Set up Extras: Mackin

When you buy books with Mackin, and have the Mackin add-on, Alexandria will automatically import those records. Let's look at setting up your Mackin preferences.

In Preferences, go to the Extras area. From the list on the left, select Mackin.

First, Enable Mackin. Enter the Vendor URL — mackin.com — and fill in the Username and Password you use on their site.

Once you've done this, you can access Mackin quickly right from Circulation. In the Current Item pane, click on the gear, go to Vendors, and choose Mackin. It will take you to mackin.com and, if you've put the username and password in the preference, it will sign you in.

Import

When you buy from Mackin, they put those records on their server. The next time Daily Chores run in Alexandria, it will automatically import the records.

In the preference, go to the Tools tab. This allows you to set import preferences for Mackin records.

First, you can use your Policy Mapping, or you can manually set what policy to use for Printed, Ebook, and Audiobook Materials.

For each of these categories, you can adjust the Title Match Sensitivity — this is how close a title must match before it decides it's an update rather than a new item. The default is Normal.

We also recommend Enable Call Number Matching, which helps with the Title Matching, although Central Union databases that are not using title call numbers may want to disable this to avoid duplicate title records that vary only by call number.

For Printed Materials, you can have the Copy Status be set to In-Processing, until you actually get those items.

Export

At the bottom here, you can export your collection from any of your sites to send to Mackin. Mackin will analyze the catalog to determine which titles and copies should be replaced, and how much it would cost to do so with Mackin.

To run the export for the site you are currently signed in to, click on Mackin Export, go to Operation Management to download the file, then send the file to Mackin for Review and Analysis.

Contact

Speaking of, under Contact you can fill in the contact information you have for Mackin, so that you can contact them easily with the info right from Alexandria.

Save the preference.

If you are having trouble setting up your Mackin imports, please contact Mackin for your Username and Password.