

Primo VE March 2019 Release Notes

April Sneak Peek

- Add the ability to search inside the collection – Users will be able to navigate and discover items within a collection using a new search option.
- Utilize LDR and MARC Fixed Fields (006,007,008) in Local Resource Type Configuration - Allow the use of regular expressions in local resource type configuration.
- Display item requestability and loan availability – In the resource sharing request form, display an indication if the institution has an available copy of an item that the user can request.

Features

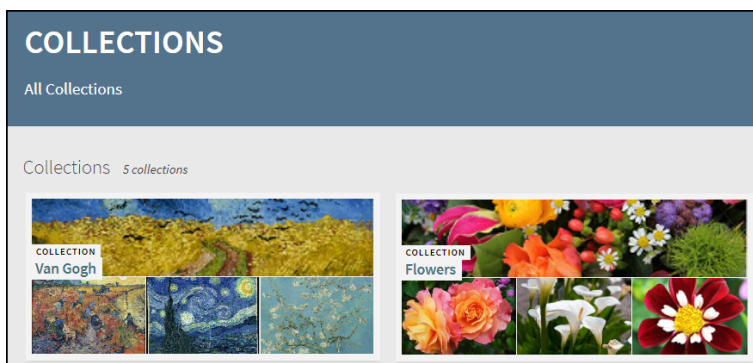
Enhance Visualization in Collection Discovery

March 2019

This enhancement allows you to promote collections by specifying which images appear on each collection's and sub-collection's tile on the Collection Discovery page and in the banner on each collection's page.

Previously, the collection tile displayed up to four images, but used the image that was defined as the collection thumbnail for the first image, and pulled the remaining images from the items associated with the collection. Now, you can use Alma's Collection Resource Editor to manage and select high quality images that you would like to display for the collection or sub-collections. You can specify locally-defined images and images defined within the collection. When images are configured, the following will display per page:

- Collection Lobby - The first four images defined for each collection will display in the collection's tile.

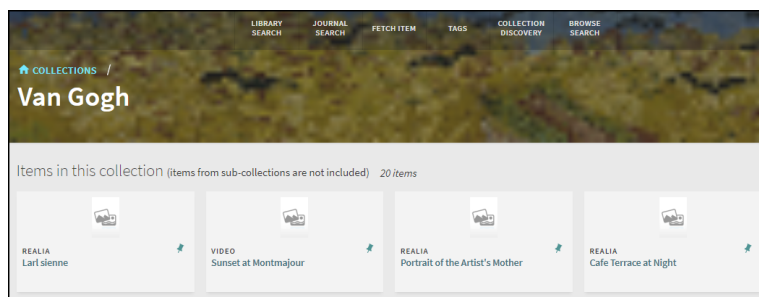


Collection's Tile (Maximum of 4 Images)

Note

- If fewer than four images are configured for a collection, only those images will appear in the tile.
 - As in previous releases, the system will display the images from the collection's thumbnails and items if no images are defined for a collection.
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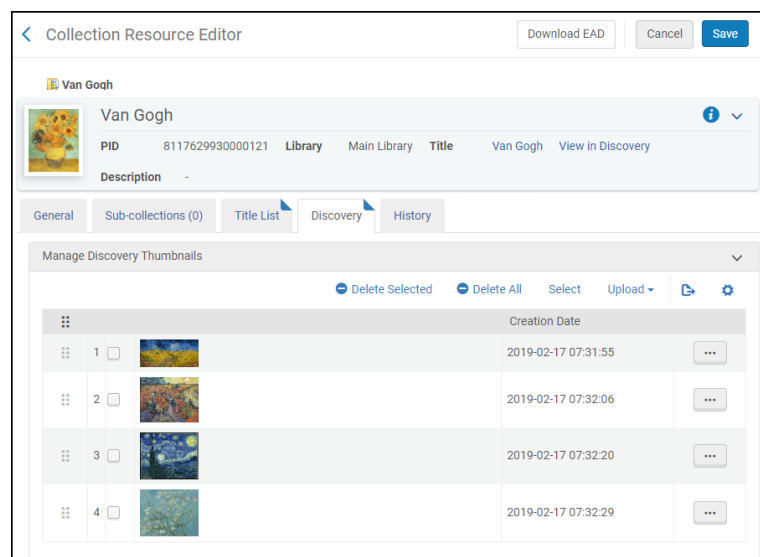
- Collection page - The first image defined for the collection will display in its banner.



Banner on a Collection's Page

Configuration Options

The Discovery tab on the Collection Resource Editor page ([Resources > Manage Inventory > Manage Collections](#)) allows you to add up to 20 image files to the Manage Discovery Thumbnails list. Currently, the system uses only the first four image files in the collection's or sub-collection's tile. There are future plans to enhance the display of collections and to use all the defined images. In addition to selecting image files that are attached to the collection in Alma, you can also add local image files to the list. For more information, see [Managing Images for the Collections Lobby](#).



Discovery Tab

Note

Images must be in .jpg, .jpe, or .png format with a maximum size of 500 KB.

