# THE POWER OF PCODEs

DECISION CENTER REPORTS

### Pcodes within patron accounts

Pcode1 – currently consists of words that describe kinds of patrons;
i.e. juvenile, staff, board, reciprocal, homebound

Pcode2 – originally was being used to designate different levels of students;
i.e. elementary, middle school, high school, undergraduate, graduate, alumni

Pcode3 – currently being used to define patrons by individual libraries;



Pcode4 – just activated. No codes assigned yet.

### **REPORTS in DECISION CENTER**

Access Decision Center with your Sierra user account and password.

Click on EVALUATION, then look at the list of reports under CIRCULATION.

Four (circled in blue) provide access to many different reports and several of them gather data based on the pcodes in the patron accounts.



### PROCESS

Select the report you wish to run. Hover over the report name with the mouse for a definition or description.

Set the parameters of the report. Depending on the report selected, choose date range, location, type of transaction, and item type.

On the next 2 slides, you'll see the selection is for

- a) item type by pcode3
- b) date range of year-to-date
- c) location of Vail Public Library
- d) transaction of circulation (which includes both checkouts and renewals)

Click on Submit and give the report a few minutes to run

#### CIRCULATION

- Call Number Range
- Holdshelf
- Hourly Activity
- Items

Item Type by Transaction Type Item Type by icode1 Item Type by icode2 Item Type by pcode1 Item Type by pcode2 Item Type by pcode3 Item Type by pcode4 Item Type Trends

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- Patrons
- Postal Code

- COLLECTION
- Item Trends
- Title Trends
- Turnover

#### Item Type by pcode3

The Item Type by PCODE# report displays circulation data by Item Type rows and PCODE# columns. PCODE1, PCODE2, PCODE3, and PCODE4 The PCODE# data fields are fixedlength fields associated with a patron record. Your library determines the use of these fields and assigns a descriptive label for each. The labels for PCODE1, PCODE2, PCODE3, and PCODE4 can be different for every library system. Consequently, the specific use of these reports can vary for each organization.

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### Year-To-Date edit

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Vail Public Library C732, Vail Public Library C732 edit

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	Circulation Checkouts Renewals Holds Placed Holds Filled Checkins In-House Use Bookings	

<u>Collection Tools</u> > <u>Evaluation</u> > **Item Type by pcode3** 

DATE 2015 · LOCATION Vail Public Library C732, Vail Public Library C732 · TRANSACTION Circulation

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Item Type 🔅	All pcode3	VAIL RESRT	VAIL Local	- ÷	VAIL Seas 🌻	VAIL CLC 🌐	VAIL Guest	MCPLD	VAIL Juv 🌻	Vail Tov 🌐	Unknown 🌐	VAIL SR 🌩	VAIL CLC	VAIL TSCO	SUM IN
All Item Types	51,774	10,218	8,152	5,889	5,774	5,393	4,060	3,161	2,127	1,977	1,805	1,036	645	421	351
DVD.	14,463	3,310	3,768	32	2,740	1,669	1,189	0	203	845	0	466	87	153	1
Non-fiction	10,870	1,085	1,412	2,995	1,203	749	328	1,255	140	150	785	106	44	57	207
New	5,348	2,150	668	93	330	684	404	12	252	301	0	286	85	69	0

1 Initial Filters 2 Output and additional filtering

DATE 2015 · LOCATION Pine River Library C546 · TRANSACTION Circulation

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Item Type 🌐	All pcode3	Pine River 📮 Library	MCPLD apatron	- ÷	Basalt District Patron	GUN CB	GUN Gunnison	SD51 Fruitvale	SD51 Mt Garfield Middle School	Adams	
All Item Types	50,334	49,465	542	320	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Adult DVD fiction	17,127	16,647	320	156	0	1	1	1	1	0	
Adult book	9,311	9,161	79	69	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Juvenile book	7,188	7,155	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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## How to SAVE the DATA!



To export the report to Excel, click on EXPORT in the upper right corner of the report.

Choose which version of Excel you want to use.

Click the OK button.

The data is exported to an Excel spreadsheet and you'll have the choice of opening the spreadsheet right then or saving the electronic version for access at a later time.

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Item Type by pcode	3			
Date: 03/01/2015 - 0	8/31/2015,			
Location: Pine River	Library C546,			
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		All pcodes		MCPLD patron
		All Pcode3s	168	54
All Item Types	All Item Types	48535	47696	524
Adult DVD fiction	191	16552	16090	307
Adult book	2	8935	8788	79
Juvenile book	52	6964	6934	16
New	250	4986	4952	14
Easy book	32	3514	3497	11
Young Adult	93	1839	1823	10
Adult CD Fiction	142	1660	1629	23
Adult DVD non-	193	1352	1317	16
DVD New	106	877	869	6
Adult Music CD	237	701	646	42
Juvenile audio	50	295	295	0
Laptop	135	224	224	0
Adult CD Non	143	193	192	0
Periodical	73	145	145	0
Young adult	98	126	126	0
Audio tape and	13	81	81	0



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