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# The Rolling Stone: Fiscal Close and Fund Structure Design

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rolling stone (noun)

1. Someone who leads a restless or unsettled life

-AllWords.com

#### Who am I?

- At JCCC since July 2003
- Professional Librarian since 1990
- Worked in Technical Services as both library assistant and professional level
- First experience with Voyager System

### **Johnson County Community College**

- Fall 2005 FTE 10,536
- Head count over 18,000
- Single campus (with satellite branch)
- Carlsen Center for Performing Arts
- Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art

## Billington Library - JCCC

- Collection Size: 100,000 volumes
- Acquisitions Budget: approx \$500,000
- 500 current periodical titles
- 40+ databases
- 6 full-time librarians
- 3 part-time librarians
- 7 full-time staff
- 32 part-time staff
- Voyager since 2000 but no Fiscal Close

## Why Fiscal Close?

- If you want to roll over Open Orders from one fiscal period to the next
  - Periodicals, Continuations, Electronic Resources, Microforms
  - Builds a payment history to track increases

## Why Fiscal Close?

If you want to create new ledgers and funds without re-keying:

Ability to do this allows the possibility of a more complex fund structure



## Why Fiscal Close?

Good fiscal stewardship

Reports for administrative use

#### From Fiscal Close to Fund Structure

- What does fiscal responsibility mean?
- What kind of fund system should we have to reflect fiscal responsibility?
- What kinds of information can or should we provide (and how is it going to be used)?
- Are we utilizing "fund accounting" methodology?



## Fund Accounting

"Recording business transactions within a series of separate funds is a common method of accounting for NFOs"

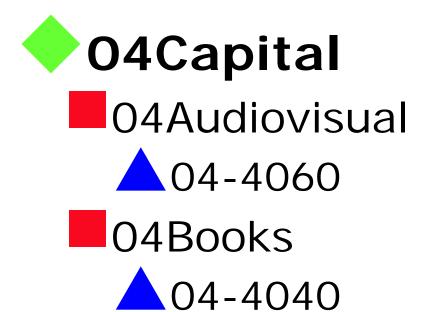
Accounting for Libraries and Other Not-For-Profit Organizations 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

E. Stevenson Smith



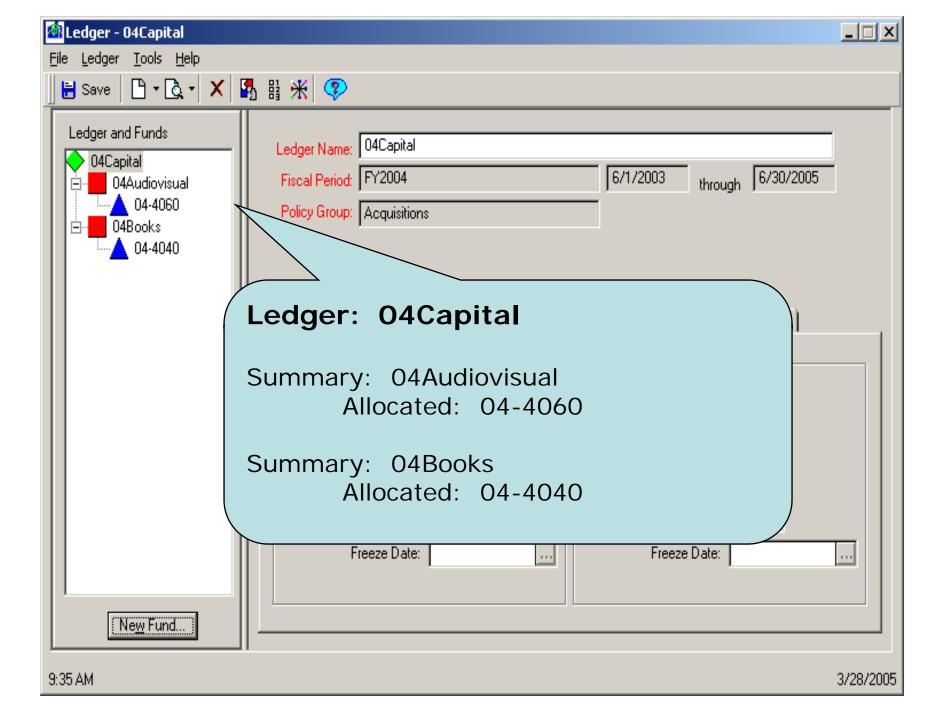
## Previous System

## Two Ledgers:

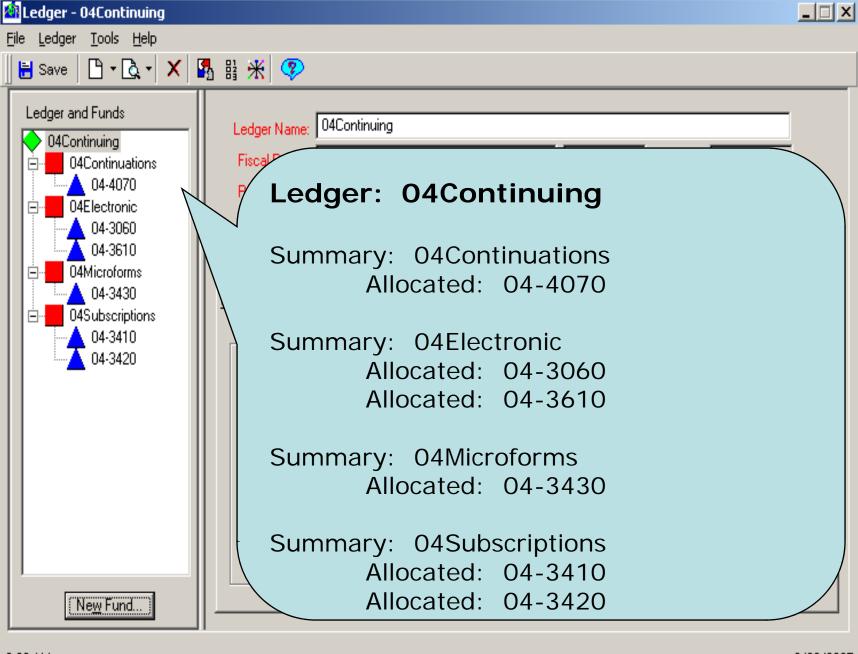


## Previous System (contin.)

- 04Continuing
  - 04Continuations
    - **△**04-4070
  - 04Electronic
    - **△**04-3060
    - **△**04-3610
  - 04Microforms
    - **△**04-3430
  - 04Subscriptions
    - **△**04-3410
    - **△**04-3420







