SOUTRON

PRODUCT FACT SHEET

Apollo

Integrated Library System (ILS) designed exclusively for small public libraries.

Core Operations

Manages catalogs, circulation, patron accounts, and digital resources, with reporting tools to support service planning.

Staff Workflows

Streamlined check-in, acquisitions, batch weeding/deletion, authority control, and reports tracking notification success or failure.

Catalog Search

Search all fields or by title, author, subject, series, or ISBN, plus Advanced Search combining up to three terms with AND, OR, and AND NOT. Separate Kids Catalog page included.

GETTING STARTED: EVALUATION AND MIGRATION

Free trial using the library's own data through a mock migration; existing barcode labels, scanners, and printers can be used. Free live online training is described in the migration process.

GETTING STARTED: SUBSCRIPTION

An annual subscription with unlimited users and computers, server functionality, backups, support, and upgrades. Acquisitions, Syndetics Unbound, Auto-Calling, Events & Rooms, and Gabbie are not included in the base price.

Key Capabilities

My Account

Members renew items; place, defer, and cancel reserves; bookmark titles; view circulation history; update contact details; choose phone, email, or text notifications; submit purchase or ILL requests; and renew their account online.

Deployment

Hosted and browser-based, with no local server required.

Patron Discovery

Responsive public catalog, Kids Catalog, Library of Things catalog, book reading level integrations, and catalog enhancements.

What's Hot

Most Popular, What's New, and staff-created Booklists on the catalog main page, with a crawl of jacket cover images for recently cataloged items.

Patron Services

Gabbie two-way texting, Reserve Express author reservations, online payments, self-checkout via a smart phone, and single-login access to e-resources. Catalog language options include Spanish, French, and Vietnamese.

Apollo Add-Ons

Included with Apollo at no additional cost.

VersaCat

Create a communal public catalog with the libraries of your choice. Patrons search other Apollo libraries, and non-Apollo libraries that use Z39.50, from your catalog. Items held only by other libraries can be requested, and requests appear on the Dashboard under Purchase/ILL Requests.

Kids' Catalog

A dedicated catalog for elementary school-aged members. Children search by term, category, or series and narrow results to Stories or Facts. Results are color coded for availability, and staff choose which material types and categories appear.

Library of Things

Lend non-traditional items such as bakeware, technology, or a seed library from a separate catalog organized by image categories. With Advanced Reservations, members reserve items for a specific pickup date, and a sequestering period helps make sure the item is available on time.

FlexShare Consortia: sharing with other Apollo users

FlexShare Discovery

Search-only discovery in two directions: your patrons view other libraries' titles from your catalog, and other libraries' patrons view yours.

FlexShare ILL

Patrons place reserves on titles owned by other libraries in the group, and items are transported to the patron's home library for checkout.

FlexShare Members

Patrons use their home library card to check out items at other libraries in the group. Each library can set separate circulation rules for FlexShare patrons.

Privacy and Control

Group options limit shared patron details, remove FlexShare links once items are returned and balances cleared, and control member search across libraries. Each library can delay cross-library reserves, prioritize local reserves, set ILL loan and renewal terms, and exclude new items or material types.

Remote Checkin

Items can be returned at any library in the group. Owning libraries see items in transit, run the Materials Currently Out report, and review a Transit Log of the preceding four months.

Autonomy

Each library keeps its own Apollo data, account, billing, and option choices. Libraries can join or leave at will, with no charge for entry or exit and no impact on fees.