



Alma Product Update

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Alma's Journey

2009

Boston College, Princeton University, KU Leuven and Purdue University partner with Ex Libris to create the Unified Resource Management (URM) framework

2010

First partner release of the URM system was successfully deployed

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2011

URM becomes Alma
Second, third and fourth partner release
European Early Adopters program, North America Early Adopters program

2012

5 Institutions

Alma Go Live
Boston College
University of East London
Fort Hays State University
VCU
Boston University

2013

150 Institutions

2016

650 institutions

2017

1000 institutions

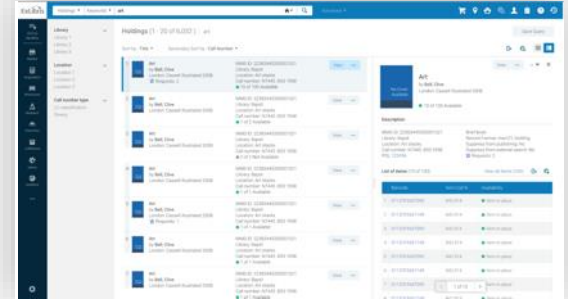
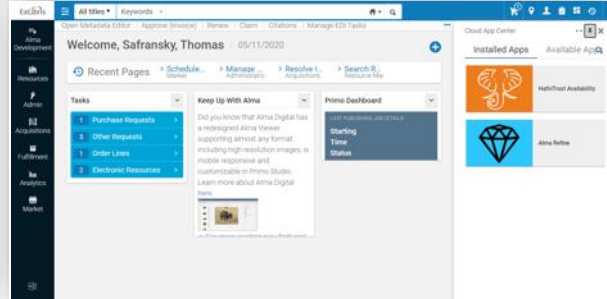
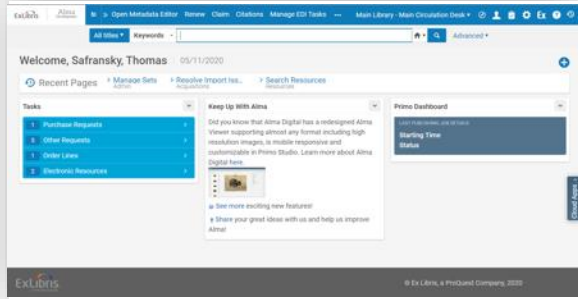
2022

1925 institutions

It's All About Providing More Value



User Experience – An ongoing commitment



1 New UI

2 New Concepts

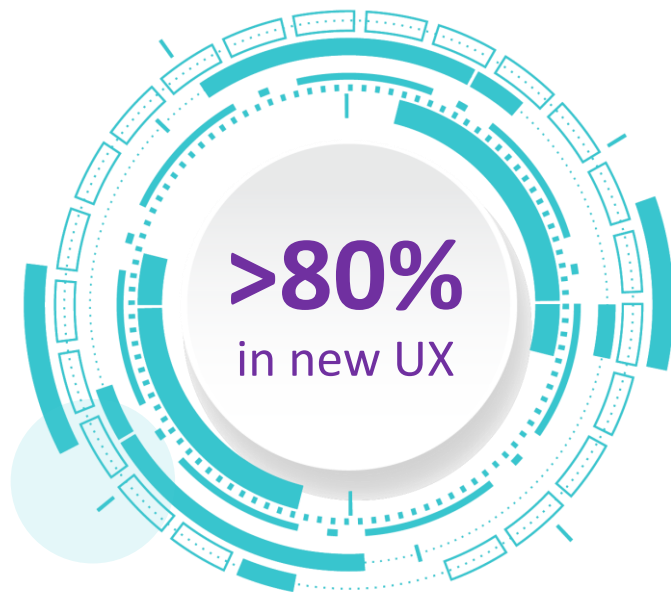
3 Apply

- New layout
- Side by side
- Slide out
- Cards

- Acquisitions
- Repository searches
- Configuration
- More...

Workflow Simplification

Effectively transform the user experience in Alma



Most of the day-to-day work in the system will be done through new and improved UX by the end of 2025

Workflow Simplification

RESOURCE SHARING TASK LISTS



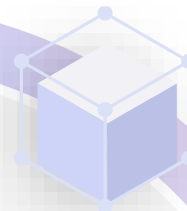
Benefits

- Inline editing
- Improved faceting
- Inline handling of patron queries
- Easier search

