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PRODUCT FACT SHEET

Soutron VERSO ILS

Public library automation for libraries and consortia.

OVERVIEW

VERSO is a scalable public library ILS used by public libraries across North America.

Key Benefits

- Supports single libraries and large consortia.
- Mobile-friendly catalog.
- Flexible modular architecture.
- Improved patron discovery.
- Enhanced staff productivity.

Advanced Capabilities

- Shared Patron Records.
- Consortium Administration.
- Floating Collections.
- Multi-Branch Management.
- CILL Integration.
- MARCit Integration.

Core Features

- Cataloging.
- Circulation.
- Inventory Management.
- Virtual Shelf Browsing.
- Kids Catalog.
- Administrative Reporting.
- Auto-Renewals.
- SMS & Email Notifications.

IDEAL FOR

Public libraries, county systems, regional libraries, and consortia.

WHY VERSO?

A proven public library platform delivering operational efficiency, scalability, and superior patron discovery.

VERSO MULTI-BRANCH (COUNTY, CITY, REGIONAL)

A complete, standards-compliant ILS: VERSO Multi-branch leverages VERSO's robust library management platform to provide an easy-to-use, web-based system with all core components critical to managing your modern, small-circulation library.

Designed for mid-size individual and multi-branch city or county libraries.

CIRCULATION-INTERLIBRARY LOAN LINK (CILL)

Libraries can pair VERSO with SHAREit ILL in a relationship called Circulation-Interlibrary Loan Link (CILL), enabling staff and users to search, place and process requests in a single interface.

Modular, flexible design: enhanced library resource management

- **Enhanced Resource Management:** VERSO helps libraries effectively manage their resources.
- **Improved Information Discovery:** The system is designed to enhance how users find information.
- **Streamlined Staff Workflow:** VERSO aims to improve how library staff work.
- **Better Service Delivery:** The responsive design of the OPAC helps libraries provide better services to users.
- **Scalability:** VERSO is suitable for libraries of various sizes, from single-branch to multi-branch consortia.
- **Customization and Flexibility:** The customizable interface makes it easy to design home pages, forms and more specific to your library's brand.

All Core System Configurations

VERSO Multi-branch provides your library with a preconfigured library automation solution which includes all of VERSO's core circulation, cataloging, Kids' catalog and administrative reports modules, as well as system features like inventory management, virtual shelf browsing, data exporting and an OPAC gallery interface.

Core system features include:

- OPAC with virtual shelf browse.
- Auto-renewal of overdue items.
- Integrated home page with easy editing capabilities.
- Jacket Art (available through Syndetics and Content Cafe).
- Data export.
- Inventory management.
- Paper, email or text message notifications available.
- Checkout receipt customization.

MARCit Editor: use standalone or bundled with VERSO

MARCit online cataloging is a source of high-quality MARC records updated weekly with new records from the Library of Congress and other verified sources. Libraries can search, download and import high-quality MARC records, individually or batched, into their library catalogs from an unlimited number of databases on the search screen simultaneously and select a record from any of the result sets returned. A brief citation display for each result set assists in the choice of record.

When viewing a MARC record, Online Interactive Authority Control is available to validate all headings in the bibliographic record against national agency authority records. Copies of the related authority records are available for download if desired. Modifications can then be performed to the record according to the library's local policies. The bibliographic record is then added to the download list.

LEVERAGING CONSORTIA COST SAVINGS ADVANTAGES

Ideal for multiple libraries that choose to form or operate as a single system.

For library consortiums where multiple libraries choose to form or act as a single system, VERSO Consortia delivers localization and centralization options to satisfy diverse consortium needs.

VERSO Consortia

Multi-Library Cataloging Administration

Functions like the Bibliographic Record Merge allow consortium administrators to select and merge multiple bibliographic records into a single record.

Meanwhile, libraries that use a shared bibliographic database can use Local Authority Control to enter and authorize their own headings, as well as headings from national authority sources.

Additional functionality includes:

- Bibliographic Record Merge allows consortium administrators to select and merge multiple bibliographic records into a single record. This function also retains all attached items and holds.
- Libraries that use a shared bibliographic database can use Local Authority Control to enter and authorize their own headings, but also have access to headings used by other consortium members.
- Administrators can assign granular permissions among consortium members for updating and adding new bibliographic and item records.

Expansive User Management

VERSO Consortia offers unique user management configurations, providing for:

- Users having the ability to choose a home library at time of registration for reserves and notifications.
- Setting up individual staff to work at more than one facility, with 'floating' staff using a single login at multiple physical locations.
- Assignment of different policies for library registration.
- Configuration of user groups/categories for aggregated reports.
- Usage reporting based on the home library and collection location.
- Library self-registration, allowing for different policies, permissions and messages for each consortium member.
- Configuration of Patron Groups, in addition to patron categories to aggregate and report statistics for geographical groups of users.

