

# **Amlib Release Notes**

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## SUMMARY OF NEW FEATURES IN PATCH RELEASE 6.0.1

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### OpenOPAC Mobile Display optimized -the main enhancements in this release.

- Changes have been made to its interface for ease of use and clearer display
- Selection is now possible as to whether the view of OpenOPAC is for Desktop or Mobile device – when selection is made, it is remembered and kept in your cookies, so when OpenOPAC is used on that device again, it will display correctly
- A separate ‘Visibility tab’ in the configuration area for Administrator can be used for selection of fields to be displayed on Mobile devices. The most important options can be specified to get an optimal display on mobile devices
- The Catalogue Reference number will now only display on the Catalogue/Bibliographic records if you are logged in as an Administrator

### Release V6.0.1 - Also provides fixes in the following Amlib components:

- \* Amlib client  
Apply: Amlib601Patch.exe
- \* NetOpacs client  
Apply: NetOpacs601Patch.exe
- \* Amlib DIY client – if on 5.4 or 6.0  
Apply: DIY542Patch (new installer with bug fix)  
Apply: DIY601Patch -if on 6.0
- \* Amlib SIP2 manager  
Apply: re-install the SIP2Manager and SIP2 Service
- \* Amlib OpenOPAC  
Apply: new OpenOPAC Installers 6.0

**IMPORTANT:** If you currently have a previous version of OpenOPAC installed, you are advised to uninstall and use the new installer provided with this patch release. Available here <https://www.oclc.org/support/services/amlib/downloads-software-updates/version6-0/setup-programs.en.html>

## FIXES PROVIDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES

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### Borrower

- **[AMB-26]** - Borrower Where search had two Library Group options defined, one has now been removed to ensure that there is only one Library Group for selection
- **[AMB-844]** - When using double accounting and a reservation is cancelled via a NetOpac after it has already been paid for, a credit was incorrectly given for the charge on reservation. If this has occurred, it can be corrected by running the 'CheckPaymentsLink' facility. If this is required, a new version of CheckPaymentsLink is available from the OCLC site for use with Version 6.0.1 of Amlib

You will need to install the new version of **CheckPaymentsLink** from the OCLC site:

<https://www.oclc.org/support/services/amlib.en.html>

- **[AMB-779]** - last active date now changes for all activity by bowering including product connecting though the SIP2 connector but is not possible through the Amlib connector when used in conjunction with Netloan and PC bookings. We Advise customers to use a SIP2 connection for their Netloan products if they wish the Last active date to change when this service is used by a patron.

### Reports

- **[AMB-240]** – A new report template has been created &XBARCDPIN.QRP for use with the Overdrive Export. This required a borrower's PIN to be exported which is a hidden field in the Borrower module. The new template, including PIN, has been added to the reports folder in Amlib. This can be added into the RepBorrower using RepAddNew as a Report Type of Borrower (Default) if required
- **[AMB -842]** - Bibliographic Reports were viewable in Preview screen but would not print from correctly. All bibliographic reports are now working and show correct data in both F8 View screen and in the Print/Preview screen - so Librarians are now able to print from these views, without having to save report as a file (the suggested work around for previous Versions)
- **[AMB-851]** - When a report was run through the scheduler, the selected printer and location were not kept or re-inserted in the next run - so it reverted back to the libraries default printer. This has now been adjusted so that when a report is set up on the scheduler with a specific printer chosen, it will retain this information and print to the same printer selected on the next scheduled run time

### NetOpac

- **[AMB-214]** - NetOpacs - Reserve item link was not showing if 'not for loan' item is first in the result list. This has been resolved by supplying the correct itemlist.htm for NetOpac pages ( - one for reserving by title and another if they want to reserve by item). If your library is having this issue and requires a new itemlist.htm pages, please log a call with Amlib Support on

Topdesk

## DIY

- **[AMB-734]** - DIY Self-Check was displaying incorrect renewal dates and wrong messages. This has now been corrected. Now if an item is checked out through DIY and then renewed by library staff on same day or if the due date has been altered, the renew due date will now abide by the loan parameters set for length of loan for this form type. It will give a new due date X weeks in advance from when a renewal is requested instead of defaulting to 1 week.
- DIY version 6.0.1 only - Fixed the PlaySound function causing problems on SIP (now uses PlaySoundDIY)

## SIP2

- **[AMB-643]** - SIP2 server was outputting diacritics which caused a problem for SIP2 clients. A change has been made to ensure only Ascii characters are in the response message
- **[AMB-594]** - Bibliotheca (and other SIP2 vendors) Return Chute require the CL Sort bin field to be set. This is determined by item reserved, item permanent location etc. Previously in SIP2 Manager there was no means of easily determining whether an item is returned at its home location. The Special button is now available for all code type selections when the target type is a StringValue, allowing for the CL sort Bin field to be set
- **[AMB 847]** - Patron information request to SIP2 Server with the user barcode in lower case and the response will send back the barcode in Upper case. This was problem with any devices that conduct rudimentary error checking (comparing the barcode they send to the barcode they receive) – this has now been corrected. DIY now sends back the barcode in the same format as it is received.
- **[AMB-862]** - SIP2 Server was changing the borrower barcode to upper case in response messages, causing issues when the response message were returned. This problem has now been resolved