The screenshot displays a web application interface for managing borrowing requests. On the left, a sidebar contains filters for 'Refine by', 'Activity Status' (Active), 'Clear all', 'Active Partner' (Alma ILL Partner, BLDSS Test, ILLiad), 'Activity Status' (Active), 'Status' (Cancelled, Created borrow...), and 'Creation Date' (4-7 days ago, 8-30 days ago, Older). The main content area is titled 'Borrowing Requests (1 - 20 of 349)'. It features a search bar, a 'Sort by: Update Date' dropdown, and buttons for 'Change Status', 'Remove Requests', 'Create Request', and a settings icon. The list shows several items, each with a checkbox, a title, author, and request details. For example, item 7 is 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire' by Gibbon, requested by Andrew Aral on 01/13/2022. Item 8 is 'Water / Open University', requested by Moshe Shechter on 12/14/2021. Item 9 is an article on the mode of laying the rails, requested on 09/15/2021. Item 10 is 'Exposition of Foucault's Experiment / of the Franklin Institute', requested on 11/26/2020. A right-hand panel shows a detailed view of a request for 'The sky is the limit?' with external identifier EXLDEV10004344, marked as 'Shipped Physically'. Below this is a 'Request form (as filled by requester)' with fields for Volume, Chapter title, Chapter author, Chapter number, Pages, and Note. The requester is identified as 'Ex Libris Staff'.

Workflow Simplification

PO LINE TASK LIST



Benefits

- Inline Editing
- Unified task list
- Quick navigation
- Improved faceting

Purchase Order Lines (1 - 20 of 47)

ID	Title	Identifier	Owner	Status	Amount
9	The Worthington history, DReam Publications, 1047-241X, ISSN	1047-241X	O'Neill	Alerts (1)	0.0 USD
10	E_Relink_CZ_0104150445, 2014, ISBN0104150445, ISBN	ISBN0104150445	O'Neill	Alerts (1)	0.0 USD
11	Canada / Julie Murray, Minneapolis, MN ; ABDO Pub Co, c2014, 9781617838064, ISBN	9781617838064	O'Neill	Alerts (1)	0.0 USD
12	RelinkBibWithSeveralURLsToAnotherBib..._Title_15031601103, RelinkBibWithS...	RelinkBibWithSeveralURLsToAnotherBib_ISBN_15031601103	O'Neill	Alerts (1)	20.0 USD
13	_Title_15031601221, _ISBN_15031601221, ISBN	_ISBN_15031601221	O'Neill	Alerts (1)	20.0 USD

Canada / Julie Murray, Minneapolis, MN ; ABDO Pub Co, c2014, 9781617838064, ISBN

0.0 USD

15-311170

2021-08-29T07:52:43.396+0000In Review
2021-08-29T07:52:14.087+0000deferred

PO Line Information

PO line owner: O'Neill
MMS ID: 9913575210001021
Identifier: 9781617838064
Acquisition method: Purchase
Invoice status: No invoice

Material type: Journal
 Manual packaging
 Cancellation restriction

Ordered Portfolios (1)

Name	Service Type	Service Activatio...	Activation Date	Access Mod&Bib&Isonal
1 Canada /	DATABASE	Not active		

Workflow Simplification

PATRON SERVICES

The screenshot displays a library patron services interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Loans (8 of 8)', 'Returns (5)', and 'Requests (4)'. Below these are buttons for 'Add/Renew Patron Role', 'Submit Request', 'Refresh Blocks/Notes', and 'Done'. A search bar contains 'My Institution' and a 'Scan Item Barcode' field. The main area shows a list of loans with columns for item details, library information, and actions. The loans listed are:

Item	Barcode	Due date	Library	Policy	Loan date	Actions
Water	39031031890643	16/03/2021 13:02:56 PM IST	Owning Library O'Neill	One week loan	16/03/2020	Notes, Renew
Food and war in twentieth century Europe	39031031890643	16/03/2021 13:02:56 PM IST	Owning Library O'Neill	One week loan	16/03/2020	Overdue, Fines (\$2.00), Renew
Sport speed	39031031890643	16/03/2021 13:02:56 PM IST	Owning Library O'Neill	One week loan	16/03/2020	Fines (\$2.00), Renew
George Stubbs	39031031890643	16/03/2021 13:02:56 PM IST	Owning Library O'Neill	One week loan	16/03/2020	Requests (1), Notes, Renew
Water	39031031890643	16/03/2021 13:02:56 PM IST	Owning Library O'Neill	One week loan	16/03/2020	Fines (\$2.00), Renew
Food and war in twentieth century Europe	39031031890643	16/03/2021 13:02:56 PM IST	Owning Library O'Neill	One week loan	16/03/2020	Requests (1), Renew

The screenshot shows a user profile for Jane Aulenback (ID 65758397). The profile includes:

- User group: BC Undergraduate
- Expiration date: 30/08/2024
- Active balance: 262.00 USD
- Buttons: Quick user details, Full user details, Send report / receipt

Below the profile, there are sections for 'System Notes (10)' and 'User Notes (7)'. The System Notes section contains 10 entries, each stating 'User has 7 overdue item(s). 5 in this library.' The User Notes section contains 7 entries, each stating 'User has 7 overdue item(s). 5 in this library.'

