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Leganto

Leganto Reading List Solution
Going Beyond Alma Course Reserves' Capabilities

Alma Course Reserves, a module in the Ex Libris Alma® resource management solution, enables a librarian to manage academics' requests related to course readings and carry out relevant actions (Figure 1). A librarian can add course records to Alma, manage them, and define and manage reading lists that include materials catalogued by the library. The librarian can also manually catalogue other materials for a reading list; such materials might not become part of the library collection.

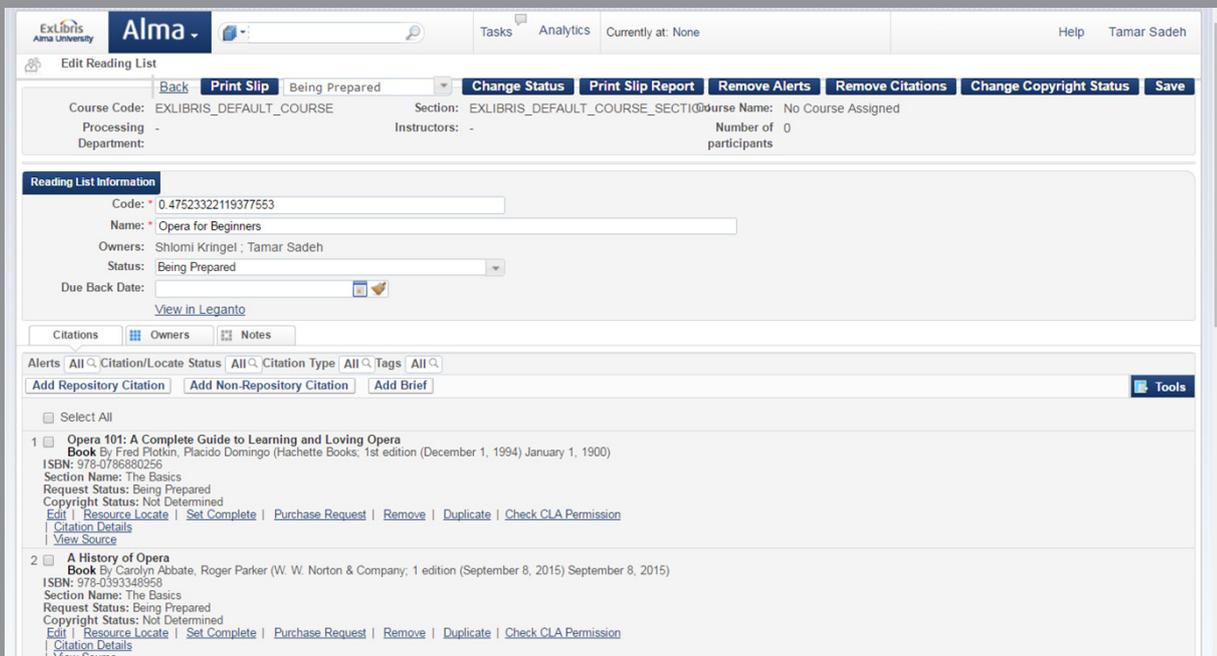


Figure 1. A librarian's view of a reading list in Alma

With the Alma Course Reserves module, a librarian can see the inventory information for reading list items and launch workflows such as transferring a physical item to an area for course reserves and digitizing a physical copy.

Items in an Alma reading list can be published to the Ex Libris Primo® discovery and delivery solution. The library can dedicate a tab in Primo for course reserves, enabling users to search for items by fields such as course name, course code, and lecturer name, in addition to searching by metadata fields.

The Alma Course Reserves module is available only to library staff.

Ex Libris Leganto provides reading list capabilities beyond those of Alma, helping libraries better support teaching and learning in an automated and cost-effective manner. Furthermore, unlike Alma Course Reserves, Leganto is available to both academics and students and integrates with course management systems through Learning Tools Interoperability® (LTI®) interfaces.

Leganto enables academics to easily assemble materials of any type, regardless of their availability through the library, and create structured, annotated reading lists (Figures 2-4). In addition, the Leganto interface includes new types of services that enable academics to receive recommendations for additional materials; monitor the usage of reading list resources; collaborate with students, colleagues, and the library; and more.