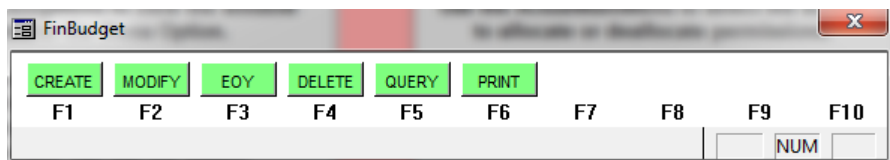
## Circulation

**[AMB-791]** Should items from same catalogue record be returned simultaneously at different branches, Returns now retain reservations correctly

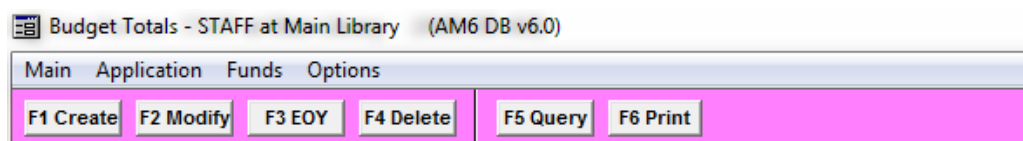
For further explanation see the reservations guide on the OCLC site in the '**Reservation Guide**': <https://www.oclc.org/support/services/amlib/documentation/how-to-guides-documentation/circulation.en.html>

## Supervisor

- **[AMB-839]** – In Supervisor the buttons on the viewing menu: **Main > Supervisor > Usernames > select user and highlight > F8Choose > Viewing menu > Finance > Budgets** now match labels seen on when you go to **Main > Finance > Budgets** screen on the Amlib Client. Once you have installed the 6.0.1 patch you will then need to use the Upgrade utility in Amlib to run the Amlib ChangesScript6.0 for this change to take effect



Supervisor



Finance

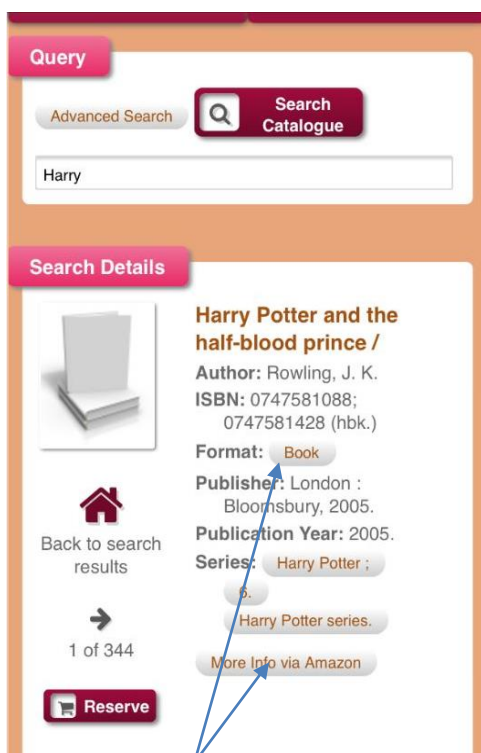
- **[AMB-823]** - Check Digit validation issue associated with Amlib 6.0 upgrade if this check digit table was blank before the Upgrade. This has now been corrected so that, if there are no check digits defined before the upgrade, then nothing is added to this check-digit screen and all variations of Item and Borrower barcodes remain valid check digits. If you currently have some Check digits in this screen - a 'Temp' one will now be added to enable join online to work, if you use this feature in OpenOPACS
- **[AMB-848]** - Marc Tag now performs preliminary check on set authorities prior an update. If subfields of a tag do not exactly match in both records, they cannot be changed or merged together as one and the 440 tag will not be able to be deleted. A better option when you have both tags with different subfields, or only some authority data, is to use the guide on our OCLC Website : <https://www.oclc.org/support/services/amlib/documentation/how-to-guides-documentation/authority.en.html> "Searching All Series Tags 490, 440 and 830 " and set up your system so that all series tags can be search and queried together as one, so no data or records are missed in search results

