



ExLibris Leganto

Going Beyond Alma Course Reserves' Capabilities

Leganto, the Ex Libris resource list solution, is an innovative tool that enables easy creation, maintenance, and sharing of course resource lists. Instructors can assemble materials of all types to create structured, comprehensive resources lists; librarians can collaborate with faculty to seamlessly process readings, clear copyrights, and digitize materials; and students can benefit from affordable ways to acquire materials that are not available through the library.

Leganto provides resource 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 instructors and students and integrates with course management systems through Learning Tools Interoperability® (LTI®) interfaces.

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

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

The screenshot shows the Alma Course Reserves interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for Acquisitions, Resources, Discovery, Fulfillment, Admin, and Analytics. Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar with dropdown menus for 'All titles' and 'Keywords'. To the right of the search bar are buttons for 'Advanced', 'Cancel', and 'Save'. The main content area is titled 'Manage Course Information' and displays a course record for '401 - Butterflies: Introduction'. The record includes fields for Course (401-INT), Name (401 - Butterflies: Intro...), and Instructors (Tamar Sadeh). Below this, there are tabs for 'Course Information', 'Instructors', and 'Notes'. The 'Course Information' tab is active, showing detailed information: Code (401-INT), Name (401 - Butterflies: Introduction), Academic Department (selected), Processing Department (Life Sciences), Terms list (Autumn, Early Autumn, Semester 1, Semester 2), Status (Active), Start date (10/20/2015), End date (10/20/2015), Number of participants (124), Weekly hours (0), and Searchable IDs (6742).

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

With the Alma Course Reserves module, a librarian can see the inventory information for resource 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 resource 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 instructor name, in addition to searching by metadata fields.

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

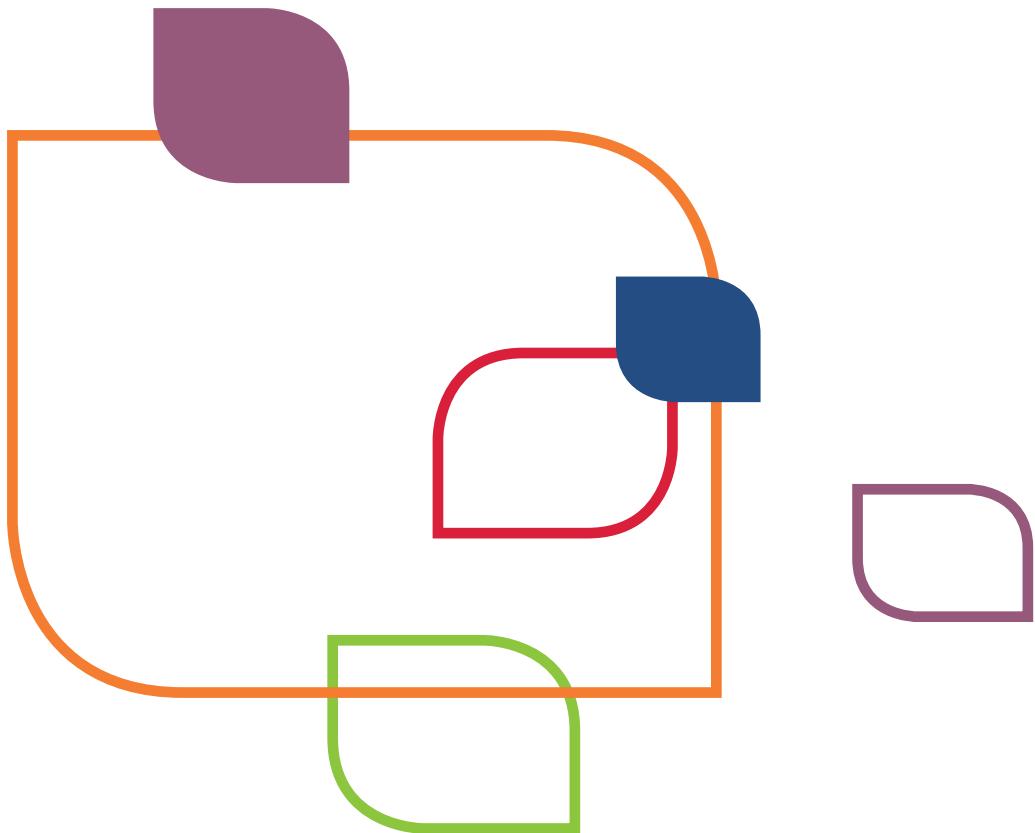
Comparison of Leganto and Alma Course Reserves

Leganto was developed on the Alma platform; resource list data is available to instructors and students via the Leganto interface and to librarians via the Alma resource list module (see Figure 1). Once instructors complete their resource 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 resource list via the course management system, navigating seamlessly from the course page to the Leganto resource list page. Through Leganto, they can take full advantage of the comprehensive display of items on the resource 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	Leganto
The list creator	Instructors inform the library about their needs—for example, via email or a Word or PDF document. The librarian manually creates the list in Alma.	Instructors 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 resources can be exposed through a dedicated tab in Primo.	The Leganto interface is accessible to instructors, students, and librarians. A Leganto resource list is linked to a course page in the course management system, providing seamless access to course resources for instructors and students. Course resources that are cataloged 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.	Instructors can structure a list according to their preference (for example, week by week or core materials and additional resources). Items can be dragged to a section in the list and moved around. Instructors can add, delete, edit, or rearrange the sections in a list.
Type of materials	An Alma list contains items that the library has cataloged. Other items can be added but need to be cataloged 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 instructor can add any item from a local or global collection that the library offers. The Leganto CiteIt! button in the instructor's browser enables the instructor to incorporate items from external resources into a resource list—articles, books, videos, reports, datasets, websites, and more. Instructors 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.	Instructors can label items—for example, as mandatory or optional—and add notes to items, sections, and citations.
Communication between the library and the instructor	No built-in process.	Built-in communication includes the setting of item, section, and list status (e.g., the instructor 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 instructor and the librarian; and notifications.
Resource list usage information	No information is provided regarding the use of materials in the context of a course.	Instructors 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 instructors can build a resource list together, instructors and students can exchange comments about a specific item, and students can suggest additional materials.



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