

Ship it to Me! Evaluating Interlibrary Loan Services for Distance Students

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St. John Fisher College & Lavery Library

- Rochester, NY
- Student population:
 - 2,700 full-time undergraduates, 200 part-time
 - 1,000 graduate students
- Academic Programs
 - 33 academic majors with 11 pre-professional programs
 - 9 graduate programs
 - 3 doctoral programs
- Net borrowers
- ~50% of requests are for graduate/doctoral students

Background: Distance Students* & ILL

- Ed.D. in Executive Leadership extension sites added
 - College of New Rochelle (CNR) near NYC in 2009
 - Onondaga Community College (OCC) near Syracuse in 2013
- SJFC began providing ILL services to CNR/OCC sites in Fall 2013
 - Loans not available at sites' libraries and articles
 - A different return shipping workflow for each location
- After 1 school year, we assessed procedures & policies
 - Made updates to eliminate patron/staff confusion and support best practices

ILLiad Distance Student Setup

- Need to distinguish between campus and distance students
 - Distance students have own statuses: OCC, CNR
 - Routing rule moves incoming loan requests to Doc Del:

Edit Row	
RuleNo	13
RuleActive	Yes
ProcessType	Borrowing
TransactionStatus	Awaiting Request Processing
MatchString	u.Status = 'OCC' and t.RequestType = 'Loan'
NewProcessType	Doc Del
NewTransactionStatus	Distance Student Request in Process
RuleDescription	This rule moves requests received from OCC Students into the Doc Del Processing queue

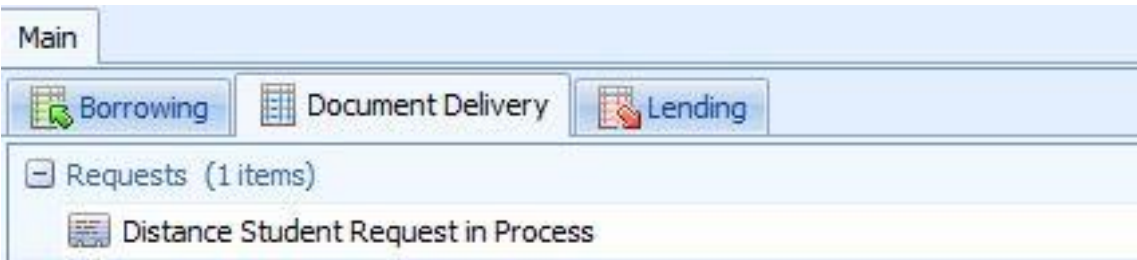
ILLiad Distance Student Processing

- Distance students select status (OCC, CNR) and provide shipping info upon first request:

