

Enhancement to the Display of Web OPAC Cover Images in Release 4.1.13.0

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| Affected editions | All editions of the Family of Products that subscribe to Web OPAC |
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Summary of the Features in this Enhancement

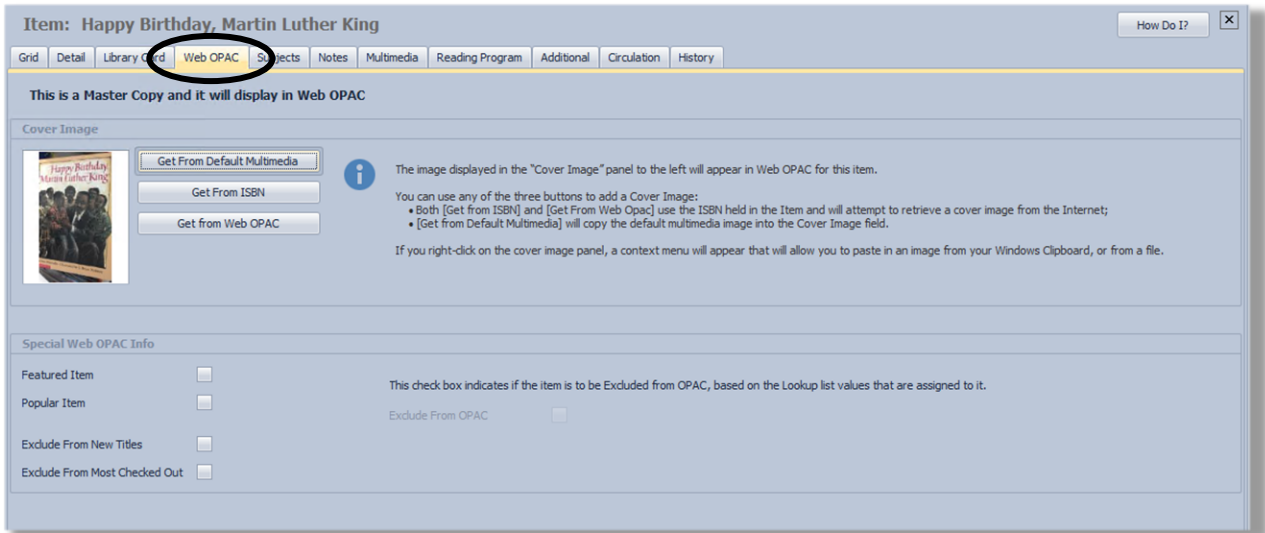
- There is a new Web OPAC tab on the Items Grid;
- This tab organizes options and data that are used to present your patrons with front cover images in your Web OPAC;
- A new Cover Image field has been added to the Items table;
- A new utility program can be run in ResourceMate that will populate the new Cover Image field;
- This new Cover Image graphic is the one that will now be shown in Web OPAC search results and carousels.

PLEASE be sure to reboot your computer after applying this update!!!

[Click [here](#) for further details]

Details of the new Cover Image Features

A new “Web OPAC” tab is now available on the Items Grid. This tab consolidates all data and settings that control the front cover images displayed in Web OPAC search results, as well as which items will appear on the various Web OPAC carousels.



The Web OPAC tab performs three functions:

- It includes the “Cover Image” field of the item;
- It includes the “Featured Item”, “Popular Item”, “Exclude from New Titles” and “Exclude from “Most Checked Out” checkboxes; these have been moved from the ‘Additional’ tab on the Items Grid;
- It also displays some summary labels to indicate if the item will not appear in Web OPAC, based on any Lookup list values and/or the Resource Type that have been applied to it.

Cover Image

Items now have a new Cover Image field that will enable you to see the Front Cover image that will be displayed in Web OPAC. In previous versions, the display of the Cover Image in Web OPAC was dependent on several factors. The process is now very straightforward; the image in this new field will be the image that is displayed in Web OPAC.

