Sviluppo di una verticalizzazione apposita dell’ambiente Folio e/o assunzione del ruolo di **Product Owner** per lo sviluppo delle **Reading Room Features di Folio**

This project was designed according the corresponding FOLIO Community’s issue and according to the Björn Muschall and Lisa Perchermeier (Leipzig)’s analysis of requirements. The functionality refers to any item that is not allowed to be taken out of the library, but can be made available for members to use within the library building in a Reading Room or other such location. This option is used to assist with the loan and return of material that is only available for use in a Reading Room. It provides the library staff that are responsible for the Reading Room material with an overall view of the items that are currently “issued” or being “held” for Reading Room use (traceability).

In order to meet those requirements, IBAI SCANBIT proposes a verticalization of the FOLIO environment for implementing a dashboard via OPAC (for librarians with certain permissions), to provide an overview of the requests with pickup location ‘Reading Room’ and items checked out in the temporary location ‘Reading Room’. That screen would allow the traceability of the items with original location ‘stack’ requested for the reading room, and the performance of the checkin and checkout actions on the same screen, certain bulk actions included:
To overcome the challenge of managing the items that some patrons want to keep reserved for the next day, IBAI SCANBIT recommends to use the hourly loan for items located in the stack with ‘Only use in reading room’ loan type. In the corresponding circulation rules, the hourly loan should be selected for the external users who would like to request and borrow items with ‘Only use in reading room’ loan type. In the loan policy, the closed date due management should be ‘Move to the beginning of the next open service point hours’. This way, at the end of the service in the Reading Room, the librarian will be able to return and close (including the movement of the items to the original location) the loans for borrowers that will not continue next day, and keep the loans will continue, renewing them with override permissions, if necessary. So, the loan policy will have to consider the maximum number of renewals allowed for those use cases.

The following image shows a proposal of dashboard to control and manage the items involved in the Reading Room service. Assigned librarian will see the requests and the loans in the same screen. And they will be able to activate/cancel the requests, return and close the loans, and renew the hourly loans:

In any case, IBAI SCANBIT will define the final workflow and screens along with the National Library’s responsible. Moreover, IBAI SCANBIT will contribute with this analysis to the FOLIO’s Community in behalf of the BNCF.