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# MyLibrary: A Database-Driven Website System for Libraries

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## More than a pretty face

MyLibrary has its roots in a customizable interface to collections of library information resources. As the application has matured, it has become a system for creating and managing a library's website by manifesting the ideas of information architecture. Specifically, the MyLibrary system provides the means for a library to create things like:

- top down site maps
- bottom-up site indexes
- controlled vocabularies
- a means for power searching
- browsable lists of resources
- optional, user-specified customizable interfaces

From the commandline you see if your MyLibrary installation is working correctly by issuing the following command: **./mylibrary.pl** . The result should be a stream of HTML intended for a Web browser.

For more information about MyLibrary, see: <http://dewey.library.nd.edu/mylibrary/>  
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