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### Practices at JCCC

- Use LC to divide curriculum areas
- No formula budgeting
- Collecting in multiple areas
- Different classification systems
- Run collection development reports using LC with emphasis on books



## Problems with using LC

"The Library of Congress Classification system was originally designed and developed as a utilitarian system for the use of the Library of Congress only..."

Immroth's Guide to the Library of Congress Classification, Fourth Edition, Lois Mai Chan p. 15

#### Problems with LC

Shelving method – does not reflect curriculum

Requires cross mapping call numbers to curriculum areas

# Computer and Information Systems – Gaming Curriculum

- The Art of Game Characters (Leo Hartas) (T385 .H34721 2005)
- The Animator's Reference Book (Les Pardew) (TR897.5 .P36 2005)
- Multimedia Basics (Suzanne Weixel, et al) (QA76.575 .W459 2004)
- Game Coding Complete (Mike McShaffry) (QA76.76 .C672 M35 2005)
- Al for Game Developers (David M. Bourg) (QC23.2 .B68 2004)
- Digital Gameplay: Essays on the Nexus of Game and Gamer (GV1469.15 .D54 2005)

## Voyager Reporting Issues

- Voyager sees call numbers as "text" fields.
- Because of cross mapping, must run multiple reports for one area.
- Use different classification systems (Dewey for AV, LC for other)



### Benefits of Expanding Fund Accounting

- Use it to validate program support
- Collection development tool for librarians
- Coordinates all format types and classification systems
- Administrators understand fiscal relationships better than LC
- AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program)

## Perhaps the Best Reason of All

If you have a system or process in place you may never have to use it...If you don't, you will be asked to demonstrate the very process you lack.

-- Guzzy's Law of Technical Services



## Pre-Fiscal Close: Fund Code Structure Re-design Pilot Project

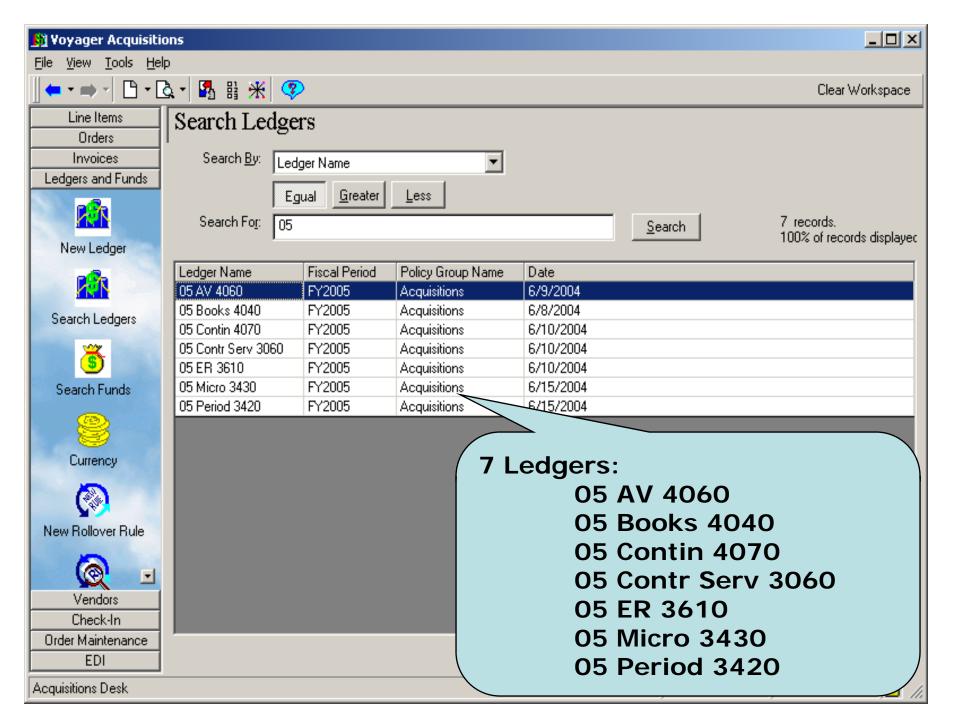
- Focus on expanding fund accounting techniques
- Move away from reporting only using LC Classification (books)
- Use reporting funds to help demonstrate library support of curricula by coding orders

## What makes a good fund code?

- Consistency (all codes have five letters)
  - JCCC course codes have three and four letters
- Grouping (Go down to the level you think you might need) Division – Department – Program – Subject
- Names and Numbers where appropriate