Provide Users with an Immediate Topic Overview for Short Topic Searches

March 2019

Many users start their quest for material with short topic searches, often by looking for keywords to help them to dive deeper into the subject. With this new feature, you can display a short topic overview, which is derived from a reference entry in a collection that you have active, on top of the results list. In the initial release, eligible source collections include the following: Credo, Encyclopedia Britannica, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Worldbook, Netadvance, and Wikipedia. Others will be added in future.



Reference Entry in Results

Configuration Options

This functionality is disabled by default. The following table lists the configuration options that are supported with this functionality.

Configuration Options	
Page	Description
View Configuration page (General tab)	Select the Highlight reference entry on top field on the Views Configuration page (Configuration Menu > Discovery > Display Configuration > Configure Views) to enable this feature.
Reference Entry Labels code table	The following codes were added to support the display labels for the reference entry: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>reference_entry.button.view_more</code> – View more• <code>reference_entry.mediatype.about_the_topic</code> – About the topic• <code>reference_entry.source</code> – Source:• <code>reference_entry.button.view_less</code> – View less
Calculated Availability Text Labels code table	The following codes were added to support the availability links for the topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>delivery.code.fulltext_topic</code> – Full text available• <code>delivery.class.fulltext_topic</code> – <code>getItGreen</code>• <code>delivery.code.fulltext_linktorsrc_topic</code> – Full text available• <code>delivery.class.fulltext_linktorsrc_topic</code> – <code>getItGreen</code>

Merging Locations within a Single Library That Have the Same External Name

March 2019

A library can have multiple locations with different names, but may have assigned them the same external name in Alma. With this enhancement, Primo VE merges all the locations that have the same external name into a single facet value so that users will now see a single facet entry for all of them.

Note

- This functionality will take effect after the March release without having to reload or recalculate the data. Any change to a location's external name will be applied to the user interface immediately.
- Locations with the same name in other libraries will be listed separately under the Locations facet.

When a facet of this type is selected, the system invokes a facet search that includes all the facets that have the same external name. This is indicated by the existence of multiple **mfacet** parameters in the URL:

```
&mfacet=location_code,include,<Institution ID>-<Library ID>-<Location Code>,1
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For example:

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&mfacet=location_code,include,496-13641020000541-biores,1&mfacet=location_code,include,496-13641
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Display a User Blocks' Expiry Date in My Library Card

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This enhancement allows you to display the expiration date of user blocks in My Library Card. This can be beneficial for library patrons to view this information and to prevent related inquiries to the library staff.

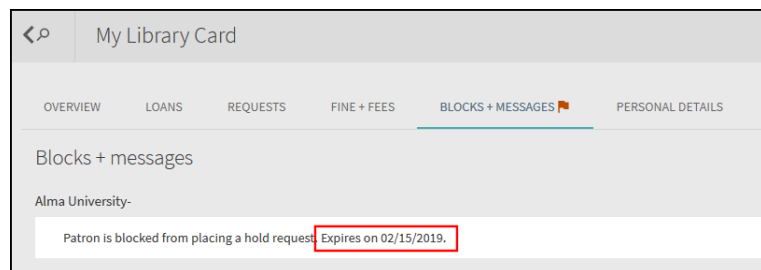
Configuration Options

By default, this option is disabled. To enable this feature, change the following Description of the new **nui.blocks.expiry.date** code in the Library Card Labels code:

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NOT_DEFINED
```

To something like the following, making sure that description includes the **{0}** placeholder to display the expiration date:

```
Expires on {0}.
```



Expiry Date Enabled in My Library Card

Note

The block and the expiry date fields are separated by a period.

Index Course's Searchable IDs Field

March 2019

In addition to course IDs provided by your CMS (Course Management System), this enhancement enables customers to search for course reserves based on any searchable IDs defined in Alma (see the **Searchable IDs** field in [Managing Course Information](#)).

For information on how to add the **Course Searchable ID** field to Advanced Search, see [Configuring Advanced Searches](#).

The screenshot shows the Alma Advanced Search interface. At the top, there are radio buttons for 'Library Catalog', 'Everything' (selected), 'Articles', and 'Music Library'. Below this, a search query is entered: 'Course Searchable ID' in the field, 'contains' in the operator dropdown, and 'HIST215_Test' in the value field. To the right of the query, there are dropdown menus for 'Material Type' (set to 'All items'), 'Language' (set to 'Any language'), 'Start Date' (set to 'Day' and 'Month'), and 'End Date' (set to 'Day' and 'Month'). Below the query, there are buttons for '+ ADD A NEW LINE' and 'CLEAR'. At the bottom of the search bar, there is a green 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar, the results are displayed under the heading '2 Results'. The first result is a book titled 'The age of nationalism and reform, 1850-1890 / Rich, Norman. c1977', which is available at Graduate Library Reference (D359 .R48 1977). The second result is a book titled 'Modernizing Germany : Karl Biedermann's career in the kingdom of Saxony, 1835-1901 / Bazillion, Richard J., 1943- c1990', which is available at Main Library Course Reserves (JC263.B544 B39 1990).

