



Palace 101:

An Introduction to The Palace Project
for K-12 School Libraries



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Project



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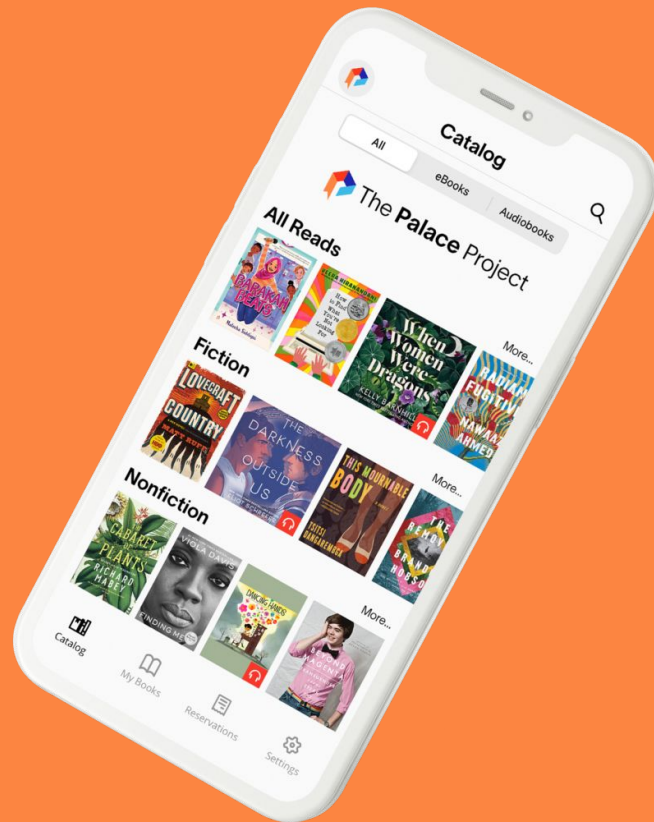
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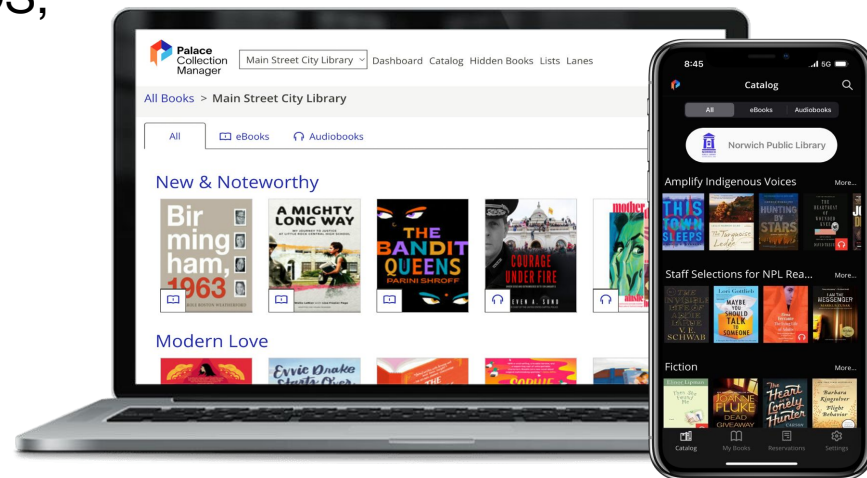
Project Vision

- Build a digital future for and with libraries.
- Support libraries in their mission's to maximize access to all econtent, increase literacy, and reduce the equity gap.
- “Libraries are palaces for the people.”



Ecosystem and Components

- The Palace Project Application for iOS, Android, and Chromebooks
- The Palace Web Catalog
- Palace Collection Manager Administrative Portal
- Palace Marketplace



Recap: What We've Done in 2026

Since the beginning of the year, we:

- Launched the Palace Project for K-12 school libraries in Illinois
- Refined the Palace app for Chromebooks
- Launched the Palace Web Catalog for browser access to digital content
- Developed a configuration process for SAML and SSO libraries
- Developed content scoping tools and processes for libraries
- Developed age/audience library access filtering for school districts
- Investigated & implemented technical improvements for better student user experience



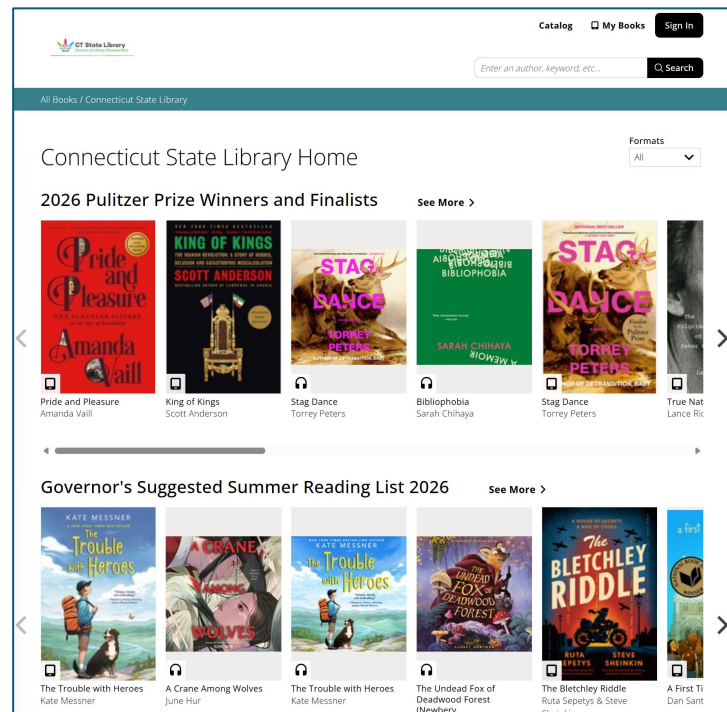
Implementation Overview for CT K-12 Libraries

Our plan now and moving forward into 2027:

- Working with the Connecticut State Library to integrate all former Boundless K-12 school libraries into Palace
- Sending a [survey](#) to all participating schools to gather contact information
- We will start configuring libraries in November 2026
- Launching first round libraries with a barcode prefix authentication method
- Outreach in early 2027 to library IT staff regarding SSO/SAML integrations (if desired)

Announcing the Palace Web Catalog

- An in-browser reading experience for schools that are device-free or restrict apps
- Schools are provided their unique URL in launch emails & they can be found in our directory here: catalog.thepalaceproject.org



How Do I Find The Palace Project app?

