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).

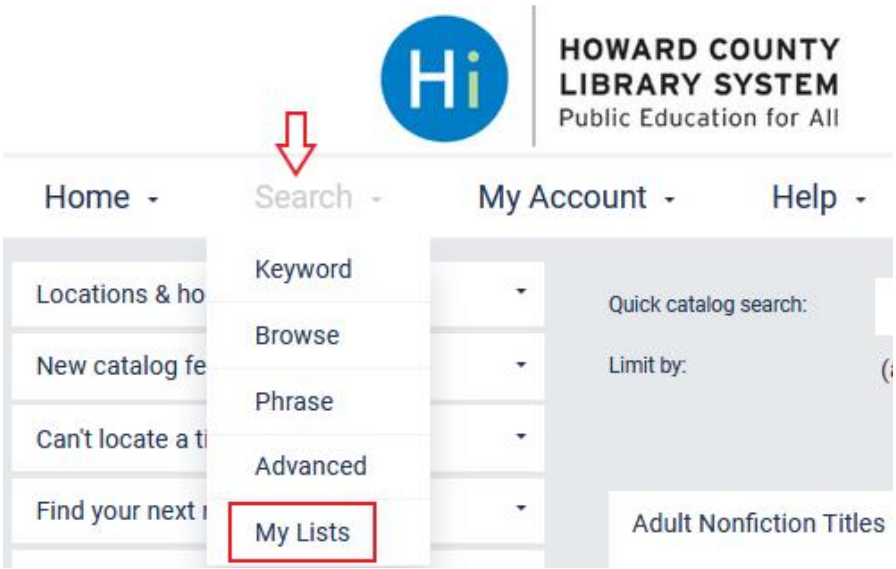
My Account – Reading history

The bug that caused reading histories to disappear has been fixed.

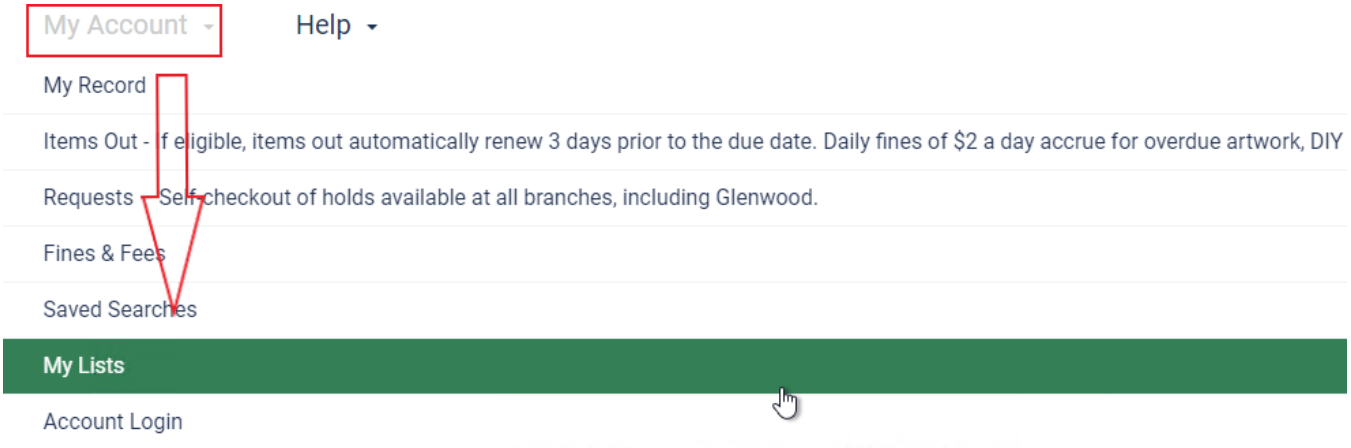
My Account – My Lists

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

Old version:



New version:

