
Can patron pictures be loaded via PLIF?

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Description:

I see how to add the patron's picture to the global record via the GUI. But this is not very useful when there are thousands of pictures to load. Is there a way to add pictures via the PLIF?

Resolution:

The patrons' pictures can not be loaded via p_file_20.

Though the patron picture appears with the Global record in the GUI, the data is in the \$usr_library/bor_pics directory -- not in Oracle: in displaying patron record ID123456, the programs look for a \$usr_library/bor_pics/ID123456.jpg (or .bmp or ...) file. If found, they display it as the picture.

Thus, you need to load files of pictures into the \$usr_library/bor_pics directory. The name of the file needs to be the patron's z303_rec_key. This will require creating a procedure which take files of pictures with the barcode or university ID as the name, reads a conversion table with the z308 01nnnnnnn barcode or 02nnnnnnn university ID as column 1 and the 00nnnnnnn Aleph patron ID as column 2, and changes the name of the file to the Aleph patron ID.

Additional Information

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