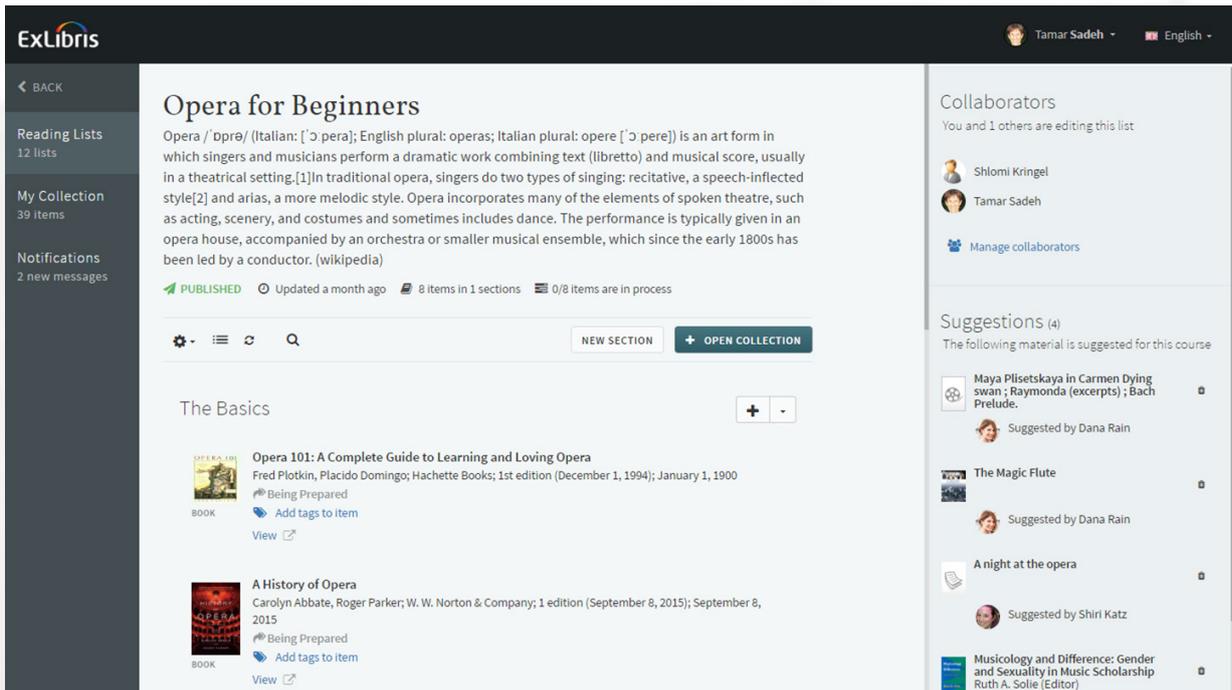


Figure 2. An academic's view of a Leganto reading list

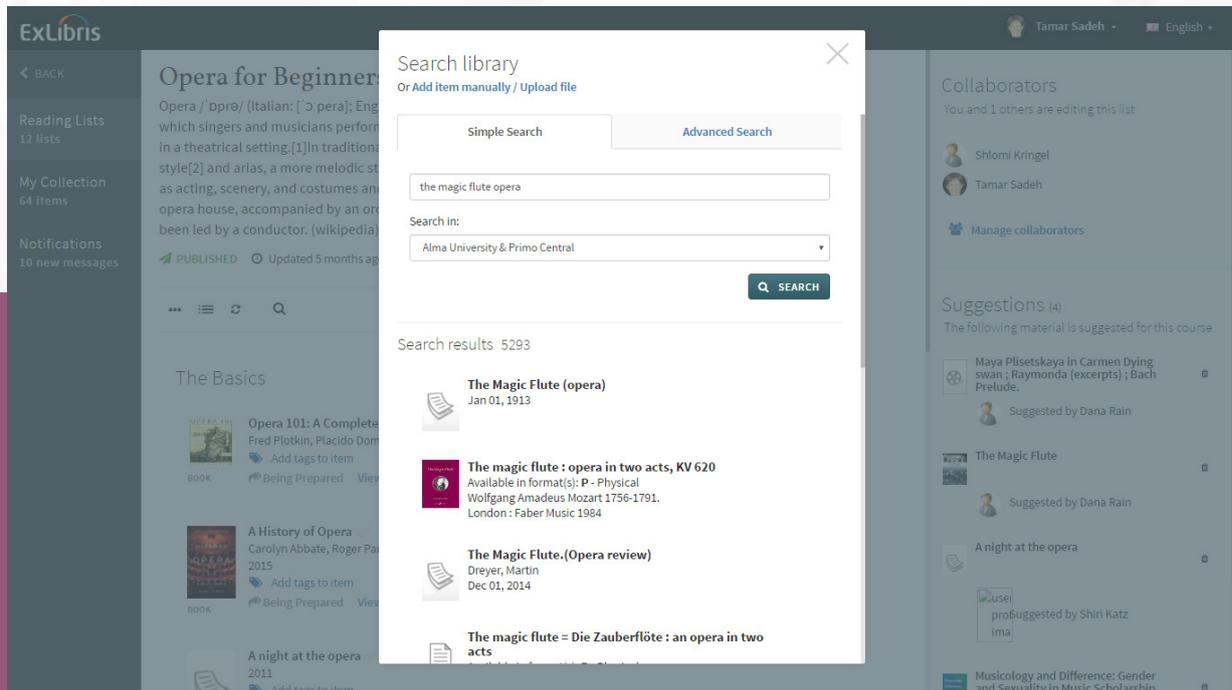


Figure 3. Selecting an item to add to a Leganto reading list. Academics can add items from local and global library collections.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Springer article page. The article title is "Developing an Educational Game for Art Education - Gesture Recognition-Based Performance Guidance for Mozart's Opera Magic Flute" by Hyung Sook Kim, Su Hak Oh, and Yong Hyun Park. The page includes a "Buy chapter" button for \$29.95 / €24.95 / £19.95 and a "Get Access" button. An overlay dialog box is open, titled "Add this to my collection", with fields for Title, Author, and Pages. It also shows a book cover thumbnail and a "Type: E-book" dropdown. At the bottom of the dialog, there are radio buttons for "Collection" (selected) and "List", and an "ADD IT" button.

Figure 4. Adding an item from an external resource

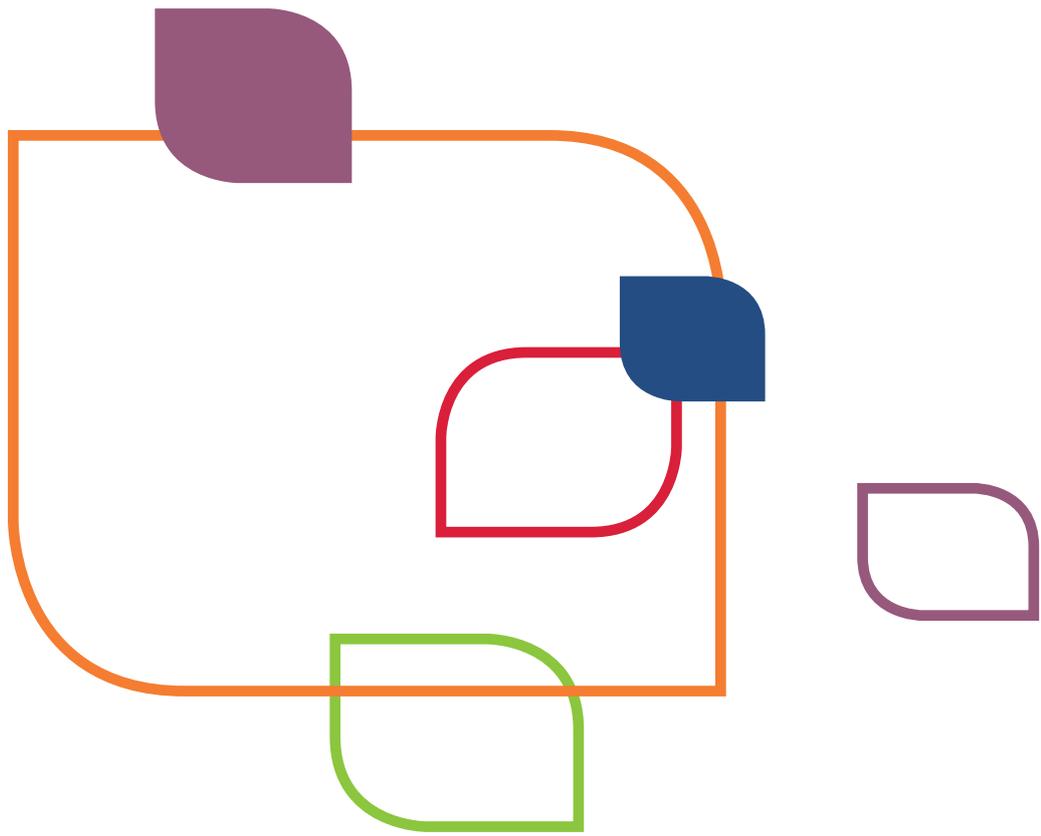
Leganto was developed on the Alma platform; reading list data is available to academics and students via the Leganto interface and to librarians via the Alma reading list module (see Figure 1). Once academics complete their reading lists—by themselves or in collaboration with a librarian, colleague, or assistant—the librarians handle items that require their attention and carry out actions such as acquiring additional copies, transferring physical items to the reserves area in the library, digitizing physical copies, clearing copyright permissions, and licensing.

