How do I set up CPID (Patterned ID) Authentication?

CPID authentication, also known as library bar code authentication or patterned ID authentication, supports letters as well as numbers.

Patterned IDs are library card or bar code numbers that are usually coded or masked. They may vary in length. Patterned ID authentication lets a user access EBSCOhost by entering a library card or bar code number. If the number entered does not match an ID set up by the library administrator, access is not permitted. The administrator can decide which characters are significant, and compare up to 30 characters, if needed.

To set up CPID Authentication:

2. Click the Authentication Tab.
3. Click the CPID Sub-Tab.
4. Click the Add Model ID Link.
5. In the ID Length drop-down list (located at the bottom of the page), select the number of characters required to support the format of your patrons’ card.
6. In the Group ID drop-down list, select the applicable Group ID.
7. In the Model ID field, enter an example of the ID card used by patrons. Use one box for each character the ID card contains.
8. In the Mask field, change the 0 to a 1 if that field is the same for each ID.
9. Click Submit. The list of model IDs appears with your new model ID displayed.

In order to use this form of authentication, your patrons must use the following URL: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=cpid&custid=custid

where, custid is your EBSCOhost customer ID.

• You can modify the model ID by clicking on the linked model ID number in the Model ID list.
• To use this URL on your library web page and authenticate for your IP address, you should use the following URL: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,cpid&custid=custid.
• You can also direct your users to a specific profile by adding a profile ID to the end of the URL. (For example, http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=cpid&custid=custid&profile=profileid where profileid identifies one of your profiles.)

See also:

How do I set up a preferred order of authentication?