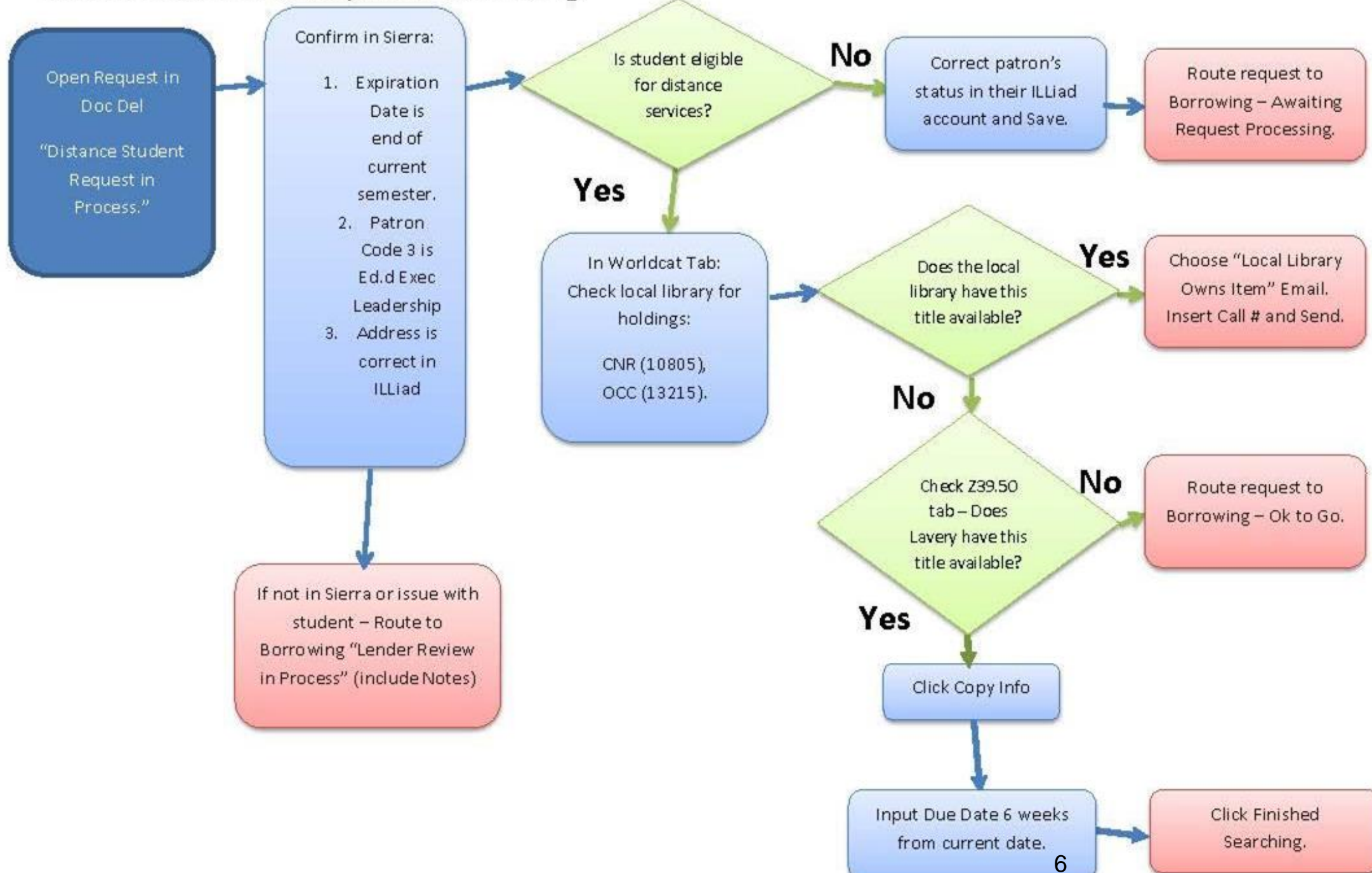
Change Personal Information * Indicates required

*First Name	<input type="text" value="Kourtney"/>
*Last Name	<input type="text" value="Blackburn"/>
*E-Mail will be sent to your SJFC email.	
*Daytime Phone	<input type="text"/>
*Primary Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>
Primary Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
*Primary Address City	<input type="text"/>
*Primary Address State	<input type="text"/>
*Primary Address Zip	<input type="text"/>
*Status	<input type="text" value="OCC: Doctoral, Onondaga Community College"/>
*Department/Major	<input type="text" value="Library"/>

- Request appears in Doc Del custom queue:



Distance Student Request Processing



ILLiad Distance Student Processing: Borrowed Loans

- Requests for loans not owned by site or Fisher were sent out, then routed back to Doc Del upon checkin:

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RuleNo	81
RuleActive	Yes
ProcessType	Borrowing
TransactionStatus	Awaiting Post Receipt Processing
MatchString	u.Status = 'OCC' and t.RequestType = 'Loan'
NewProcessType	Doc Del
NewTransactionStatus	Awaiting DD Stacks Searching
RuleDescription	This rule moves requests for books borrowed and received for OCC Students into the Doc Del processing queue

- Borrowed loans were processed through to *Distance Student Request Shipped* (custom queue)
- Patrons were notified their items shipped

ILLiad Distance Student Processing: Pre 2014 Fisher Owned Loans

- Items manually routed into Awaiting DD Stacks Searching
 - Due date of 6 weeks from current date added
 - Marked Found
 - Automatically routed to *Distance Student Request Shipped* (custom queue)
- Patrons were notified their items shipped
- Locally owned loans were checked out to patrons' Sierra accounts for tracking & catalog status purposes



