will appear. Review the details of the merge, and if everything looks correct, click **Merge**.
8. The "merge" record will be deleted, and all data will be transferred to the "keep" record.

- **Take a picture.** Opens a window so you can take a picture of the patron if your device has a webcam.
- **Add a picture.** This selection opens an operating system standard explorer window, allowing you to guide Alexandria to the location of your saved patron image. You can use GIFs, BMPs, PICs, JPGs (or most standard image files) as viable formats to add a picture to your patron record. When applicable, the picture will appear in the Personal Info tab of Patrons Management and in the Current Patron pane of Circulation.
- **Remove picture.** Once removed, the patron picture will default to what you have set in Preferences > Patrons > Patron Pictures.
- **Patron History.** Runs an individual [Patron History report](#), which shows recent payments, credits, renewals, lost items, refunds, Lexile history, and returned items. The PDF will automatically download to your device. You can also run this report in Circulation via the actions menu for the Current Patron pane.
- **Patron Details.** [View](#) or [print](#) the details for the current patron.

See [Patrons Tabs](#) for more information about the Patron records.



The screenshot displays the 'Patrons Management' interface. On the left is a 'Recently created' list of patrons, including names like Jairam Matthews, Colby Copeland, and William James. The main area shows the details for William James, including a photo, first and last name, barcode (2021), site (AMS | Adams Middle School), status (Active), and policy (Middle Student). Below this are tabs for Personal, Contact, Access, Notes, Statistics, and Programs. The 'Personal' tab is active, showing fields for Student # (1221), Birth Date, Sex (Male), SSN, and Nickname. There are also sections for Locators (Homeroom, 2nd Location, Grade) and Dates (Graduation Date, Account Expiration, Suspension End). The bottom right corner shows the RSN 33 and a GUID.

## Navigation

The **Patrons Management** module includes a few important and distinct areas:

- Patron controls on top, which includes the [Actions Menu](#) and [Message Center](#).
- Records List on the left
- The No Results Pane or [Current Record](#) pane on the right.

Search for and open a patron, then click the padlock icon to unlock the record for editing. The current record open in the Patrons module will also be the current patron in the Circulation module, and vice versa.

Hover over or click on the items on the image below for more information.

Circulation

Items

Patrons

Tools

Researcher

Full Name ▾

Amstead, Lonnie Ann

Anderson, Darla

Arches, Sunny Ralph

Arias, Mark

Arnold, Camille

Barrera, Kiyan

Base, Ann

Bates, Lenny

Bell, Brooke

Benton, Danielle

Bergerac, Joshua

Betters, Julie

Biernbaum, Cassandra

Blackwolf, Spencer

Bodine, Max

Boehm, James

Boehm, Michael

Bonham, Jason E

Bornfleth, Beth

Bowling, Haley

Boxer, Jonathan

Boyle, Molly

Rowles, Jeff

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Personal Info

Contact Info

Notes

Statistics

Lexile

First Name

Darla

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Middle Name

Last Name

Anderson

Barcode

1001

Policy

High Student

▾

Sex

Female

▾

Site

COMP - COMPanio...

▾

Homeroom

Jones

2nd Location

Dibb

Student #

1001

SSN

Reading Level

10.9

Grade

11

Birthdate

mm/dd/yyyy

13

Graduation Date

mm/dd/yyyy

13

Card Exp Date

disabled

Status

Active

▾

Susp. End Date

mm/dd/yyyy

13

Security Group

Patron (5)

▾

Username

danderson

Password

Confirm Password

Email

danderson@dayrep.com



Site Access