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- On the night of Monday, October 20th, WLS in conjunction with SirsiDynix upgraded the Symphony ILS to the latest version. The upgrade was successfully completed by the morning, allowing us to perform the corresponding upgrades to WorkFlows on the service desk and staff workstations. No downtime in the use of WorkFlows was experienced.

- We are in the midst of installing a second LPT:One management server to handle printing from the Edge workstations. A second print server and print release station dedicated to the Edge is necessary in order to support printing from the Mac workstations. One of our spare coin-bill acceptors will be installed along with it to support payment by coin or bill. Meanwhile, Austin Olney of Adult Services is developing a video tutorial that will provide step-by-step instructions to patrons as well as staff on how to use the Mobile Print Service. Once that is completed and flyers with print instructions are produced, we will be ready to fully launch and publicize the Mobile Print Service.

- Because they have been frequently knocked about and have experienced cable damage, the four mid-tower Windows computers in the Edge have been replaced with four much more compact Asus Vivo PCs. Their very small footprint allows them to be placed on the desktop and away from damaging kicks and bangs that they were subjected to under the desk. Funds for the purchase of the PCs came from remaining Shinnyo-en grant funds.

- As part of a Library-wide initiative to clean up and clear out unused equipment, 28 PCs, five monitors and two printers have been cleared by the Purchasing Department for disposal. All are at least 10 years old and while half of the computers are still in working condition, they would have very limited application, especially as we look forward to upgrading from Windows XP to the more memory and performance-intensive Windows 7 operating system.

- A new addition to our website is a web page listing all of the New York Times Bestsellers that are available in our ebook collection (see http://whiteplainslibrary.org/nyt/). The listings and cover art link directly to the items in our collection. The page is the result of a collaborative effort between Systems Staff and Collection Management.