CASE STUDY

**Destiny® Library Manager™**

Weber School District
Weber County, Utah
Schools: 42 • Grade Levels: K-12
Students: 30,423

**VISION:** Weber School District sought to implement a new library automation system that was user friendly and intuitive. The district had been struggling with its previous system, which was complex and cumbersome. They wanted to move to a system that would increase productivity and efficiency, save time and frustration and grow with them as the library transformed into a 21st century learning center.

**SOLUTION:** After an extensive search and comparison shopping, the name that came up again and again was Destiny Library Manager. Weber saw Destiny as the solution that would not only match the district’s current needs but also would stay abreast of future needs.

**RESULT:** Weber School District saves time and effort in all library-related tasks now that Destiny Library Manager is in place. Destiny Library Manager was quickly found to be much easier than the former system and a positive reaction was unanimous.

“We chose Destiny Library Manager for many reasons, but we knew Follett’s track record with school libraries. They are a company that has been working with school libraries forever and they know how to make it work.”

— Stan Fuller, Librarian, Weber School District

**Challenge**
The fifth largest school district in the state of Utah, Weber School District realized that valuable time (and funds) were being used ineffectively due to the 'clunky and complex' library management system they had in place. With thousands of students and staff moving through the library system weekly, administrators set out in 2011 to find a better system that would improve efficiency, be easy to learn and use and help the district grow and evolve with new technology and in alignment with the Common Core State Standards.

Much research ensued with certain guidelines in place. “Since not all of our staff members are tech savvy, we wanted something that our staff could use without the need for a huge user manual. The solution had to be easy to use,” said Stan Fuller, a librarian for the district and part of the decision-making team. “Additionally, we wanted a flexible system that would simplify our library’s catalog and grow with us.”

According to Fuller, the district focused its search for a new library automation system on name brands and known features. It also sought feedback from area school districts. “We knew it was really important that we do our homework with this search,” he said. “We’d heard good things about Destiny and that name kept coming up.”

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Solution
The district purchased Destiny® Library Manager™ in November 2011 and quickly found that the ease of the program was a highlight. “Our staff didn’t have to go asking for help for each task,” said Fuller. “They could sit down and use it right out of the box.”

The district also sought a system that could work on multiple platforms – another deciding factor in their choice of selecting Destiny. “With Destiny, we aren’t limited to one set device,” Fuller said, which will allow the library’s BYOD and eBook programs to grow without limitations. “It’s good to know that we can move ahead technologically. We took into consideration that Follett is usually ahead of the pack when it comes to new technologies and integrating them into school libraries.”

“Destiny is a reliable, proven solution. We went with Destiny because it is flexible and simple, not complex at all and can help us move into the future.”
– Stan Fuller, Librarian, Weber School District

Results
Fuller reported that Destiny Library Manager was quickly found to be much simpler. “The transition phase was so much easier because of the help we received from the Follett people. We have really been able to clean up our catalogs.” He added that the transition to Destiny went “really well – exponentially easier than our previous transition. A big part of it was the product, but it is also due to the help we received from the Follett people.”

He is also pleased that the program saves time, helps them clean up their catalog and delivers the simplicity and ease of use they sought. “Everything is easier now, even email. We can send parents and students overdue notices via email, which made a difference in our delinquency rate.”

“We are just beginning to get our feet wet with eBooks and we’ve decided to stick with Follett eBooks because of the Destiny and Follett Shelf™ integration. It’s nice because with Destiny, students have the same password as the one they use to log in to the school computer. It’s the same for accessing eBooks. This really cuts down on having to manage different log ins. It’s great you put something in your catalog and it is right there for the student to access.”

Now that Weber School District is embarking on alignment with Common Core, they are relieved and confident in knowing Destiny Library Manager will help simplify that process, too. “Destiny is capable in helping us plan for the future,” said Fuller. “Plus, with our Lexile scores in Destiny, we can have them fit to Common Core. It looks like Destiny will be very helpful as we figure it all out.”

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