

Pumpkin Slips: A Brief History. Jan. 15, 2013 (prepared by Sara Shatford Layne).

At about the time that we (CatMet and Print Acq) moved to Kinross, we consulted with public services and LIT to figure out a solution to the ongoing problem of materials appearing to be on the shelf when in fact they were still in the processing pipeline. This discussion coincided with discussions regarding the implementation of “barcoding-on-receipt” in Print Acquisitions.

The solution developed was to place set the “in process” status on items at the time the item records were created, either in Print Acq or (in the case of shelf-ready) during the load of the shelf-ready records. At some point after the initial pilot, it was decided that this “in process” status would be set on ALL new items created by Print Acq, both monograph and serial, as serial items can be in the processing pipeline for some time after receipt, especially if they are AN:MRK.

It was also decided, at the time that barcoding-on-receipt was implemented in September 2007, that Access Services (or SRLF) would remove the in-process item status at the time of receipt (or, in the case of SRLF, at the time of processing) in the unit (that is, immediately prior to shelving). The pumpkin slip was selected as the signal to Access Services that a particular item has an in-process status that needs to be removed, and it was decided that Print Acq would add the pumpkin slip at the time the item was created, or, in the case of shelf-ready materials, at the time the materials were processed in Kinross [Note: when shelf-ready materials had/have their own trucks, marked as “shelf-ready”, pumpkin slips are not necessary because Access Services knows that these books all have the in-process status. However, if shelf-ready materials are mixed with other materials in a shipment to a client unit, they *should* have pumpkin slips added.]

Currently, approximately 50-70% of materials going to YRL from Kinross have pumpkin slips; this means that 30-50% of materials going to YRL from Kinross do *not* have pumpkin slips. Materials without pumpkin slips are re-marks and gifts that are cataloged without having previously-created acquisition records. Therefore, eliminating pumpkin slips and asking Access Services to assume that everything from Kinross has the in-process status would increase their pick-and-scan workload by 30-50%.

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Background:

Excerpt of memo from Carlo Medina (issued when we began barcoding-on-receipt and pumpkin slips)

**From:** Medina, Carlo  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 6:09 PM  
**To:** Riemer, John; Sloane, Donald; Layne, Sara; Wadeborn, Germaine; Benitez, David  
**Cc:** Peck, Roxanne; Celik, Osman; Henney, Dawn; Briance, Lynn; Quitos, Reynaldo  
**Subject:** Barcoding on receipt to begin Friday, September 14.

Hello,

The Monograph Acquisitions Division is ready to begin barcoding-on-receipt pilot project. We have in-house training documentation under final review, LIT has finished installing scanners for

our staff, and will begin training our staff on an individual basis starting tomorrow, Friday September 14, 2007.

For the next week or so there will be a mix of materials coming from Acquisitions that will and won't be barcoded-on-receipt. Our staff will be putting in a **pumpkin** colored flag to indicate an item is barcoded on receipt. This flag should stay with the item all the way through to the Client Units, who will need to pick and scan all items with that flag to remove the In Process status. Initially, only monographic purchases (firm and approval orders) will be barcoded-on-receipt. If successful we will extend this to other non-paid monograph items which our division handles in the near future.

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