



Proven results for a better staff and patron experience

Sierra is a modern, community-driven Library Services Platform (LSP) by **Innovative, from Clarivate.**

The latest version, **Sierra 6.5 (November 2025)**, empowers libraries to streamline workflows, simplify navigation, and enhance both staff and patron experiences through deeper interoperability, improved accessibility, and continuous innovation.

Sierra offers enterprise-grade interoperability, flexible deployment, and community-led development. It bridges cloud scalability with local control - giving libraries freedom to grow without compromising ownership or data security.

What's new in Sierra 6.5

- **Set patron checkout limits by item type, item location, and library location**
Gain more precise control over circulation policies to match local needs and collection priorities.
- **Open and edit patron records directly from an item record**
Reduce steps and context switching-manage patron information without leaving the task at hand.
- **Access admin corner tools in the admin app and Sierra staff clients**
Administrative tasks are now easier to reach and manage, wherever you work.
- **Seamlessly navigate from create lists to delete records**
Move between list management and cleanup with a single, continuous workflow.
- **Update inventory dates during check-in**
Keep inventory data accurate as part of the natural check-in process-no extra steps required.
- **Protect privacy with limited access to patron data in create lists**
Strengthen patron confidentiality with role-based visibility controls.
- **Support exhibitions in IMMS and holdshelf information from IMMS**
Expanded integration brings greater insight and control to item movement and display workflows.



Core capabilities & modules

- Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation, Serials, Patron Management
- Reporting & Analytics (**SierraDNA, Decision Center**)
- RESTful APIs for integrations
- Cloud and on-premises deployment options
- Mobile and web-based staff tools
- Vega LX and Mobile Worklists integration
- Consortial borrowing and resource sharing (**Rapido**)

Sierra's flexible deployment - gives libraries unmatched choice in balancing control, compliance, and scalability.

Its open API ecosystem supports integration with our Vega platform, ensuring a unified experience across discovery, engagement, and analytics.



Patron experience enhancements

- Improved readability and accessibility across interfaces
- Cover images in notices enhance engagement and clarity
- Return dates visible in reading history increase transparency
- SMS opt-in preferences displayed in WebPAC improve communication
- Seamless connection to **Vega Discover** and **Vega Mobile** for a modern patron experience



Staff & operational efficiency

- User interface refinements reduce friction across daily tasks
- Bulk operations (e.g., managing lists, canceling orders) save time
- Load Table editing and data management tools continue to evolve
- Enhanced RESTful API workflows connect Sierra with third-party systems



Technical environment & integrations

- Supported OS: **RedHat Enterprise Linux 9, Oracle Linux 9**
- RESTful APIs and **SierraDNA** database views for seamless interoperability
- Cloud infrastructure offering **99%+ uptime**, scalability, and secure data management
- Integrations with third-party discovery layers, courseware, and vendor systems



Future roadmap (**Sierra 6.6 and beyond**)

- Continued modernization of mobile workflows and UI
- Advanced analytics enhancements in **SierraDNA and Decision Center**
- Broader interoperability with Vega products and Clarivate systems
- Ongoing improvements in accessibility and performance
- Expansion of community-driven features via MEEP and Idea Exchange

Community & support

Sierra's strength lies in its community. Development is guided through the **Member Exclusive Enhancements Program (MEEP)**, **Innovative Users Group (IUG)**, and **Idea Exchange**-ensuring each release reflects the needs of real-world libraries.

Regular webinars, documentation, and customer support ensure libraries continue to thrive.

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