

AspenCat Cleanup



Background

- Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) supports libraries statewide in multiple ways, including AspenCat
- AspenCat is a union catalog of over 100 small and rural libraries in Colorado.
- Small libraries to use consortial borrowing to enhance patron access to materials





The Problem

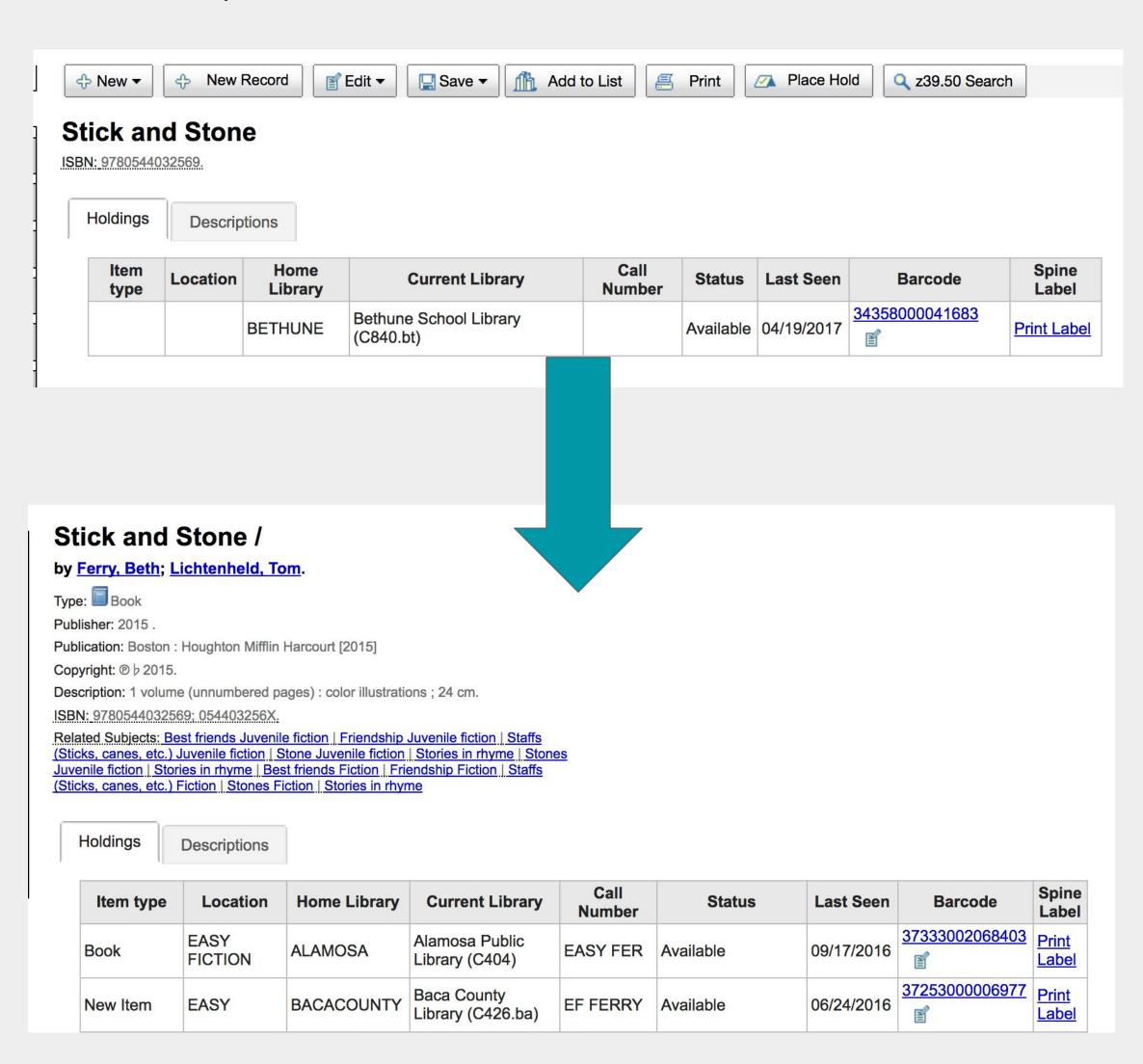
- Staff at small and rural libraries are often busy and cannot devote time to cataloging
- Many staff do not have formal cataloging training
- Staff prefer in-person trainings to video or pdf documents
- CLiC's staff is small and cataloging assistance is not always top priority





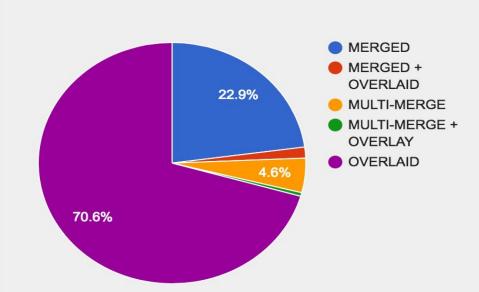
The Process

- AspenCat's two biggest problems: duplicate and brief records
- I checked against AspenCat's holdings, WorldCat, Amazon, and z39.50 servers to find a good match
- Assisted with training for staff to give them hands-on experience



Outcomes

- Hundreds of records corrected
- Increased access for AspenCat patrons
- Many brief records were unique
- Staff at libraries better understand key components for making the union catalog work



What's Next?

- CLiC staff continue to train staff and raise awareness during users meetings
- Staff can continue to correct records
- CLiC has launched a ticketing mechanism to increase access to their staff from all over the state