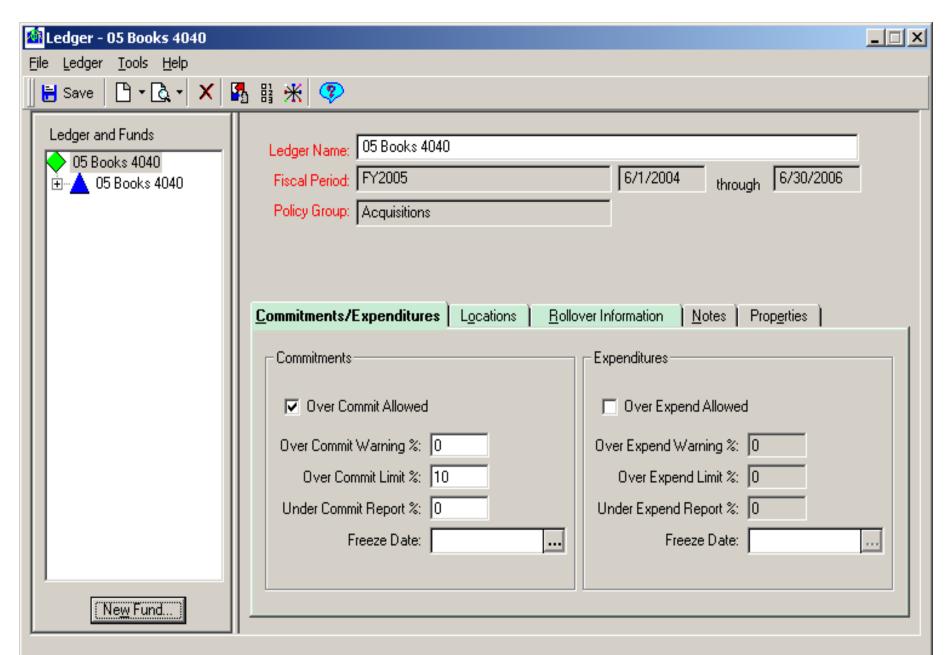
## Ledgers

- Created Ledger for each material type = college fund codes
  - Not sure which ones we could roll during fiscal close
  - Roll over rule is for entire Ledger
- Used FY, Name, Fund Number convention
- No Summary Funds
- Use of formula budgeting would determine different ledger structure



#### Allocated Fund Codes

- Based on College fund codes
- Originally contained fiscal year
- Used FY, Name and Number combination but put name first example: 05 Books 4040



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## Reporting Fund Codes

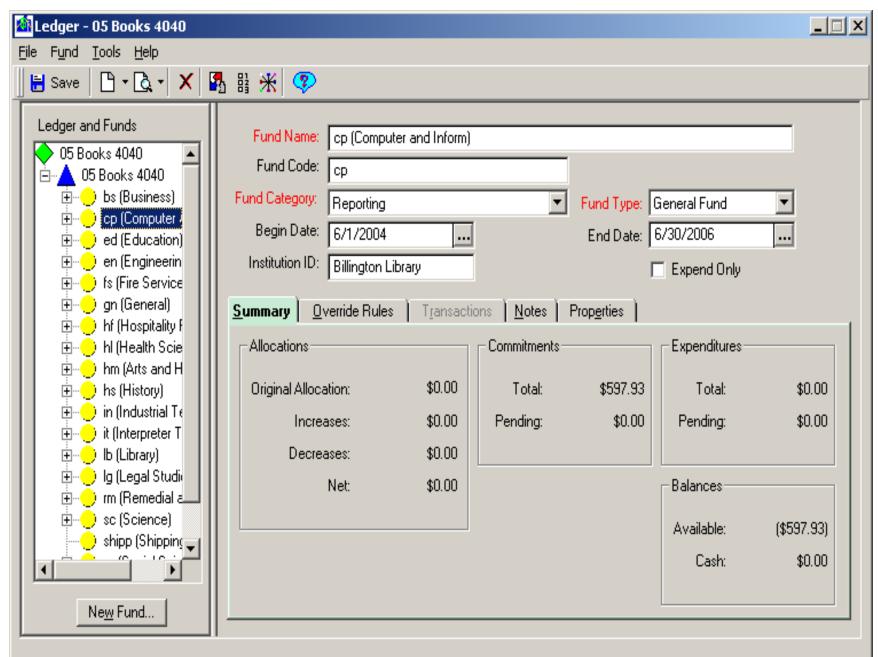
- Looked at course offerings
- Looked at librarian liaison divisions
- Wrote down some general categories
- Broke down by programs or departments when possible
- Created codes using two letter "major" code and three-letter "sub-category" code

## Example of New Structure

- 05 Books 4040
  - △05 Books 4040
    - bs (Business)
    - cp (Computer & Info Sys)
    - ed (Education)
    - en (Engineering)
    - fs (Fire Science)
    - gn (General)
    - hf (Hospitality)
    - hl (Health Sciences)

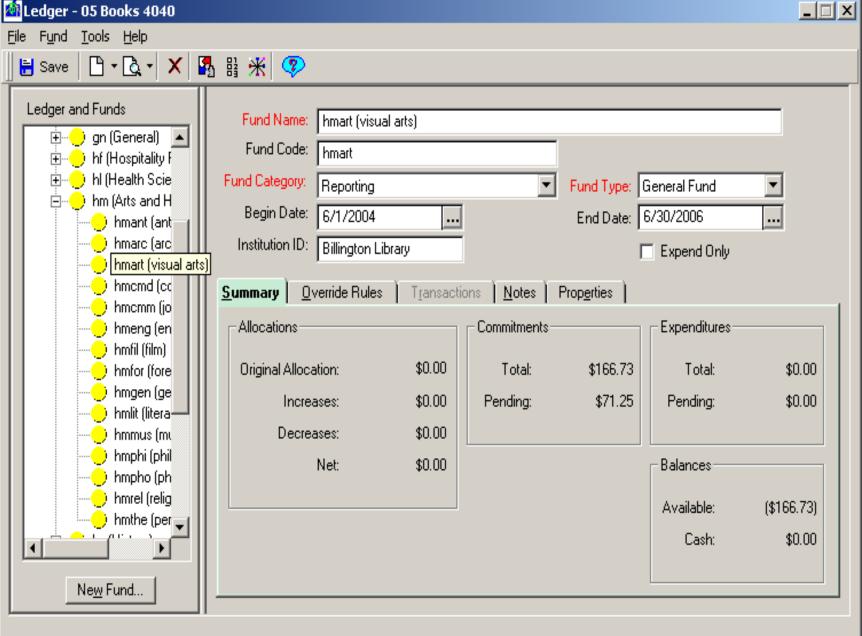
## Example of Fund Structure (contin)