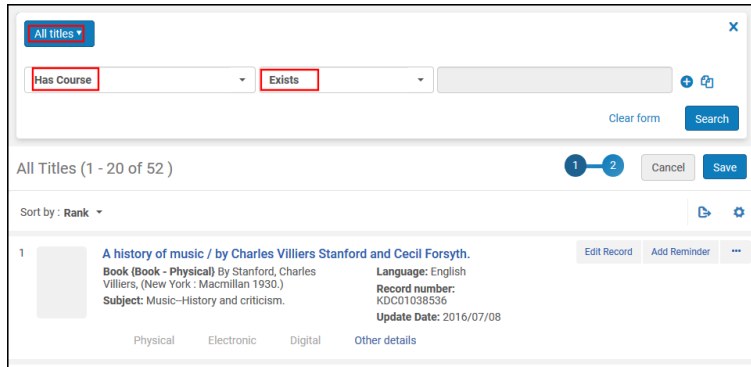
Searching for Course Searchable IDs in Advanced Search

The rules for indexing searchable IDs are applied to all new records that are created or loaded into Alma, as well as any existing records that are modified.

To index searchable IDs in relevant existing records:

1. In Alma create a set for all the records that are associated with a course. For more information on how to create an Alma set, see [Managing Search Queries and Sets](#).
 1. On the Manage Sets page (**Admin > Manage Jobs and Sets > Manage Sets**), select **Add Set > Logical**.
 2. On the Set Details page, specify the following fields and then select **Next**:
 - **Set name** – Enter a unique name for the new set.
 - **Content Origin** – Select **Discovery** to allow searching of Primo VE metadata.
 3. On the second page of the wizard, select **Advanced**.

4. In the Advanced Search box, select **Has Course** and **Exists**, and then select **Search** to perform an Advanced Search.



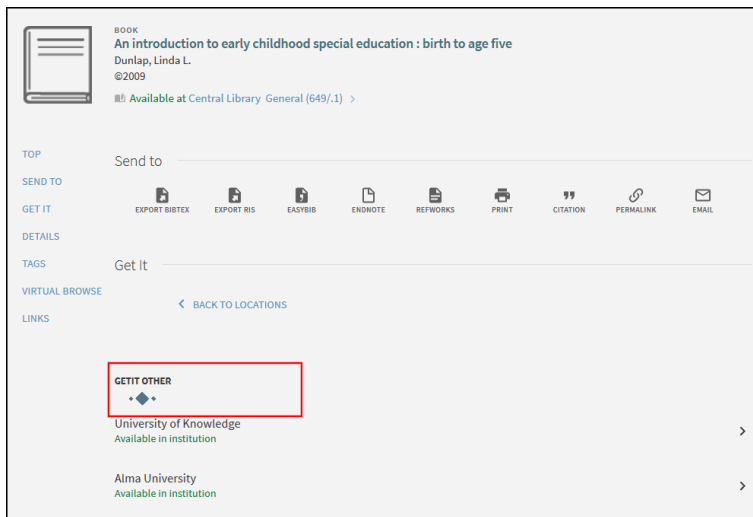
Repository Search

5. Select **Save** to save the new set.
2. Edit the Recalculate Local Resource Types Job (**Admin > Manage Jobs and Sets > Run a Job**) and select the new set.

Adding a Progress Indicator in the Get It Section

March 2019

This enhancement adds the diamonds progress indicator to the Get It section on the Full Display page to inform users that the system is determining whether holdings exist. This indication will appear for consortia in the main Get It and the Get It of other institutions.



Diamonds Progress Indicator in Get It Other Section

Resolved Issues

- **March 2019 SF: 00631236**

The Database Search label continued to display after switching from Database Search to Journal Search. This has been fixed.

- **March 2019 SF: 00642017**
Unable to import MARC records when the 035 field was missing in the source record. This has been fixed so that the system uses the 001 field when the 035 field is missing.
- **March 2019 SF: 00625319**
The Journal Search label continued to display after switching from Journal Search to Database Search. This has been fixed.
- **March 2019 SF: 00560398, 00570898, 00629891**
Physical records would not display in the results unless the "Held at My Library" facet was selected. This has been fixed.
- **March 2019 SF: 00568280, 00647954, 00648582**
The **display_specific_related_items** parameter was set to **true**, but sometimes Primo VE displayed all items instead of a specific item. This has been fixed.
- **March 2019 SF: 00516756, 00585475, 00586810, 00622673, 00637262**
When commas were included in the Journal Search, expected results were not returned. This has been fixed.
- **March 2019 SF: 00591428**
In some cases, incorrect results were returned after selecting the "available online" and "physical copies available in library" facets. This has been fixed.

This fix is applied to all new records that are created or loaded into Alma, as well as any existing records that are modified.
- **March 2019 SF: 00621480, 00621828, 00622907, 00625732, 00627302, 00628920, 00629395, 00629998, 00630850, 00631467, 00633261, 00635327**
In some cases, the "available online" status changed to no inventory when switching to the record's full details. This has been fixed.