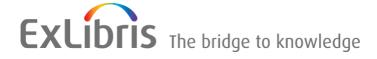


# Alma December 2020 Release Notes



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## Make the Most

## Make the Most of December's Release

Action Items
New Ex Libris Secure FTP Service - A new built-in secure ftp service is being made available by Ex Libris. You can simply start using it for your integrations, without needing any additional setup or coordination with your IT department.
Patron Welcome Letter - You can now send welcome letters to new patrons. The letters will be sent when a patron is granted a patron role in your library .
Auto Reject of Lending Requests Based on Licenses - You can now fine tune your lending resource sharing request processing so that requests will be automatically rejected if the electronic resource's license does not allow sharing it.
Improvements to Concurrent Usage Access Rights - Institutions now have strict control over the number of concurrent users accessing a digital resource, and a session period after which the viewing session expires. This can be done by configuring parameters for the concurrent usage access rights policy

# **Upcoming Issues to Note**

## **Improved Control over Creating and Editing Holdings**

Starting from January 2021, administrators will have greater control over holdings editing. An inventory operator will be able to edit holdings if the physical inventory role is assigned and if the holdings are created for a permitted scope. Cataloging roles will also provide privileges only to edit Bibliographic and authority records. Recommended actions to be taken by an administrator is to identify all users that should be able to continue to manage holdings and add them to the role of physical inventory management (which can be done as a bulk operation).

## **PO Line Infrastructure Upgrade**

In the upcoming releases, there will be technical upgrades to the PO line infrastructure but will not result in any functional changes.

## **Analytics Infrastructure Performance Upgrades**

Ex Libris is currently implementing performance upgrades to the Alma Analytics infrastructure which will include the Oracle In-Memory Database. These upgrades will greatly improve performance when running analytics reports and are being rolled out gradually. The table below describes the rollout plan. For more information, see the <u>Analytics - Infrastructure Improvements in 2020</u> document.

Instance	Will be implemented during
NA01	Completed
NA02	Completed
NA03	Completed
NA04	Completed
NA05	Completed
NA06	Completed
NA07	Completed
NA91	Completed
EU00	Completed
EU01	Completed
EU02	Completed
EU03	Completed
EU04	Completed
AP01	Completed
CA01	Completed
CN01	January 2021

# Alma Roadmap Highlights

The next version of the Alma Roadmap Highlights document will be published in January 2021.

# January Release Sneak Preview

Click <u>here</u> to view the next release sneak preview.



# January Sneak Preview

#### Note

The features below are currently planned for the next release. However, some of these features may, for various reasons, not be included in this month's release, but rather in a future Alma release.

# Acquisitions

- Real time ordering New Configuration A new configuration will allow institutions to decide whether portfolios which are activated from the Community Zone as a result of orders coming into Alma from OASIS/GOBI via API will enter Alma as "Available" or as "Not available".
- PO Line Confirmation Messages When choosing to "Create PO line" the existing pop-up window, which indicates that there is an active order and/or an existing item associated with the bibliographic record, will be enhanced to include the existing PO line's owning library and the existing item's owning library.

# Resource Management

- **New Metadata Improvements** The January release will see improved management of templates and a new tab layout. In addition, side-by-side editing of a primary record and a searched/browsed record will be enabled.
- · Local Call Numbers Local Call Numbers search indexes and operators will be improved.
- **Inventory Import** There will be an improved user interface for the inventory import tab of import profiles. In addition, there will be support for additional fields.

## **Fulfillment**

- **New Circulation Desk Level Configuration** A new configuration on the circulation desk level will allow institutions to define the desks that can support the option to modify the return date for a checked-in item.
- 'Ship Digitally' When a "ship digitally" request is created by the system, institutions will be able to determine that the digitization department that will be assigned according to the resource's owning library.

# **Resource Sharing**

- Allow automation of Branch Requesting for Serial Requests When a lending request is created, it is currently
  possible to either mediate the branch requesting process in case of serials/multi-volumes or have Alma automatically
  create a title request. It will now be possible to set the system to automatically create a pickup request to a branch
  library utilizing the 'general hold' request type.
- Refresh Linked Account in Primo VE In a Fulfillment Network, a guest patron's linked account will automatically be refreshed when they view their loan list using Primo VE's My Account. This will accurately reflect the renewal options and the patrons' up to date eligibility for requesting renewals, in cases where a block has been created or removed at the patron's home library.
- Retry Rapid ILL Request It will be possible to override Rapid ILL's self-ownership check using the Alma borrowing request task list.

