Refresher—Promoting new items

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Have you recently added new titles to your catalog? Now it's time to get your patrons just as excited about that illustrated Harry Potter set as you are! Here are a few ways you can use Alexandria to let your patrons know what's now available.

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Slideshows

Create a slideshow to show off new items! First, you'll need to create a list in Researcher:

1. Log in to the Search interface.
2. Use the ((accession::# %today -180)) Search String to find recently added titles. Change the days from 180 to, say, 30 for a more recent selection.
3. Click on the list icon ⚠ Broken image at the top of the results to **Add All to List > Create New List**.
4. Name the list (e.g. "New Items") and make it **Public**.
5. Click on **My Lists** to the right of the search bar, select your new list, and use the share icon ⚠ Broken image at the top to generate a Search String.
6. Copy the string and move on to the steps below.

Next, make your Slideshow:

1. In **Preferences > Researcher > Slideshow**, paste the search string in the Search field.
2. Set the Layout, Transition, Speed, and Style, then **Save**.
3. You can then display the slideshow on a TV monitor, computer, or tablet.

> ✅ If you have a main Slideshow set and don't want to replace it, you can create a separate slideshow via URL and link to it from any Explore button. See Custom Slideshow URLs.

Library displays

Need to use some books for a display? Check out those books to the Library Use patron (barcode 3) so you can still keep track of them:

1. In **Circulation**, enter barcode 3 in the Command Line.
2. Scan the books you want on the display.

Special patrons don't have due dates or other limitations. If a patron wants to check out a book from a display, bookdrop the item then check out as normal.

If you want display items to show up as available to your patrons, use the *Copy Location* or *Copy Shelving* fields in your copy records to mark where the book is being displayed.

What other ways do you use Alexandria to promote your awesome catalog? Leave a comment to let us know!

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