Splash Page Presentation Options

- Each library in a consortium can design its own splash page welcome screen, customize its widgets, presentation results display and sequences. Or consortium administrators can distribute and replicate splash page templates to their consortia members.
- UX Administration enables each library in the consortium to select its own color scheme, branding, logo and any other library specific identification. Each library can configure the type of results presentation (gallery, list), how results are aggregated (clustered or merged) and how facets are sequenced and displayed.
- Dozens of other library-specific look and feel options, search and results messaging options and user-facing My Account options are also configurable.

VERSO Consortia: circulation, cataloging, reporting and PAC administration

Circulation Policy Management

Streamline check-in/check-out processes, manage user accounts and handle fines and fees. Features include:

- User transaction policies can be based on the user's home location or on the location where the transaction is taking place.
- Holds can be placed on any title or item across the entire consortium (subject to policy).
- Shared user records mean that the user is registered only once, not multiple times.
- Detailed 'in-transit' reports, including information about what's coming to the library and what has been sent to other libraries supported.
- Temporary and permanent item transfers of holdings among and between consortium members supported.
- Upon check-in, the system will route a requested item to the destination library for the next consortia request for that title, without needing to send it 'home'.
- Individual library policies allow each library to create different circulation parameters for users at different libraries.
- Each individual library in a consortium can configure its own wording on receipts, notices and other communications from the library.

Cataloging Administration

- Bibliographic Record Merge allows consortium administrators to select and merge multiple bibliographic records into a single record. This function also retains all attached items and holds and will merge them chronologically.
- Libraries that use a shared bibliographic database can use Local Authority Control to enter and authorize their headings, but also have access to headings used by other consortium members.
- Administrators can assign granular permissions among consortium members for updating and adding new bibliographic and item records.

Statistics & Reports

VERSO provides convenient access to reports and statistics, providing valuable insights into circulation and user trends.

- The system counts transactions by material type, user category, user group and location of check-out or check-in.
- Each library can determine non-home-user traffic in the library.
- Reports and notices can be run for a single library in a consortium or globally for all members.

PAC Administration

Libraries can configure their default searching to be at the library level, the consortium level or even the state level.

- Search targets can be local, remote (using Z39.50 or similar protocols) or a combination of both.
- Each library in a consortium can manage its own default search indexes, menu and arrangement of search resources and its own way of grouping and displaying search results.
- Each library in a consortium can manage its linkages to enhanced content providers.

HOW IS VERSO DELIVERED AND IMPLEMENTED?

VERSO is delivered via the Cloud in a hosted Software as a Service (SaaS) delivery model. Upgrades are provided utilizing SaaS deployment and installation.

Implementation options include:

- **VERSO Multi-branch (County, City, Regional):** Designed for mid-size individual and multi-branch city or county libraries.
- **VERSO Consortium:** Ideal for multiple libraries that choose to form or operate as a single system.

ALL VERSO VERSIONS

Integrations, standards & services

How does VERSO work with SHAREit for resource sharing?

VERSO with CILL (Circulation Interlibrary Loan) integration streamlines resource sharing for libraries participating in a SHAREit system. This integration allows libraries to manage ILL requests within their ILS, providing a seamless workflow for staff and a better user experience.

Benefits of this integration include:

- Optimized workflow for staff and improved user experience.
- Allows searching of both library collections and SHAREit resources in one interface.
- Eliminates duplicate data entry by utilizing the library's patron database for borrowing ILL items.
- Manages ILL items as if they were part of the library's collection.
- Provides access to ILL statistics, along with circulation and user trend insights.
- Automates hold generation and bibliographic/item record creation for borrower requests.
- Allows ILL requests to populate directly in the VERSO reserves list.

This unified search experience enhances information discovery, delivering comprehensive results, leading to more satisfied users.

What third-party options are available to improve the user experience?

A short list of our most popular third-party integrations is listed below. Please inquire directly about any other integrations you require.

- Syndetics Solutions (content enrichment).
- Unique management collection services.
- Ebook Integration with OverDrive®.
- CILL Circ interlibrary loan.
- EnvisionWare® (RFID, PC reservation, print management).
- GoodReads integration.

What bibliographic services are offered?

- MARC Full Authority Control.
- MARC Record Deduplication and Amalgamation.
- MARC Record Upgrade Services.
- Non-MARC Record Custom Processing for Pre-LMS Migration.
- Custom Non-MARC Record Services.

Is VERSO 508 compliant for accessibility?

Soutron is committed to providing state-of-the-art technology solutions that are accessible to our customers as well as their community of users. We are continually improving the user experience by applying all relevant accessibility standards to our library management and resource-sharing software.

Conformance

Soutron strives to embed accessibility throughout our products using WCAG 2.2 guidelines that ensure compliance with Section 508. The WCAG outlines three levels of conformance: level A, level AA and level AAA. All patron-facing pages are no less than Level AA compliant with many at Level AAA compliance. A-G's current conformance to WCAG guidelines are detailed on our VPAT documentation statement located at the bottom of this section.

Soutron SHAREit VERSO Accessibility Statement