- Send Digitized Content to Patron Upload file Library staff will be able to upload a received digital document from the Alma borrowing request task list and have Alma automatically send the uploaded file to the patron's preferred email address.
- Send digitized content to patron Alma to Alma Shipping When an Alma lender ships a digital document using the 'send as link' option, the email with the link to the digitized content will be automatically forwarded to the patron on the borrower side, even if the borrowing library has not exposed the patron's email to the lender (using the 'Support ADD' option). This will enable Alma lenders to trigger emails to requesting patrons on the borrower side (that is an Alma institution) without requiring the patron's email to be shared with the lender library.

## Administration

New Additions to Recent Entities - The January release will see some new additions to Recent Entities, including
various configuration tables and profiles, making it easier for administrators to review recent changes to tables and to
navigate back to the table or profile they were updating.

# **Analytics**

- New "Year Over Year" Dashboard A new "Year Over Year" (YoY) set of reports dashboard will be available in Alma Analytics. This dashboard will include reports which compare data of the current year with trends of the previous year, in order to gain added insight into the trends of the library. These reports will include data on physical item requests, API executions, COUNTER data, expenditures, and more. The information gleaned from this dashboard will greatly aid data-based decision making.
- New "Analytics Objects" Dashboard A new "Analytics Objects" (YoY) set of reports and dashboard will be available in Alma Analytics. Using this dashboard, the institution will be able to gain valuable insight into how Analytics objects such as dashboards, widgets and schedules reports are (and are not) being used. This can offer an opportunity to clean up the list by removing non-used objects, and identify areas where objects are heavily used due to an interest by the staff users.



## Main Features

## Change vendor in order – send order to target vendor

## **December 2020 Acquisitions**

Existing functionality of "Change vendor in order" was enhanced to allow sending the order to the new (target) vendor. When the user selects the source and target vendors, the user is now able to choose from the following options:

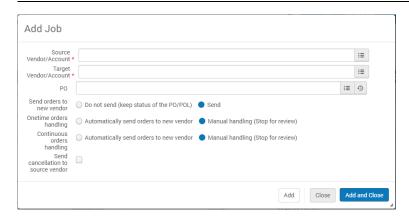
- 'Simply' change the vendor name on the order.
- Change the vendor name on the order and also send the order to the new vendor.

When selecting the "Send" option, the new functionality allows users to select whether to immediately send the order to the new vendor or stop the order for review for either one-time or continuous orders.

Additionally, an option to send a cancelation to source vendor is provided. This is relevant only if the orders were already sent to the source vendor. If selected, a cancelation letter will be sent to the source vendor containing all the canceled PO lines (can contain 'one-time' and / or 'continuous' PO lines).

#### Note

In cases where the user selected to 'Automatically send orders to the new vendor', and there was failure to progress the PO line in the workflow, the PO Line will remain "In Review" with the relevant alerts.



For more information, see Changing Vendors in PO Lines and POs.

## Including vendor invoice number in POLs as part of EDI invoicing process

## **December 2020 Acquisitions**

Invoices received by Alma via EDI will incorporate a vendor's invoice number in the PO line's "Vendor invoice number" field. In case this field was pre-populated, it will not be overridden by the incoming EDI information.

The vendor invoice number is indexed so there is an option to search PO lines by their vendor invoice number.

## New Advanced Search Option "Owning Library"

## **December 2020 Acquisitions**



#### Idea Exchange

An additional search field "Owning Library" was added to Alma advanced search when searching by PO Line. When searching order lines in an institution with multiple libraries, this allows limiting the search to specific libraries.

See PO Line Search Fields.

## Patron Welcome Letter

#### **December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure**

When adding a patron role to a user, whether manually, through a job, via API or SIS, the Patron Welcome Letter is now sent. The letter can be turned off for user records that are added via an SIS import or for linked accounts by configuring the XSL.

The document, <u>How to configure a letter to not be sent under certain circumstances</u>, shows an example of how this can be done.

See Patron Welcome Letter.

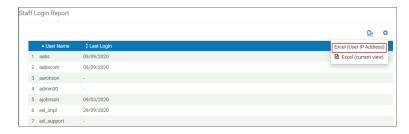
Watch the Patron Welcome Letter video (1:27 minutes).

# **Enhanced Staff Audit Capabilities**

#### **December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure**

A new option, which can be turned off if you choose to do so, allows audit of the public IP address of the users that logged into Alma. This new option now appears on the Staff Login Report (Alma Configuration > General > Staff Login Report). This is useful if the institution needs to be able to track from which IP address a staff user logged in for security audit reasons.

