Let’s Take a Spin!

Using carousels in your library
Welcome!

Who we are:

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Go Evergreen!
We started using carousels several years ago with just a New Items and Recently Returned carousel that scrolled on our home page.
What is considered new?
Can we have more choices?
Then we hit version 3.4.

... and our carousels exploded!
Measurements

1. Checkouts of items that were on our carousels
2. Reactions from staff
3. Reactions from patrons
Response by the numbers ...

*Spring and all it brings!*

- 39 items
- 50 checkouts

*Irish Folk Tales for Children*

- 1996 publication
- 3 circs during the carousel month
Response from staff ...

“ It’s helpful to have a way to “browse” the collection—especially while the library is still closed. I also like the occasional topical lists related to monthly celebrations/remembrances and current events.

“ They are an excellent visual advisory tool that can be tailored to specific topics (like Earth Day) or more broadly, like highlighting new items. I think they’re very user-friendly. I really like that you include DVDs because people are often looking for the newest movies.”
Response from patrons ...

Burlington Public Library WA

Have you seen the new scrolling carousels in our online catalog? These lists highlight new and interesting titles that you might not find otherwise. This is also a great place to start when looking for our newest movies, books, and audiobooks. Check them out today!

https://burlington.skagitcat.org/eg/opac/home?loc=4

Try a spin on our library carousels!

- Go to our library webpage - burlingtonwa.gov/library or click the QR code below
- Hover over the Books and More tab
- Click on New Arrivals at the far right
- Browse the carousels.
- Place a hold on an item of interest.
- Wait for a notification that the item is ready.
- Swing by the library to pick it up.
- Enjoy!

A new spin on finding books: Carousels!

New Books
- DVDs
- Audiobooks
- Music
- Picture Books
- Recent bestsellers
- Local authors
- Local authors
- Local history
- Local history
- Local art
- Local art
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Response from patrons ...

"I like seeing the book covers. The visual grabs my attention. I also really enjoy getting recommendations I never would have found on my own."

"This has been super helpful when looking for picture books for my kids!"

"Once I found it, I thought it was great. I requested a book but then could not get back to the site easily. This is such a good service, especially with the library being closed."
Response from patrons ...
How we made it happen

https://docs.evergreen-ils.org/dev/_adding_carousels_to_your_public_catalog.html

Adding Carousels to Your Public Catalog

This feature fully integrates the creation and management of book carousels into Evergreen, allowing for the display of book cover images on a library's public catalog home page. Carousels may be animated or static. They can be manually maintained by staff or automatically maintained by Evergreen. Titles can appear in carousels based on newly cataloged items, recent returns, popularity, etc. Titles must have copies that are visible to the public catalog, be circulating, and holdable to appear in a carousel. Serial titles cannot be displayed in carousels.
Hiccups

- Owning library (Bug #1851515)
Hiccups

- If no items qualify for your carousel, nothing appears.
Hiccups

- Deceptive carousel types
Hiccups

- Deleting items
Current Carousel-related bugs

- #1922120 Can’t add items directly to carousel from record with 3.6
- #1911938 Ability to rearrange the order of the items in the manual carousels
- #1851515 Getting an error when Owner is not supplied
- #1901888 - Carousel modal loading issues on large systems
- #1915353 Can’t apply translations
- #1901893 Bucket should be hyperlink on carousel grid
Examples of carousels at other libraries

- PINES library - https://gapines.org/eg/opac/home
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- Grimsby Public Library  https://grimsby.niagaraevergreen.ca/eg/opac/home
Examples of carousels at other libraries

- Adams County Library
  [https://adams.sparkpa.org/eg/opac/home?locg=478;detail_record_view=0](https://adams.sparkpa.org/eg/opac/home?locg=478;detail_record_view=0)
Wishlist for future updates:

- A dropdown box with options to filter the carousel. OWWL.org has a custom carousel they created like this for the NYTBS list.
Wishlist for future updates:

- Scroll four at a time instead of just one.
Why we like carousels

FUN

EASY
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