Students access their reading list via the course management system, navigating seamlessly from the course page to the Leganto reading list page. Through Leganto, they can take full advantage of the comprehensive display of items on the reading list; immediate access to online materials; availability information for physical materials, along with relevant services; and other features that encourage engagement and collaboration.



Alma Course Reserves and Leganto reading list capabilities compared

	Alma Course Reserves	Leganto
The list creator	Academics inform the library about their needs—for example, via email or a Word or PDF document. The librarian manually creates the list in Alma.	Academics can compile the list by themselves or collaborate with others. Leganto offers a variety of simple methods to add materials. The list is automatically available to the library.
User interface	The Alma software provides the interface, which is accessible only by librarians. Course readings can be exposed through a dedicated tab in Primo.	The Leganto interface is accessible to academics, students, and librarians. A Leganto reading list is linked to a course page in the course management system, providing seamless access to course readings for academics and students. Course readings that are catalogued in Alma can also be exposed through a dedicated tab in Primo. Librarians use Alma to make items available to students.
List structure	Alma lists have no particular structure.	Academics can structure a list according to their preference (for example, week by week or core materials and additional readings). Items can be dragged to a section in the list and moved around. Academics can add, delete, edit, or rearrange the sections in a list.
Type of materials	An Alma list contains items that the library has catalogued. Other items can be added but need to be catalogued manually.	Leganto handles any type of material—items that are offered by the library (in local and global collections) and items that come from external resources, such as scholarly databases, publishers’ websites, online bookstores, and YouTube.
How items are added	The librarian picks items from the library’s local collection or manually catalogues ad hoc items.	Using the Leganto search feature, an academic can add any item from a local or global collection that the library offers. The Leganto CiteIt! button in the academic’s browser enables the academic to incorporate items from external resources into a reading list—articles, books, videos, reports, datasets, websites, and more. Academics can also upload files, type in citation information, import lists of citations, and select references from personal RefWorks or Zotero folders.
Annotations	There is no annotation capability.	Academics can label items—for example, as mandatory or optional—and add notes to items, sections, and citations.
Communication between the library and the academic	No built-in process.	Built-in communication includes the setting of item, section, and list status (e.g., the academic changes the list status when the list is ready for the library to process, and the library changes the status of an item when it is ready for students to use); a comment thread, visible to both the academic and the librarian; and notifications.
Reading list usage information	No information is provided regarding the use of materials in the context of a course.	Academics and librarians have access to usage information that is specific to their roles.
Social and collaboration features	The Course Reserves module does not offer social media or collaboration capabilities.	The Leganto interface provides multiple social networking and collaboration capabilities. For example, several academics can build a reading list together, academics and students can exchange comments about a specific item, and students can suggest additional materials.



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