What do I have to do because of this Cover Image change?

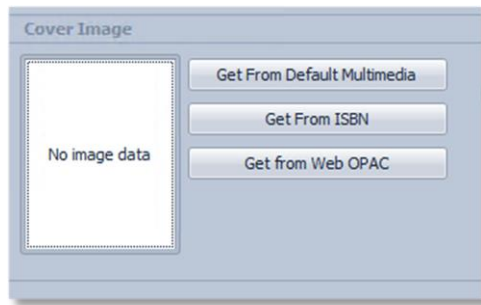
Any existing Web OPAC images will continue to be displayed ‘as is’; this change will *not* affect them. If you have items that are displaying an incorrect image in Web OPAC or that do not have a Cover Image at all, then you can assign the Cover Image on this new tab in ResourceMate and it will subsequently be displayed in Web OPAC.

New Items

If adding a new item and there is NO Cover Image defined, this will not necessarily mean that no Cover Image will be displayed in Web OPAC. If the item has an ISBN, there is a chance that a shared Cover Image will be automatically be added from our ResourceMate image store.

How is the new Cover Image field maintained?

There are three buttons that can be used to assign a cover image to an item. Each button has different logic. If none can assign a Cover Image, you'll be so notified by a dialog box. You can also use a context menu to add an image from the Windows Clipboard or from a file. This process is described further below.



[Get from Default Multimedia]

This will add an image from an existing Multimedia record that's been stamped as 'default' with the small printer icon.



[Get from ISBN]

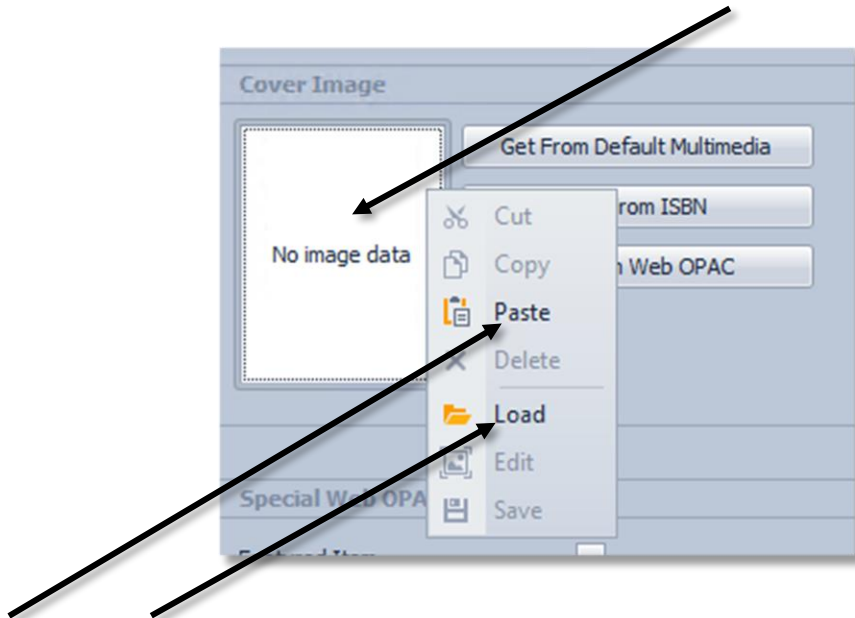
This will add an image by using the item's ISBN to perform a lookup from either Google Books or the Internet Archive Open Library.

[Get from Web OPAC]

This will add an image from our ResourceMate repository of front cover images by searching there using the item's ISBN.

[Use a Context Menu]

You can also add a front cover image of your own by **right-clicking** on the “Cover Image” pane...



...and selecting “Paste” or “Load” from the resulting context menu. Select “Paste” if you want to copy a cover image from your Windows clipboard here. Select “Load” if you want to apply a front cover image from an existing file on your computer. Be sure to click on “Save” at the bottom of the form to apply your change.