Benefits

- Quicker access to more information
- Visual tips
- Personalization

Workflow Simplification

REPOSITORY SEARCH

The screenshot displays a library search interface with a search bar at the top containing 'All titles', 'Keywords', and 'history'. The search results are filtered by 'Institution' and show 'All Titles (1 - 20 of 80,448)'. The left sidebar contains filters for 'Library' (O'Neill), 'Item Material Type' (Audio cassette, Book, Bound issue), 'Library' (O'Neill, Bapst, Burns), 'Collection' (Art Collection, Digital Collection), and 'Process Type' (Acquisition, Hold Shelf, In Process). The main content area shows search results for 'Glamour: a history / Stephen Gundle' and 'History of Rome / Michael Grant'. The 'Glamour: a history' result is expanded, showing a detailed view with a book cover, title, author, subject, MMS ID, ISBN, and a list of holdings (ONL / Location STACK / Call number B2799 .H7 B43x, ONL / Location KC_STACK / Call number B2799 .H7 B43 / Accession Number @336567, ONL / Location NDL_STACK / Call number B2799 .H7 B43X / Accession Number @18293).

Benefits

1. Improve Productivity
2. Save Time
3. Streamlined workflow
4. Consistence experience for all resource types
5. Less Navigation



Other



Analytics



Configuration



Sets

Experience Alma New UX @IGelU

Visit us at our booth

Meet Alma Product Management team

Come and talk to us- share your experience, thoughts, ideas

Try it out!



Sessions on the topic

Experience Alma new and simplified Acquisitions workflow

by Noam Fass, Ex Libris

Tuesday September 13

A Feature is Born in Alma. A Collaborative Journey For the Perfect UX

by Ruhama Amouyal, Bar-Ilan University & Raphael Gabbay, Ex Libris

Thursday September 15, 2022 at 11:55 AM–12:25 PM



Fit for Purpose

Address Current & Emerging Needs

Linked Data

Data
Excellence

Collaborative Collection
Management



Libraries Need Linked Data



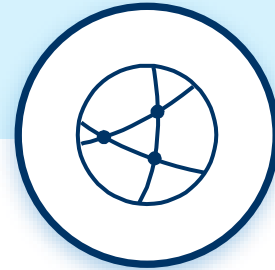
EFFICIENT CATALOGING

Higher accuracy with less manual work. Easier to create relationships. Focus on special collections and unique materials



BETTER DISCOVERABILITY

Display enrichment, easier navigation and accuracy. Enabling sophisticated querying making it quicker to find what you want



IMPROVED INTEROPERABILITY

Open to the global network of data outside of libraries systems such as research

Linked Data - What Exists Today in Alma?

RECORDS ENRICHMENT

Automatically with URIs for language, identifiers, names, and subjects

ALMA REFINE

supports the refine workflow within Alma. It works currently with Getty, Wikidata, and Geonames Linked open Vocabularies

DISPLAY IN SEARCH

In result and record view (also as BIBFRAME)

PUBLISH AND EXPORT

Entire catalog:
BIBFRAME, RDA/RDF

REST APIS

In: BIBFRAME, RDA/RDF
and JSON-LD

ENDPOINTS

Ability to reach either
work, instance or
authority

Linked Data – Plans for 2022/2023



CATALOGING

Ability to store and have basic use for Linked Open Data records

User will be able to upload and search for work and instance cataloged as linked open data. It will be also possible to manage inventory and perform fulfillment workflows for these instances.

Integrate 3rd party Linked Data editor

Cataloger will be able to create new linked data records and store them in Alma



Linked Open Data
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 10:40 AM–11:10 AM
by Itai Veltzman

Data Excellence Looking Forward



Capacity, Efficiency,
Speed and Provision,
Quality

Data Excellence (DX) Strategy, Ongoing Status, and Future Plans
Thursday, 9:30 AM–9:55 AM
Rael Elstein



Quicker Updates

Increase update frequency of Alma



Better Quality

Improve and expand MARC
metadata in Alma CZ



Improved Discoverability

Enhance linking and rights for CDI users



And More...

Long-term Content and Data focus

Collaborative Collection Management

THE CHALLENGE:

- Shelving space
- Budget constraints
- The “long tail”: hard-to-find materials, very useful to few patrons in each library



THE ANSWER:

- Cooperation and Collaboration
- Collection Retention Agreements
 - Joint Acquisition
 - Joint Storage
 - Analytical Management

Collaborative collections: the evolution of collective physical resources management and ownership

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 2:20 PM–2:50 PM

By Lili Daie

Collaborative collections: Round table

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM–4:30 PM

By Lili Daie & Itai Veltzman



The Alma User Community

We Depend on Your Involvement and Input



Idea
Exchange

NERS

Focus Groups and
Working Groups

UX • Analytics • Authority
Consortia • Special Focused Group

Your Ideas..