- hm (Arts and Humanities)
  - hmant (anthropology)
  - hmarc (archaeology)
  - hmcmd (communication disorders)
  - hmcmm (journalism & communic.)
  - hmeng (english)
  - hmfil (film)
  - hmmus (music)
  - hmphi (philosophy)



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#### The Pilot Plan

- Initially decided to pilot system in Technical Services only:
  - Workload issues within technical services (time factors, procedural issues, etc.)
  - Reports and information generated
  - Fiscal close and rolling of funds
  - Did not want to add to librarians' workloads

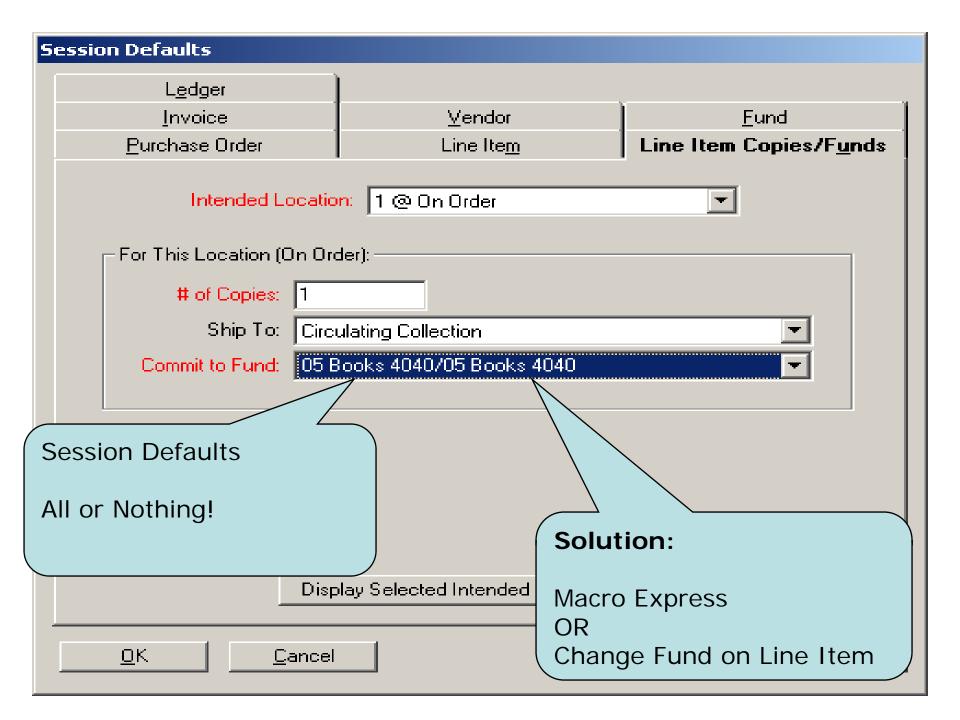


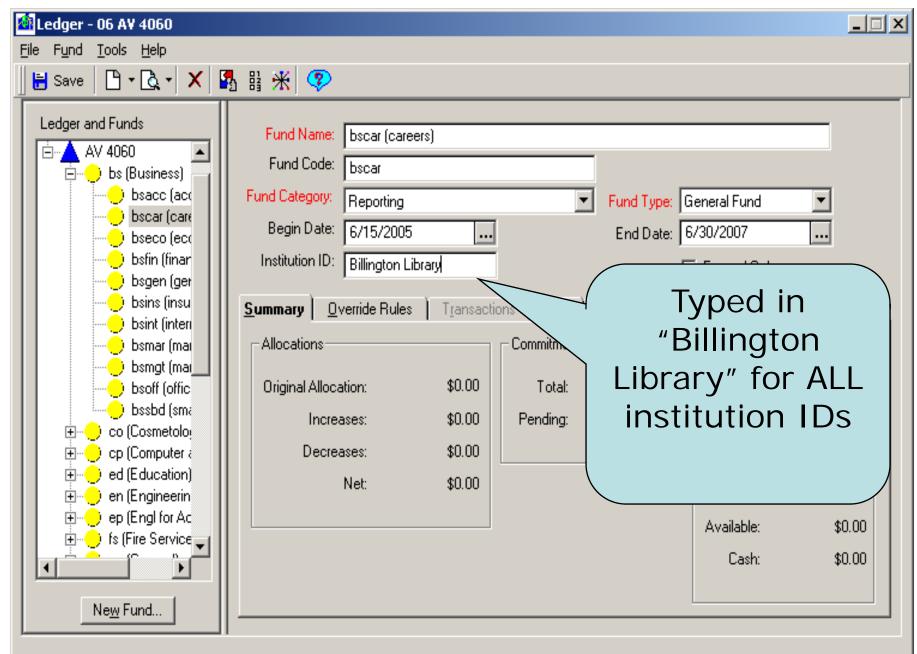
## Early Challenges

- Staff concern of choosing inaccurate reporting funds (reporting fund based on our best guess)
- Some code discussion and editing before implementation
- Unable to move serial titles onto individual p.o.s because of bug

## The Pilot Begins

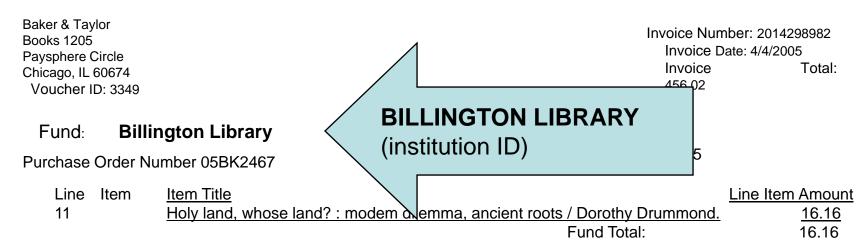
- Began coding orders on July 1, 2004
- Keystroke issue re-keying of order information in defaults.
- Institution ID and Voucher/Check Request
  - Entered Institution ID "Billington Library" on Reporting Funds
  - Institution ID printed instead of the fund. So I deleted all of the Institution ID's





#### **Voucher/Check Request**

The following amount should be paid to the indicated vendor for the listed invoice which apply to the displayed Purchase Orders.



