

Hi [redacted]

Our library system is eLM, marketed by Contec International in Christchurch. It is specifically designed to allow for different parts of the school to catalogue their resources, in any way they wish, to allow for issuing of sports equipment, kits, uniforms or whatever. We could have a separate collection, for example, set up for PE equipment, and another collection set up for teaching resources, all managed by the automated library system, but completely separate from the library in any physical sense. It is an excellent system, and designed by librarians for libraries – not as an add-on to an administration system. I know that another school in Invercargill uses the eLM system in this way – the English department in that school has catalogued their novel sets so that they can be issued to students, but they are set up as a separate resource from the library stock.

I can personally recommend Contec as an excellent company to work with – I have managed a two system upgrades and date merges with them, with excellent support and good results in both cases. Their website – <http://www.contecgroupp.com/index.htm> - gives an overview of the system and its capabilities, and they can be contacted at eLMSupport@contecds.com if you would like to enquire further.

Hope this helps, and good luck with finding your best solution.

Regards
Donna Watt
Aurora College
Invercargill

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 3 March 2006 4:48 p.m.
To: Schoollib
Subject: Resource Materials

Hi,

I would be very interested to know how the resources run in your school. We have a separate resources and library, and currently the resource department is looking at going automated. We have found that a number of features in Athenaem do not work well in a resource environment.

Can you please tell me:

- if your resources are separate from the library
- Do they contain any other items besides text books and related media
- Do you have an automated system – if so what.

Any input, ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

[redacted]
[redacted]