Idea Exchange

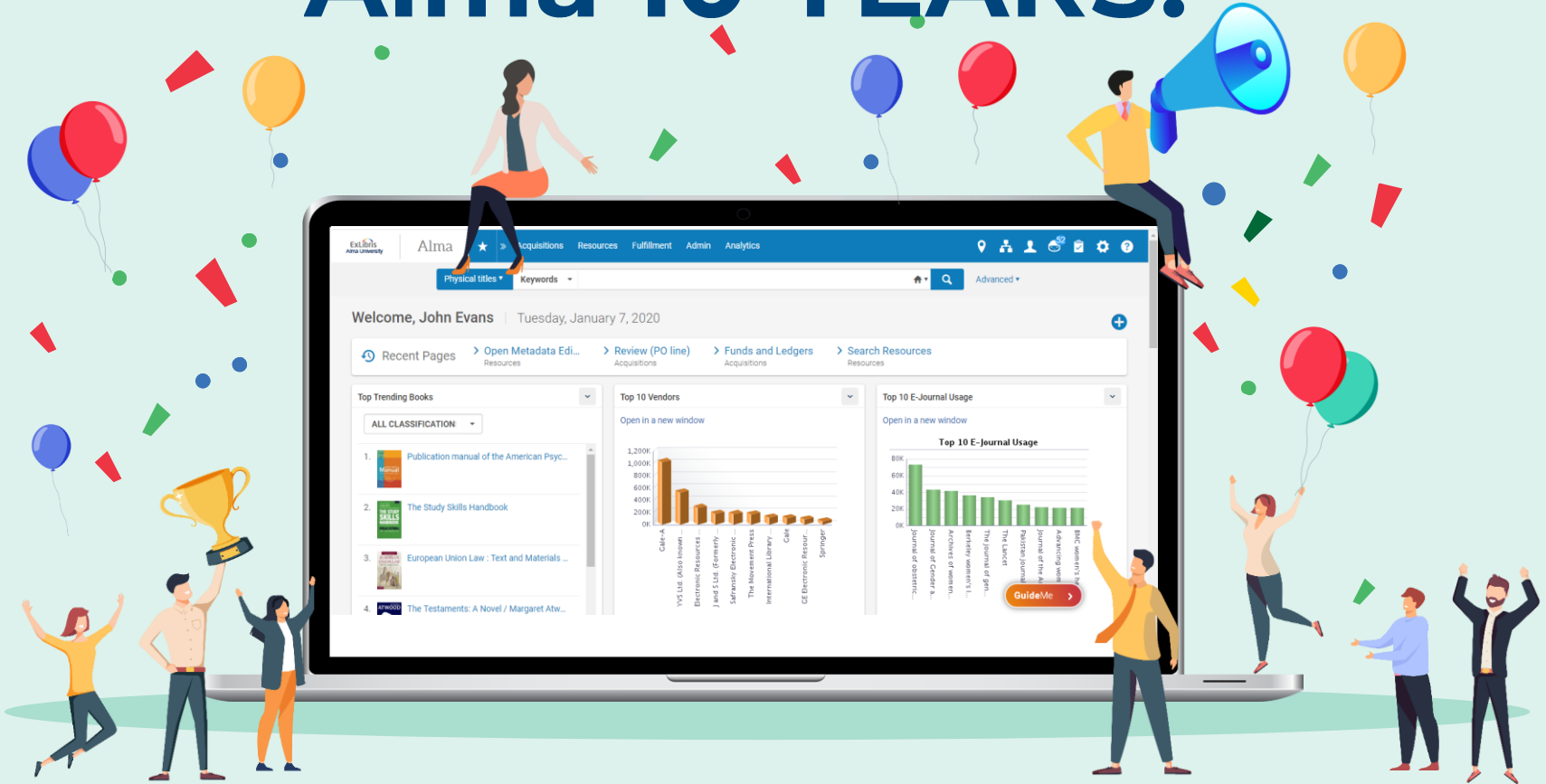
- 425 Idea Exchange items have the status completed
- 58 Ideas were completed in 2021
- 109 Ideas planned or accepted
- 81 Ideas are tentatively planned for 2022

NERS

NERS2020 Cycle -6 enhancements
NERS2021 cycle – 6 enhancements planned
NERS2022 cycle – in progress



Alma 10 YEARS!



Thank you!

