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Rock Island Library Quad-LINC System Gets New Look

On March 8, the computer catalog for **Quad-LINC** (short for Quad City Libraries in Cooperation) featured a whole new look. Quad-LINC's transformation from all text to a more graphic web-based system now reminds some users of such popular online book sites, as Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble.

Citizens can now establish a unique "My Library" account, to review their account, place and cancel holds, access bestseller and suggested reading lists in a particular area of interest, and receive e-mail notification when a new book arrives from a favorite author. To use the "My Library" feature, only a Personal Identification Number (PIN) is needed. Rock Island patrons can contact staff at any of the three **Rock Island Library branches** to obtain more information.

Additional QUAD-LINC improvements include a "Kid's Library" section where young readers can search the system by pictures.

In addition to being more user friendly, the new catalog is more forgiving of spelling and typing errors. Users will also notice more flexible and customized searching options, including the ability to narrow a search to a specific type or level of material, such as books-on-tape or young adult titles.

Additional features include:

- Viewing images of the book jacket, reviews, summaries and tables of content.
- Renewing items by phone or online;
- Placing an online "hold" for an item and being notified by e-mail when the request is available;
- Searching for a specific groups of libraries or the system at once;
- Accessing photos and other archival materials;
- Receiving an e-mail when your favorite titles are in.