OCC Shipping Procedure: Pre 2014

- “OCC Student | TN # _____” barcode cover was cut and placed over loan barcode to avoid confusion upon return at Checkout Desk
- Loan was packaged and dropped off at Bookstore with mailing info attached for UPS shipping
- When finished, patron returned item to OCC SJFC bookdrop for program staff to physically return to SJFC Campus

Emma,
You've borrowed the following title through
St. John Fisher College:
Title: Pride and Prejudice

Author: Austen, Jane

This title is due:

7/15/2014

Please return this title to the OCC Library. They will return the book to the SJFC campus.

Have questions? Contact us!

Visit our online guide:

<http://libguides.sjfc.edu/ill>

Email: ill@sjfc.edu

Phone: 585-385-8106

Mailing Info for UPS – Bookstore Use

Emma Student

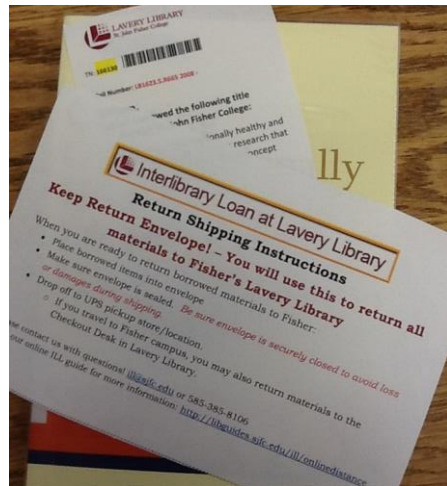
3690 East Avenue

Rochester, NY 14618

OCC Student | TN# 149823

CNR Shipping Procedure

- “CNR Student | TN # ____” barcode cover was cut and placed over loan barcode to avoid confusion upon return at Checkout Desk
- Loan with unsealed envelope and return instructions were placed in box with shipping info affixed:



- Bookstore printed prepaid UPS return label, sealed box, mailed
- Items returned at a UPS drop-off and brought over by Bookstore

CNR Shipping Procedure: Return Instructions

Interlibrary Loan at Lavery Library

Return Shipping Instructions

Keep Return Envelope! – You will use this to return all materials to Fisher’s Lavery Library

When you are ready to return borrowed materials to Fisher:

- Place all borrowed items into envelope
- Make sure envelope is sealed. *Be sure envelope is securely closed to avoid loss or damages during shipping.*
- Drop off to UPS pickup store/location.
 - If you travel to Fisher campus, you may also return materials to the Checkout Desk in Lavery Library.

Please contact us with questions! ill@sjfc.edu or 585-385-8106

Visit our online ILL guide for more information: <http://libguides.sjfc.edu/ill/onlinedistance>

Summer 2014: Assessment

- Waited one academic year before assessing
- New staff joined in Spring 2014
 - Opportunity to revamp policies/procedures before training began

2014 Procedure Assessment: What Worked

- What worked:
 - ILLiad workflows
 - Custom routing between Borrowing/Doc Del
 - Custom statuses (OCC, CNR)
 - Use of Doc Del for distance student processing only
 - Shipping *to* patrons through UPS
 - Return shipping via UPS for CNR students

Procedure Assessment: What Didn't Work

- Checking Fisher owned items out to patrons' accounts in Sierra
 - Duplicate overdue notices with different due dates
 - Patron-initiated renewals created due date inconsistencies between ILLiad and Sierra
- Return procedure for OCC patrons
 - No formal return schedule
 - Difficulty for patrons to drive to OCC bookdrop

Procedure Assessment: What Didn't Work

- Barcode covers not apparent/stable enough
 - Fisher owned loans checked in into Sierra only, not ILLiad

OCC Student | TN# 149823

**Student workers: Do not check in.
Give to supervisor upon return!**

- Inability to track UPS return shipments for CNR students
 - Reliant upon Bookstore