## OpenOPAC

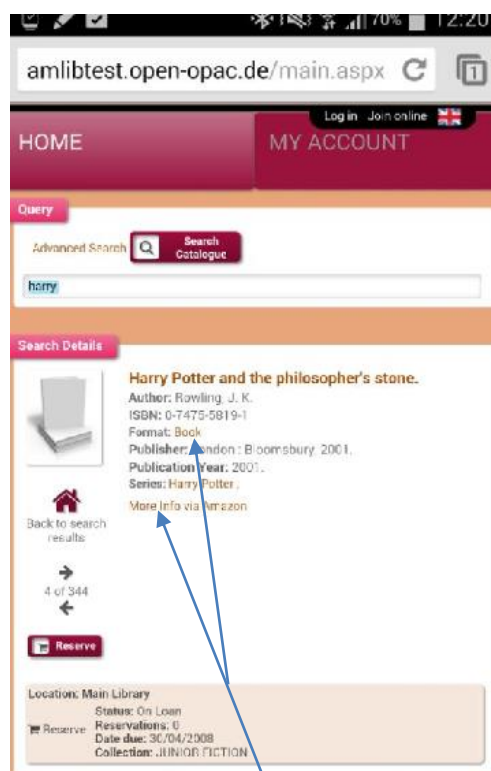
- **[AMB-484]** - There are now mandatory fields for the ILL/Purchase request to ensure that borrowers cannot submit a blank ILL/Purchase request. The title and author must be given, a location for pick up selected, format selected and type of request selected before the request can be submitted successfully
- **[AMB-793]** - Print Options table in My Account area has been made wider, so all options display more clearly
- **[AMB-801]** - The 'Cat Ref number' will now only display on the Catalogue/Bibliographic records if you are logged in as an Administrator, otherwise it is now invisible to all other users. It is only library staff who might need this information

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- **[AMB-805]** - If Amazon cover images are selected and enabled, the Amazon hover text appears when the mouse is hovered over a blank book cover. This alerts you to the fact that by clicking on the cover you will be given more information about this item from Amazon.com
- **[AMB-807]** - Updated all screens to have consistent wording for 'Log In' at top of the screen
- **[AMB-808]** - CSS styling issue on mobile device, shows buttons for links instead of hyperlinks. All android type phones seem to be fine. This is only affecting iPhone and unfortunately is yet to be resolved



iPhone Display -buttons



Android Display – hyperlinks

- **[AMB-809]** - Renewals on Mobile version – it is now possible to renew loans, based on the Library's loan parameters for renewing items
- **[AMB-811]** - Extra information is now available on the HELP screen for Patrons for the following topics:

The **Recent Activity Menu** can be used to return to previous search results: In a session if you have used the filters down the side or have moved away from your original search and you then want to get back to a certain search or results you saw previously – you can use this menu button at the top of the page, to see what searches were conducted in the session.



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- **[AMB-812]** - Modify Screen options to improve display of OpenOPAC on Mobile devices. To optimize the mobile version certain options have been removed, to make screen clearer and easier to use
- **[AMB-813]** – When accessing OpenOPAC you can now select whether you want to use the mobile version or the desktop version when you first open the site. Once selected on your device, it will remember your selection, so you will not need to select an option again unless you want to change your current setting
- **[AMB-814]** - A new tab 'Visibility' has been added in the Administration menu to provide configuration options for mobile OpenOPAC. The new 'Visibility' tab allows the management of fields to display to patrons in OpenOPAC for mobile devices. OCLC recommends that libraries use less rather than more options for display, to help keep the mobile display clear and easy to use for their patrons
- **[AMB-849]** - Changes made to OpenOPAC installers, to remove several issues that were identified. If you have installed OpenOPAC 6.0 before this 6.0.1 patch release you are advised to uninstall OpenOPAC and start fresh with the new Installer now available with 6.0.1. If you have questions or concerns about your installation of OpenOPAC please log a Top-desk call with Amlib Support and we can advise your best options
- **[AMB-854]** – Additional feature added to enable different views according to selection made either desktop version view or a mobile device view - additionally it remembers previous selection for example, if I chose Mobile device last time it will re-open in smaller format.
- **[AMB-857]** - The default setting for "Remember user name on this device" is now set to be unchecked/off. This is to provide a more secure default option where OpenOPAC may be accessed in the library via public terminals. The user can select the checkbox on their own device, so it remembers their username. It depends on the browser privacy settings to as to how much can be 'remembered' – some browsers allow the saving of passwords and usernames. To ensure that nothing is remembered, the browser privacy settings must be checked to ensure these are all turned off

### Oracle Databases (64bit)

- **[AMB-855]** - The **FinTransUpgrade** and **CheckPaymentLinks** has been modified so that it can use the new database layer in version 6. This enables the programs to use the Oracle managed data access dl to connect to Oracle from 64 bit PCs

### FinsTransUpgrade

- **[AMB-243]** FinsTrans Upgrade configuration Manager from 5.3 has been corrected and updated. Therefore sites will now need to run this upgrade again when they go from Single entry to Double line accounting once they are on Version 5.4 This can be found here find here: <https://www.oclc.org/support/services/amlib/downloads-software-updates/utilities.en.html> Select **FinsTrans Upgrade** at the bottom of this page (right-hand side).