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Resource Management Software for School Libraries
Product Options for managing book sets, kits, tech and other collections unique to schools

A Note About This Tech Guide

In January 2022, a school library reached out to CLiC for help finding a replacement for Follett's Resource Manager product. The school used this module for managing book sets, makerspace kits, and other multi-part collections that circulated to different schools within the district. Other schools echoed that they needed a solution for this type of collection. Based on criteria, CLiC consultants researched potential vendors, and tried to take some of the guesswork out of what each product can and can't do. This is **not** a complete list of all resource management systems. *CLiC is not endorsing nor otherwise recommending these products.* Looking for other tech solutions? Need to talk over specific collection needs for your library? Contact us.

Product Name	Vendor	Pros/Cons Demo Video, if available	Routing Function	Product Support	Hosted by	Pricing, if known*	Contact
Booktracks Assets Management System**	Book Systems	Pros: Good customer service. The product looks modern and updated. Can stand alone or be used with Atrium ILS. They offer mobile app versions. Cons: May be more than a small district needs. More costly.	Batch barcodes for boxes and routing slips, but not customizable for internal courier systems.	Family - owned and responsive support by phone	Can be hosted by the school using a virtual server or non-virtual or hosted by BookSystems	School-hosted: $1690 per school/year Booksys hosted: $1495 per school/year	Sonia Coggin scoggin@booksys.com 800-249-6574 x 6779 Booktracks Brochure Happy to do a demo.
Insignia Resource Manager**	Insignia Software	Pros: Says they will work with all size budgets to make it work for the district. Can stand alone or be used with Insignia ILS. Cons: same as above—a lot of extra functions for asset management.	Fully Customizable - ask during demo to see options.	Fully supported and updated regularly.	Hosted by Insignia (annual assurance fee applies.)	Varies--Based on # of items in resource center. (Size of collection.)	Craig Hansen craigh@insigniasoftware.com 1-866-428-3997 x 231 Can do a 20-minute demo.
Destiny Resource Manager**	Follett	Includes implementation and account management at the start. Cons: Support lacking for ongoing problems. Designed to work with the full Destiny platform. More costly. Questionable service and updates for product.	Yes: can be customized for school's needs, but requires set-up.	Ongoing with two updates per year.	If new to Follett, they only sell Follett-hosted licenses.	Cost per site: initial fee for set-up and then an annual fee. Inquire for pricing.	Gina Abbate gabbate@follett.com 708-884-6266 More info at https://www.follettcommunity.com/s/destiny-resource-manager

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KitKeeper	Plymouth Rocket, Inc.	Pro: Simple and low-cost system that can interface with any ILS. Good customer support available by phone 24/7. Cons: Interface is a little outdated (doesn't look modern.) Made for public libraries, not schools. Demo video	Routing slips include location name, Attn to: Can be customized.	Update based on user comments and feedback. Once/year on average. Subscription comes with tech support.	No server needed; 100% Web-based.	$475 per year for central storage with distribution to unlimited sites Multiple kit sites is $475 for base and $25 per additional location.	Katie Nolan knolan@plymouthrocket.com 630-607-9206 Zoom demo is less than 30 minutes
OPALS Equipment & Asset Management	Media Flex	Pros: Highly customizable due to being open-source software. Priced competitively. Great customer service. Designed especially for school libraries. Price includes the full suite of OPALs, so a good option if considering a new ILS. Cons: Based on East Coast so 2-hour time difference for service calls.	Yes, and it can include delivery dates in booking system.	OPALs is updated 3x per year. The are community-driven.	Can be hosted by Media Flex (most schools opt for this) but can be locally hosted. School's preference.	Basic annual fee is $500 for support and updates. Extra $250 for hosting, with option to use different systems. Small school pricing is available.	Richard Grenier rgrenier@bibliofiche.com or Andrea Chan andrea@bibliofiche.com or 877-331-1022

*Estimate costs based on general discussion. Not guaranteed for each school district size and type.

**Asset management systems are more robust in tracking from purchase to distribution. Billed as being used for all school assets, from chrome books to band uniforms. Not limited to library use.