- **iOS and Android phones and tablets:** Go to your device's app store and search for "The Palace Project" app. There are a lot of apps labeled Palace, so make sure you search for the full name.
- **Chromebooks:** If you can add apps to your Chromebooks, open the Google Play store and search for "The Palace Project"
- **Web Catalog:** Each school has its own unique catalog URL. The Palace team will include this link in your launch email, but you can always go to the directory page at catalog.thepalaceproject.org to search for your school. We recommend linking to your catalog from your library website or adding to the bookmarks tab on student devices.

How Do My Students Log In?

Barcode Prefix: Students will need to use the prefix issued by the Palace team followed by a unique identifier (i.e. student ID). There is no required PIN.

- Authentication methods are the same regardless of how a student accesses Palace, either via personal iOS or Android device, web catalog, or Chromebook app.
- In early 2027, the Palace team will reach out to school and IT contacts to determine if they would like to be configured with SSO (Google, Microsoft, SAML, Okta) or stay with the barcode prefix authentication method.

Clever Authentication

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to offer Clever authentication and do not have a timeline on when we might be able to do so.

Earlier this year we were made aware of the exorbitant fees that (nonprofit) vendors like Lyrasis incur to offer Clever access for schools.

After multiple meetings with Clever and representatives from library stakeholders, we were unable to come to a sustainable solution. We think it's important to be transparent about this matter as it may impact other vendors you work with.

Schools that previously indicated their preference for Clever authentication will be configured with either barcode prefix or SSO.

Content Filtering/Scoping

The Palace team has collaborated with the CT State Library on a preliminary approach to content filtering/scoping the eGO collection by age group.

- **Elementary Schools:** Children's books and "all ages"
- **Middle Schools:** YA + Children's books and "all ages"
- **High School:** Full collection including adult audience materials - targeted subjects/genres
- **Suppressed genres/subjects:** bartending & cocktails (alcohol), erotica, romance (and subgenres).

Detailed information about scoping and how to make adjustments can be found [here](#). More nuanced self-serve scoping tools are being developed. Contact Palace Support with any questions.

Curation Tools & Support

Your library will be configured with out-of-the box, age-group specific Lanes curated by the Palace team and our Curation Corps. These title lists include everything from:

- **Trending topics and subjects**
- **State award winners**
- **Seasonal reads**
- **Genre-based Lists**
- **Read-alikes**
- **Newly added...and more!**

Library admins will also have ability to create and share their own curations in the Palace Collection Manager! Check out our [training videos](#) or our [Palace Wiki](#) for instructions on how to use the Palace curation tools.

Next Steps

- Complete the [survey](#) requesting contact information for your school
- Keep an eye out for communications from eGO CT and the Palace team requesting additional information or clarifying questions
- The Palace team will work to configure your school with barcode prefix authentication
- Once your library is “live”, you will receive communications from the Palace team providing your school’s prefix, web catalog URL, how to access materials in Palace, and more!
- IT Staff will receive communication from team about SSO configuration opportunity in early 2027.

What happens after your library goes live in the app?

- Continued access to live webinars via the Palace team and Lyris Learning
- [Recorded trainings](#) on our YouTube channel for staff and patrons
- Check out the Palace for School Libraries [Wiki page](#)
- Ongoing tech support: contact support@thepalaceproject.org
- Join our community in [Discord](#)
- Add the Palace Project logo and Web Catalog link to your website
- Bookmark Web Catalog link on student devices
- Promote to your students using digital [library resources](#)
- Give us your [feedback](#) by submitting feature requests
- Fill out an IMA to purchase content from the [Palace Marketplace](#)

Upcoming Palace Trainings

Palace 101: An Introduction to the Palace Project

Wednesday, November 4th, 2026 @ 2:00 PM ET

Join us for an overview of the Palace Project. This general session is tailored for prospective and current partners, the perfect start for those completely new to Palace or those needing a refresher.

The Palace Project Content Ecosystem

Thursday, November, 19th @ 2:00 PM ET

Learn more about the Palace ecosystem of content, including BiblioBoard Community Collections, Discovery Collections, Palace Marketplace, and more!



Resources

Palace Website:

<https://thepalaceproject.org/>

Marketing and Promotional Materials:

<https://thepalaceproject.org/library-resources/>

Palace Marketplace:

<https://marketplace.thepalaceproject.org/>

Support:

support@thepalaceproject.org

Palace Discord:

<https://discord.gg/Af8SvnYkcy>

CT K-12 Library Contact Info Survey:

<https://forms.gle/XZ4SWo13R8XzQAvb8>

Feature Requests:

<https://ebce-feedback.feedbear.com/boards/enhancement-requests>

Youtube Training Playlists:

<https://www.youtube.com/@thepalaceproject561/playlists>

Palace Wiki:

<http://wiki.thepalaceproject.org/K-12 Wiki Page>

Palace Development Road Map:

<https://lyrasis.notion.site/>

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Thank you!

Questions?