Fund: Billington Library

Purchase Order Number 05BK2467 P.O. Date: 3/30/2005

Line	<u>Item</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	_ine Item Amount
12		Intimate garden: twenty years and four seasons in our garden / Gordon	25.57
17		Hayward and Mary Hayward; with photographs by Richard W. Brown. Perennial gardener's design primer / Stephanie Cohen & Nancy J. Ondra; foreword by Allan Armetage; photographs by Pob Cardillo	M. 22.46
19		Arrnotage; photographs by Rob Cardillo. Solving deer problems: how to keep them out of the garden, avoid them on the roa and deal with them anywhere! / Peter Loewer.	ad, 13.46

Fund: Billington Library Fund Total: 61.49

Purchase Order Number 05BK2467 P.O. Date: 3/30/2005

Line Item
1 Rachael Ray 30-minute meals for the carb-frustrated : confessions of a low-carb life / Rachael Ray.

Line Item Amount 17.06

#### **Voucher/Check Request**

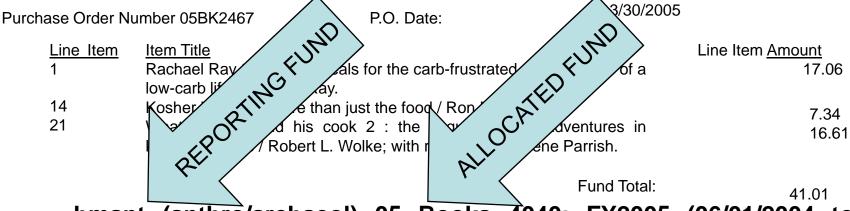
The following amount should be paid to the indicated vendor for the listed invoice which apply to the displayed Purchase Orders.

Baker & Taylor Books 1205 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674 Voucher ID: 3349

Invoice Number: 2014298982 Invoice Date: 4/4/2005 Invoice Total:

456.02

Fund: hfchf (chefs apprentice) 05 Books 4040: FY2005 (06/01/2004 to 06/30/2006)



Fund: hmant (anthro/archaeol) 05 Books 4040: FY2005 (06/01/2004 to

**06/30/2006)**Purchase Order Number 05BK2467

P.O. Date: 3/30/2005

Line Item	<u>Item Title</u>	Line Item Amount
6	Complete dictionary of symbols / Jack Tresidder, general editor.	10.33
7	Crafts of Mexico / edited by Margarita de Orellana, Alberto Ruy-Sanchez ; guest editor, Eliot Weinberger.	20.25
15	Man the hunted: primates, predators, and human evolution / Donna Hart, Robert W. Sussman.	19.17
	Fund Total:	49.75

# **Project Changes**

- Described pilot at Reference meeting July 21, 2004
- Discussed Concerns
  - Monitoring of purchases
  - Information abuse
  - Using reporting fund information exclusively
  - Being by-passed in reporting process
  - Coding time factor
  - Formula based budgeting

### **Project Changes**

- Librarians suggested at the 7/21/2004 meeting that they start coding orders immediately
- Review of fund codes
- Started with 72 reporting fund codes
- 19 additional codes were added
- 2 codes were deleted
- Total of 89 reporting fund codes



# Early Conclusions

- Time impact of coding is minimal.
- Still disagreement about not using LC
- Still concern over how the information will be used
- Concern over fund code names
- The stone continues to roll....Spinoff projects: Direct Pays, Serials Review, Media project



# Early Conclusions contin.

- Meaningful fund accounting methodology to track curriculum related purchases is an appropriate way to demonstrate fiscal responsibility
- What you expect to happen quickly won't and some things will happen more quickly than anticipated
- Final conclusions must wait 2-3 years. Continue fund structure review



#### **Back to Fiscal Close**

- Decisions about which funds to roll
- Initially some funds would remain open for two years (Direct Pays)
- Fiscal close in July 2005 to include 6 out of 7 ledgers
- Periodicals, Microforms still a problem