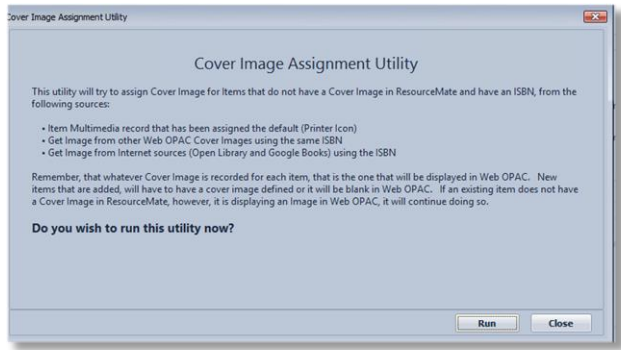
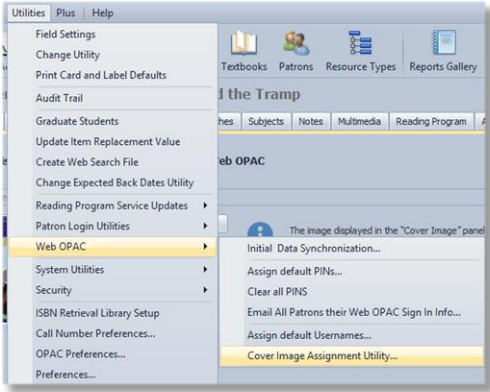
Multimedia Records

Web OPAC has the optional ability to show Multimedia records in a grid on the Item Detail page. All the multimedia records attached to an item in ResourceMate will be listed here. These can be links to other web pages, PDF documents, or images. Your patrons can view or download them from your Web OPAC. In previous versions, the Multimedia record that was selected as the Default (ie stamped with the printer icon) was the front cover image that would be displayed. Other multimedia records appeared on the multimedia grid on the Web OPAC Details page.

The main benefit to the new Cover Image field is that you no longer have to define a Multimedia record to represent the front cover in your Web OPAC. You can still add Multimedia records to an item in ResourceMate if you wish, but remember that the ResourceMate Cover Image is the one that will display in Web OPAC search results. Multimedia records added on the Multimedia tab of an item in ResourceMate can be viewed in the Multimedia grid of the Item Details page in Web OPAC, if you activate this feature in your Web OPAC. [Consult the online [Web OPAC Admin Guide](#) for further information.]

Cover Image Assignment Utility

A new “Utilities > Web OPAC > Cover Image Assignment Utility” menu selection is available to Web OPAC subscribers. This utility will process all items that currently do not have a Cover Image and try to assign one. The following images demonstrate where to find the program in ResourceMate as well as the initial informational dialog that displays when the program is launched:



This utility program will populate the new Cover Image field in the database from an existing *default* Multimedia record in an item [ie stamped with the printer icon], or from a lookup online if the item has an ISBN. These are the same options that you have manually for the Cover Image. *This utility can take a while to run – be sure to set aside enough time for it to complete.*

Note: there is a “Cancel” button that will allow you to interrupt the program in the event that you cannot wait for it to complete. If you start the program again at a later time, it will continue where it left off until it finishes. In the normal course of things, you will not need to run this program again after completion.

Note that you can now add the Cover Image graphic as a column directly on the Items Grid in ResourceMate:

| Item: A Trusty Old Pal Lady and the Tramp | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Grid | Detail | Library Card | Web OPAC | Print Switches | Subjects | Notes | Multimedia | Reading Program | Additional | Circulation |
| | Resource Type | Title | Sub-Title | | | | Cover Image | Series | | Copy... |
| | = | BC | BC | | | | | BC | | = |
| | Books | Not So Fast! Dumbo | EASY | | | | | Disney's Storytime Treas... | | 1 |
| | Books | ** The Hidden Hero The Hunchback of... | EASY | | | | | Disney's Storytime Treas... | | 1 |

As well, you can also filter the grid to have it show you items with blank cover images.