Procedures That Didn't Work: Solutions

- **Challenge:** Checking Fisher owned items out to patrons in Sierra
 - **Solution:** Check Fisher owned items out to ILL Account in Sierra

- **Challenge:** Return procedure for OCC patrons
 - **Solution:** Streamline return procedures and provide UPS return shipping labels for both OCC/CNR
 - Required an adjustment period for OCC

NEW RETURN SHIPPING POLICY

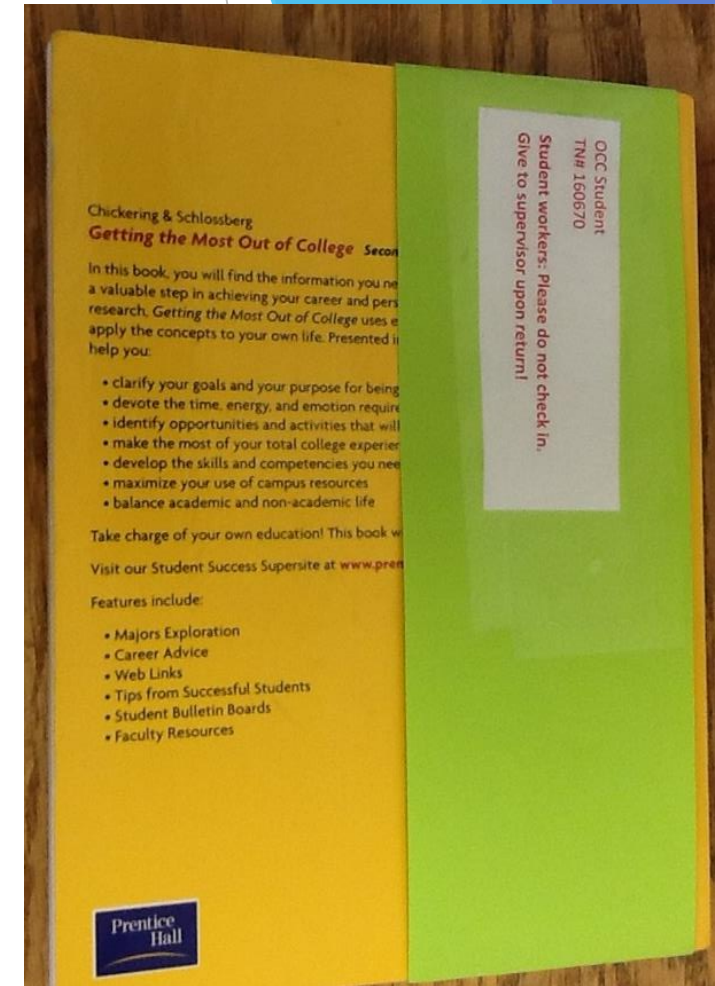
Items will now be returned by **UPS!**
Please see the enclosed return shipping instructions for details.

If you have Interlibrary Loan books that were checked out before 6/25/2014, and do not have UPS return shipping labels, please return them to OCC.

Questions? Contact us at 585-385-8106 or ill@sjfc.edu

Procedures That Didn't Work: Solutions

- **Challenge:** Barcode covers not stable/apparent enough
 - **Solution:** Add neon green bookstraps under barcode covers
- **Challenge:** Inability to track UPS return shipments for CNR students
 - **Solution:** Discussed options with bookstore, set aside for later review



2014 Policy Assessment: What Worked

- What worked:
 - Renewals: patrons emailed ill@sjfc.edu to renew (option in overdue notices)
 - Opportunity for communication
 - Requesting Fisher-owned items through ILL rather than coming to campus

2014 Policy Assessment: What Didn't Work

- What didn't work:
 - Lack of distance student overdue policy= extremely late returns
 - First year with new service led us to wait on policy development
 - Distance shipping makes campus overdue policy unrealistic
 - General overdue notice was sent multiple times
 - Lack of response
 - Lack of communication/understanding of resource sharing