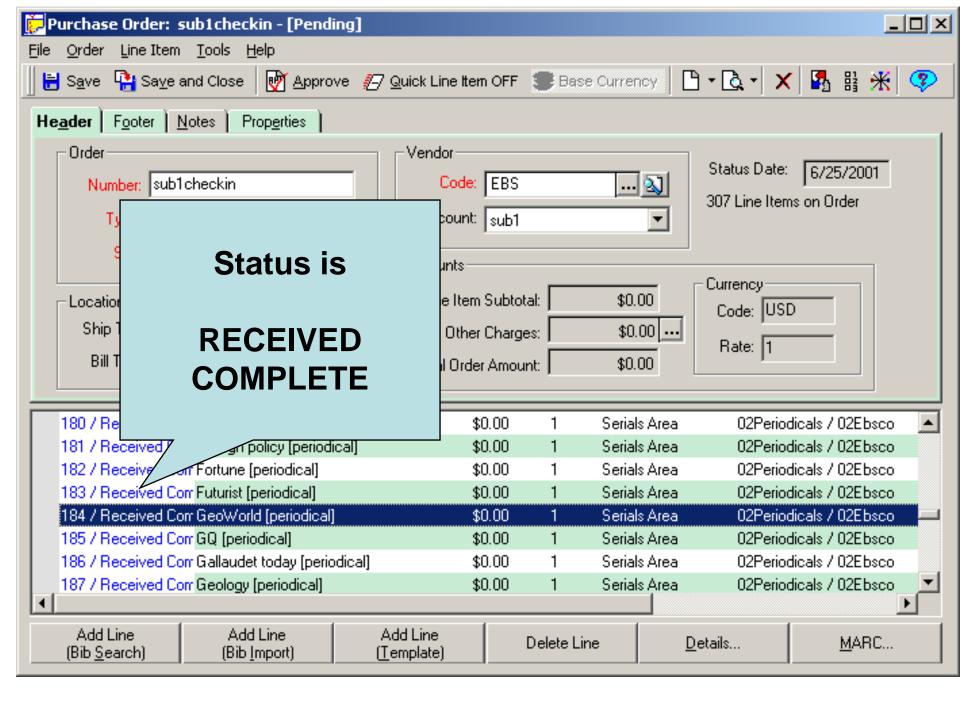
# Periodicals + Fiscal Close = Problems

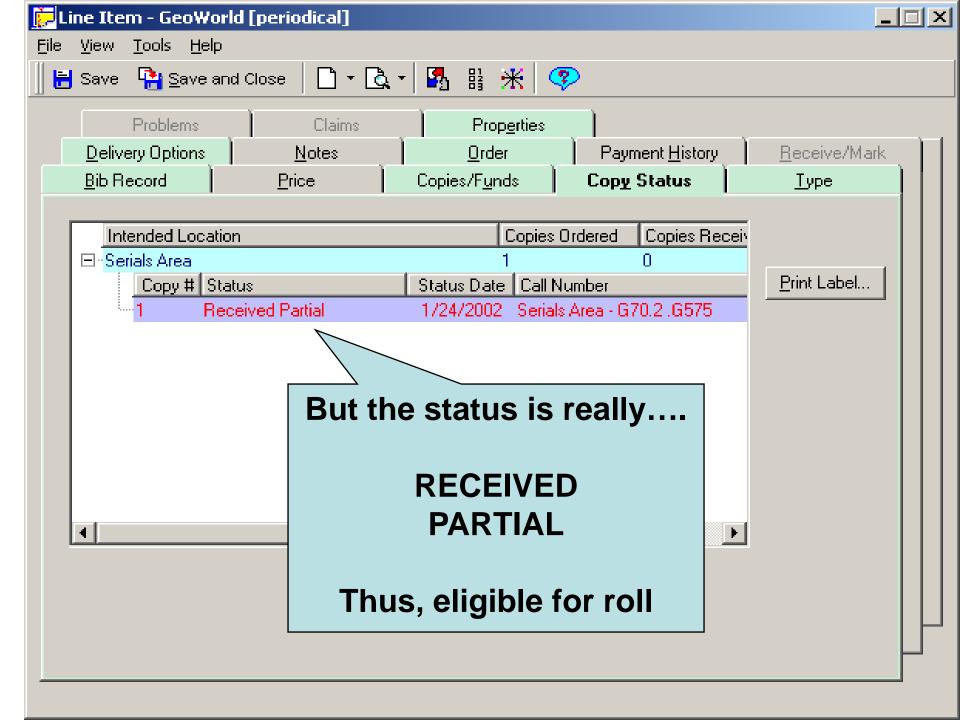
- Originally set up according to Endeavor's recommendations of placing all titles on one or two purchase orders
- Process of moving titles to individual orders – unresolved bug!
- Microform similar to periodicals plus MF mhfds on print records
- The "status question"

Table 16-1 Open Orders

<b>Line Item Copy Status</b>	Invoice Item Status	Open Order		
Pending	n/a	Yes*		
Approved/Sent	none	Yes*		
Approved/Sent	Invoice Pending	Yes		
Approved/Sent	Invoiced	Yes*		
Received Partial	none	Yes*		
Received Partial	Invoice Pending	Yes		
Received Partial	Invoiced	Yes*		
Received Complete	none	Yes*		
Received Complete	Invoice Pending	Yes		
Received Complete	Invoiced	No		
Returned	none	No		
Returned	Invoice Pending	No		
Returned	Invoiced	No		
Claimed	none	Yes*		
Claimed	Invoice Pending	Yes		
Claimed	Invoiced	Yes*		

Voyager® 5.0 Acquisitions Users Guide pg. 16-5



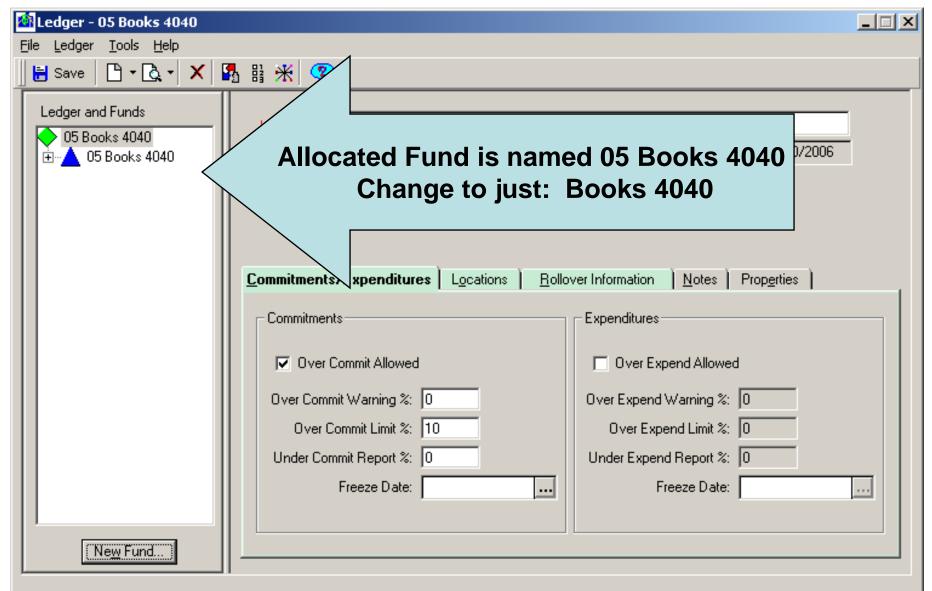


### Prep for Fiscal Close

- Read the manual!
- Read everything you can on fiscal close!
- Have a really good systems coordinator
- Set system fiscal year
- Define Roll Over Rules
- Apply Ledgers
- Run reports

#### Fiscal Close and Fund Names

- Per Voyager® 2001.2 Acquisitions Users Guide pg.16-4: "When Fiscal Period Close rolls over a Ledger and its Funds to a new Fiscal Period, you have the option of renaming the Ledger before you perform the rollover, but the Fund Names are the same."
- Allocated Fund names changed so that FY is not reflected.

