**NEW FEATURES OF POLARIS 7.1**

Howard County Library System’s online catalog will be updated on Sunday evening, April 3. This document highlights several new features of the Polaris online catalog (PowerPAC).

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**My Account – Reading history**
The bug that caused reading histories to disappear has been fixed.

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**My Account – My Lists**
My Lists have moved from the Search menu to My Account.

Old version:

![Old version of My Account menu](image)

New version:

![New version of My Account menu](image)
My Account – Phone number
In order to standardize phone numbers, customers will be required to enter them without spaces or punctuation.

My Account – Preferences
My Account allows you to view and set the branch at which you usually pick up requested items. In the Contact Information, Preferences, and Option to Maintain Your Reading History section of My Record, there is a new Preferred pickup location field.

Maintain your reading history - Titles will be added to your reading history the day after you check them out, and will be kept for 5 years or until you reach the maximum of 3,500 titles.

Send email notices in:
- Basic, plain text
- Full, HTML format

If the location is incorrect, or if you pick up holds from multiple branches, the Pickup Library can be changed at the time a request is placed:

Place a request:

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Barcode: *********
Pickup Library: Elkridge Branch
Activation Date: 3/22/2022

Submit Request  Cancel
To permanently change the preferred pickup location in My Account, check “Always use this pickup library”.

If there are any questions about the updated catalog, please ask one of the Library’s specialists.