Policies That Didn't Work: Solutions

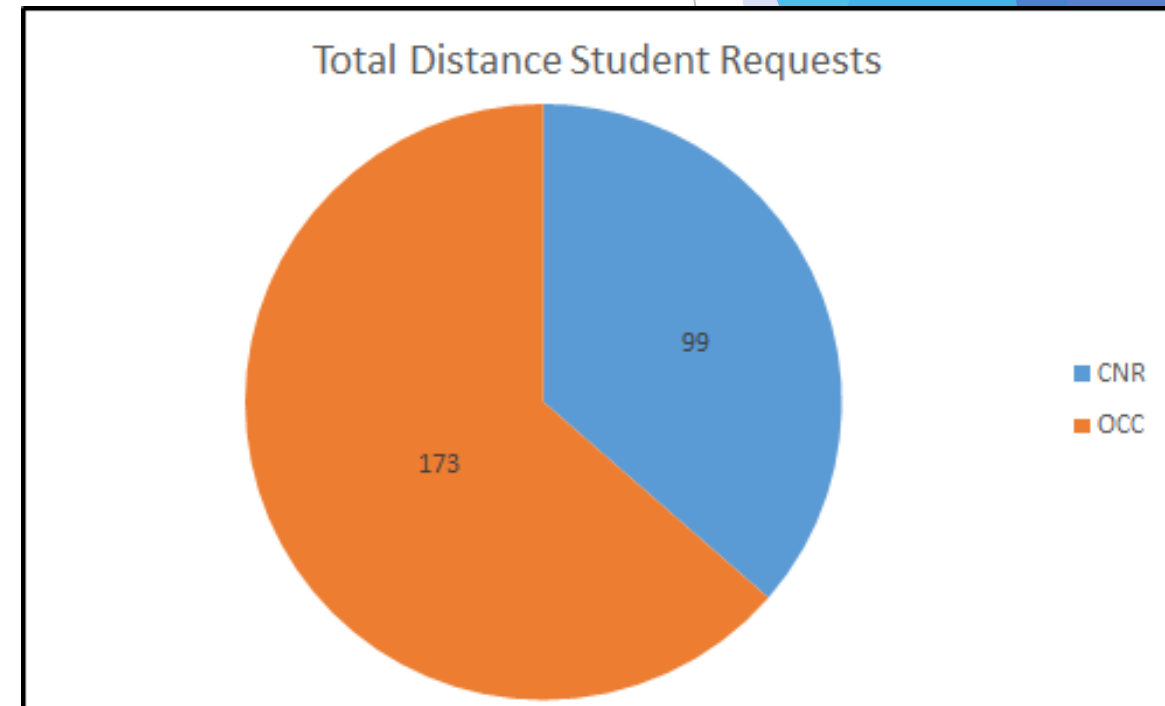
- **Challenge:** Lack of overdue fine policies for ILL
 - **Solution:** Created fine policy for all ILL student patrons
 - Blocked in 7 days email warns of hold on Fisher account, replacement invoice, \$10 overdue fee
 - If library accepts late return, \$10 overdue fee remains
 - **Solution:** Created overdue notice structure for distance students
 - Explanation of importance to return on time

Policies That Didn't Work: Solutions

- **Challenge:** Lack of communication/understanding of resource sharing
 - **Solution:** More frequent communication
 - 1 courtesy notice with option to renew
 - Overdue notices with option to request again
 - **Solution:** Clarified ILL policies concisely within emails, on website, and on Libguide
 - **Solution:** Updated [Libguide](#) (link included in emails) to enhance usability

Findings

- Positive patron (and staff) response
- 272 loans shipped to distance students as of 7/27/2015
 - 104 were items owned by Fisher
 - 168 were borrowed through ILL from 76 different libraries
- Shipped to 21 different CNR students and 27 different OCC students



New Opportunities

- Implemented UPS Campus Ship in Spring 2015
 - Ability to track shipments
 - Direct return to library rather than bookstore
 - Saves ~\$6.00 per loan
 - Cost analysis in FY16
- Provided availability of ILL services to Faculty at OCC/CNR
- Piloting return packaging service on-demand for when students visit campus
- Ready to expand to other satellite programs when needed



Questions

Presentation is available on Fisher Digital Publications:

http://fisherpub.sjfc.edu/library_pub/32/