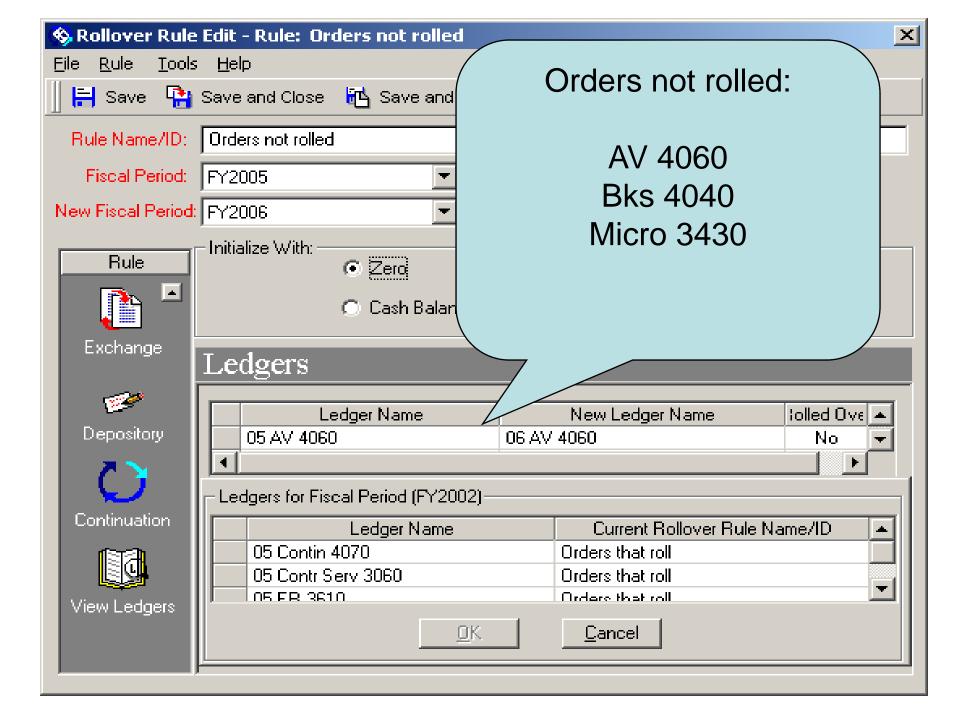


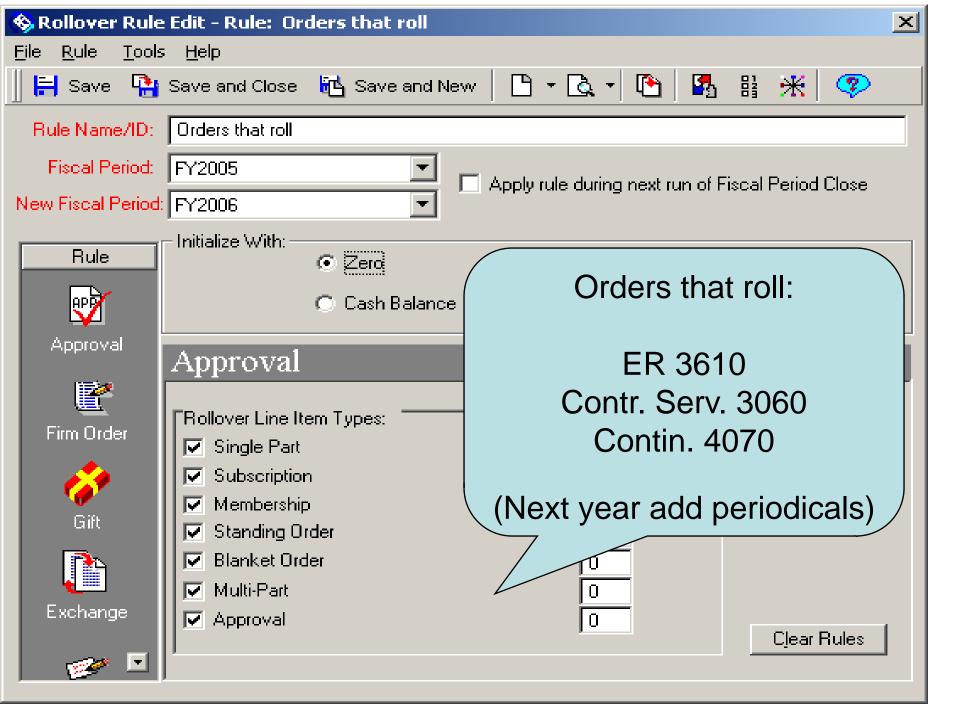
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#### Rollover Rules