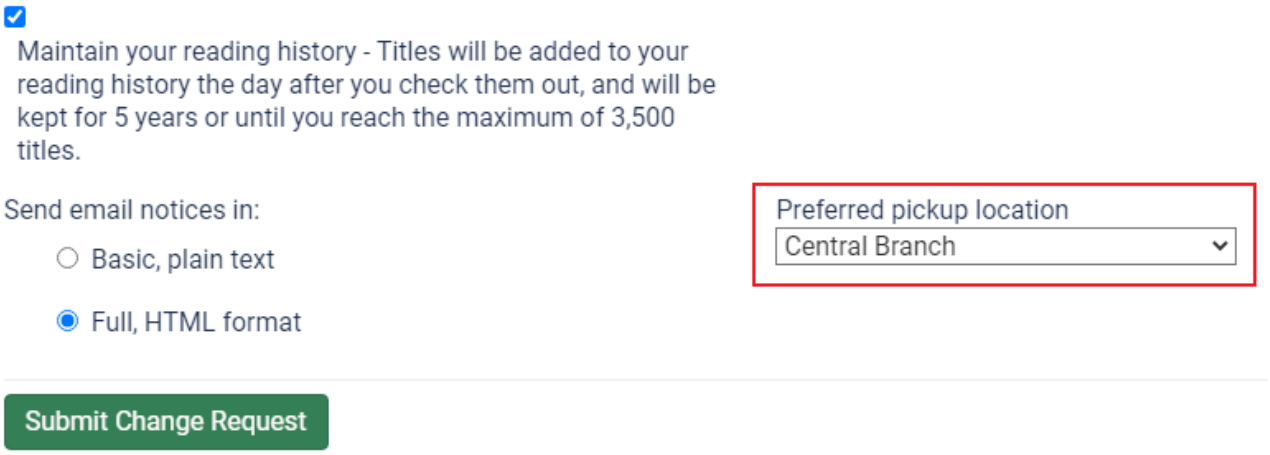


My Account – Phone number

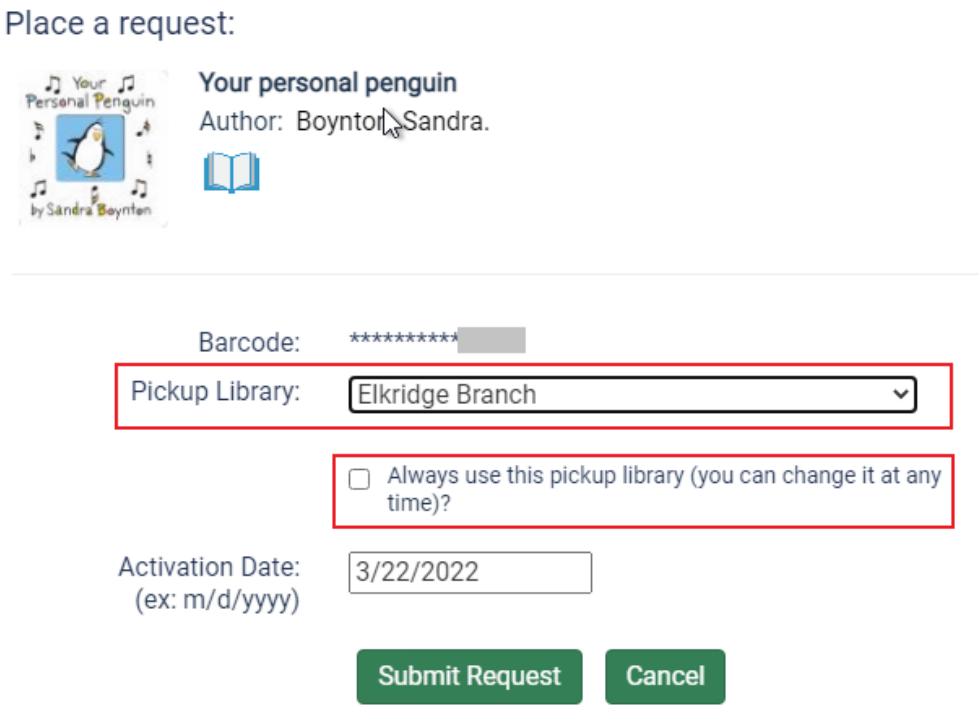
In order to standardize phone numbers, customers will be required to enter them without spaces or punctuation.

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.



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:



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.