

Managing Digital Requests with Resource Sharing Brokers

The broker-based workflow supports a digital workflow in addition to the physical workflow. Affected messages are RequestItem, CheckoutItem and AcceptItem.

1. Lender Side

1.1 RequestItem Message

The lending request's format depends on the value of the ItemOptionalFields/BibliographicDescription/MediumType Scheme and Value fields.

If the value is one of the values below or empty then the request format will be considered Physical.

- Audio Tape
- Book
- Book With Audio Tape
- Book With Compact Disc
- Book With Diskette
- Bound Journal
- CD-ROM
- Compact Disc (CD)
- Diskette
- Magazine
- Microform
- Video Tape

For any other value it will be considered Digital.

1.2 CheckoutItem Message

When the CheckoutItem message is received for a lending request with Digital format the status of the request will be 'Shipped digitally'.

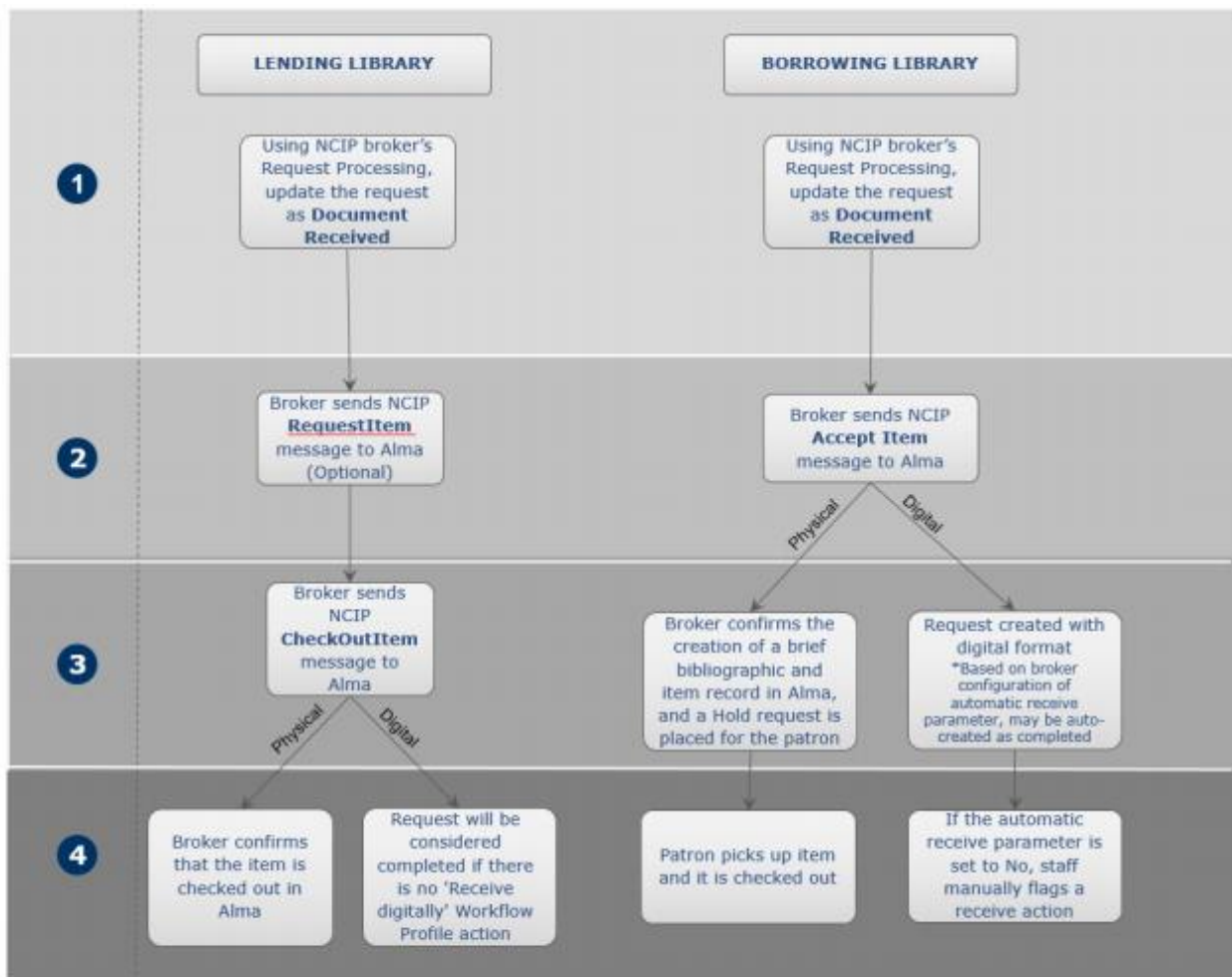
2. Borrower Side

2.1 AcceptItem Message

When the AcceptItem message contains the NonReturnableFlag element, the borrowing request will be created as Digital.

If the NCIP partner was defined with 'Automatic receive' for AcceptItem then the request will be immediately closed as completed. If not then the request will not be closed. It will be possible to close the request at receive time.

The effect on the request process can be seen in the flow chart below.



Please refer to the Developer Network for a detailed description of how Alma identifies these messages as related to requests for digital supply:

https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/alma/integrations/resource_sharing/broker/ncip/application_profile/v2