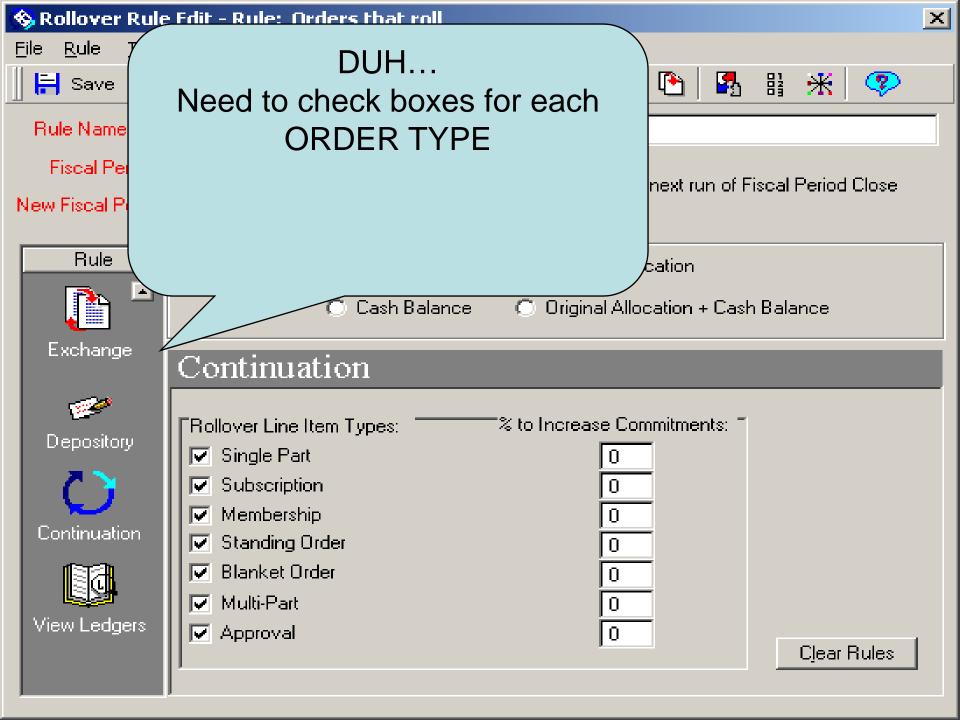
- Two rollover rules
  - One for monographic type orders no open orders roll
  - One for continuing materials open orders roll
- Roll all funds to zero

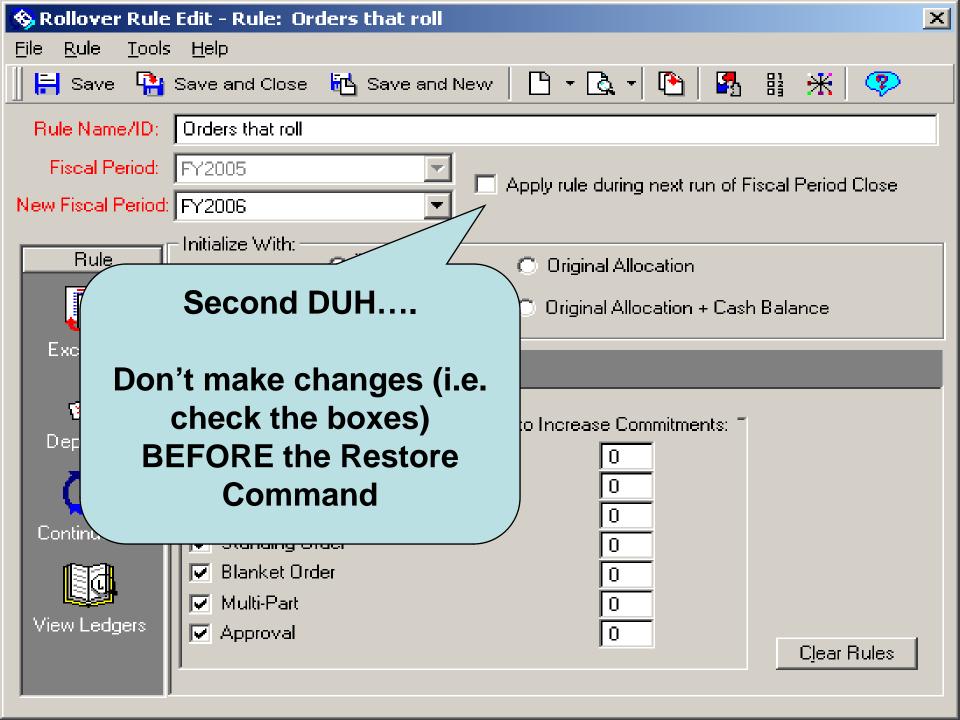




### The Day of the Roll...

- Our really good systems coordinator ran fiscal close from home in the early morning
- Rollover didn't work (for continuations, electronic resources)
- Restore command works very well
- Duh...





# Fiscal Close Experience

All in all – a relatively smooth first Fiscal Close

Reports are great! (exported into Excel)

REPORTING FUNDS							
05 Books 4040	bs (Business)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$9,089.44	-\$9,057.33	\$32.11	\$9,057.33
05 AV 4060	bs (Business)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$37.48	-\$37.48	\$0.00	\$37.48
05 ER 3610	bs (Business)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$7,295.00	-\$7,295.00	\$0.00	\$7,295.00
05 Contin 4070	bs (Business)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$16,251.21	-\$16,251.21	\$0.00	\$16,251.21
subtotal							\$32,641.02
05 Books 4040	bsacc (accounting)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$31.94	-\$31.94	\$0.00	\$31.94
05 AV 4060	bsacc (accounting)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05 ER 3610	bsacc (accounting)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05 Contin 4070	bsacc (accounting)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$229.42	-\$229.42	\$0.00	\$229.42
05 Books 4040	bscar (careers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$113.50	-\$113.50	\$0.00	\$113.50
05 AV 4060	bscar (careers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

### The more things change...

- Fund changes continue: 2 more fund codes added in July 2005 after rollover = 91
- Still discussion on the value of codes
- Still discussion on code names
- Organizational tradition and history plays a large role in perceptions about and development of fund codes and fund structure
- Fiscal Close is a **good** library process

#### QUESTIONS???

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