

## **MEMO**

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Educational & Research Technologies Committee, Helen Read, Chair

Date: December 13, 2023

Re: Report out of Library Services Platform Migration Information

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Dean Bryn Geffert and Library Assistant Professor Molly Rogers presented to the ERTC some details about the upcoming Library Services platform migration. The current system is old and needs replacing. CATQuest will be upgraded, and Library personnel will have new tools and systems behind the scenes. The Classic Catalog will be retired, but the upgraded CATQuest will be easier to search and filter. One consequence of this upgrade is that all internal catalog ID numbers will change. This means that if you have any permalinks to items in the Library catalog (e.g., on your syllabus, posted in Brightspace, or bookmarked in your browser), you will need to update the links. The new system will go live on January 10. You may not have access to update your links until January 11.

The Fall 2023 semester will be the final semester UVM Libraries will offer its e-reserve document-hosting platform. PDFs, links to documents, e-books and streaming files can be posted directly to Brightspace.

Also of note, UVM Libraries has for the past two years been a member of the Boston Library Consortium, and has recently joined a coalition with four other member schools. The new system will allow seamless search of library holdings of all five members of this coalition – if you search for a book and it turns out that say, Middlebury has it, it will come right up in your search.