The option Excel (User IP Address) was added to the Export option on the Staff Login Report page. Click this option to download an Excel file with the user names, last login times and IP addresses of all logged in users.



See Staff Login Report.

## On Hold Shelf Letter Reminder

**December 2020 Fulfillment** 

Currently, when an item is placed on the hold shelf a notification is sent to the patron. Once the notification was delivered, no other notification is sent. It is now possible to send a reminder notification to the patron after a set number of days. The new letter (On Hold Shelf Letter Reminder) is sent by the new scheduled job Send Hold Shelf Reminders, and it is possible to configure how many days after being placed on the hold shelf the reminder will be sent, and whether the reminder will continue to be sent at the configured interval until the Hold Shelf expiry.

# Add a new privilege that controls the view of active balance in the Manage Patron Services screen

#### **December 2020 Fulfillment**

A new privilege (enabled by default) controls the presentation of:

- Visibility of the Fines/fees tab in the 'User details' screen.
- Searching by Fines/Fees in the 'Advanced Users' search.
- Presentation of the patron's 'Active balance' in the 'Manage patron services' screen.

Disabling this privilege for a role will prevent a user with this role from viewing a patron's fine/fees. To disable a role privilege, contact ExLibris support.

# Add new circulation desk configuration to control the appearance of the 'register new user' button

#### **December 2020 Fulfillment**

A new configuration in the circulation desk will control the appearance of the "register new user" button in the manage patron services screen. This option is enabled by default. This is separate from the "Register new user" role privilege – both the role privilege and the desk configuration need to be enabled for the button to appear in Manage Patron Services (in the event a circulation desk role has the privilege but the desk does not support registering a new user, the button will not appear).

## **Deliver Digital Documents**

## **December 2020 Fulfillment**

To streamline the digital document delivery process, you can now deliver all digital documents on the **Document Delivery** page (**Fulfillment > Resource Requests > Deliver Digital Documents**) without needing to work through the complete Pick from Shelf workflow. After entering the request ID, you can view the item's information (in the summary tab), and add as many files as necessary and up to one URL. Once the files are added and you select Done, Alma verifies the sending parameters based on the digitization rules in **Digitization and Copyright Rules**, and sends an email to the patron. If there is an attachment and you have selected a file over 25MB, a warning is displayed. If the files are uploaded to the cloud, there is not a file size limit. Temporary system files cannot be added as attachments.



#### **Document Delivery**

It is not necessary to create an item when handling a digitization or digitize another issue request. However, if an item is not created and attached to the request, terms of use such as digitization fees (which are applied according to item) will not apply.

Fees are applied as follows:

- 1. If the request is attached to an item, use the item's terms of use, as is currently done in the digitization task list.
- 2. If the request is attached to a holding with items, use the first item that has an is **digitizable = true** policy. If no items can be digitized, the digitization terms of use are irrelevant, including the fee.
- 3. For general digitization requests where no items exist, digitization fees are not added unless the operator creates an item and attaches it to the request.

To access the Document Delivery page, you must have the QUICK\_DOCUMENT\_DELIVERY privilege enabled.

See Digitizing Items.

## Improved Shipping Interfaces

## **December 2020 Fulfillment-Resource Sharing**

The form that opens when using the 'Ship item digitally' action has been enhanced. It will now use the new digital document delivery page that will allow for a faster and more efficient upload. It is still possible to use the standard shipping interface for digital shipping by selecting the "Shipping Items" menu option.

## New 'Shipped Digitally' Task

### **December 2020 Fulfillment-Resource Sharing**

A new 'Shipped Digitally' task was added to the Tasks dashboard widget for digital resource sharing borrowing requests in Alma. This is especially useful when Alma is configured to not automatically send received files to patrons, but rather to allow staff to review received resources before forwarding them to the patron.

## Locate - Electronic Licenses

### **December 2020 Fulfillment-Resource Sharing**

An institution is now able to automatically reject lending requests if the electronic resource they have is not allowed for resource sharing as per signed license agreements. This was done by enhancing the existing "Reject request when only electronic available" with the option to add rejection rules based on the license attached to the electronic resource.

# Item Level Requesting in an Automated Fulfillment Network (AFN)

## **December 2020 Fulfillment-Resource Sharing**

Primo is now able to populate a list of requestable item descriptions from Automated Fulfillment Network (AFN) partners in the Resource Sharing Request form, when the requested resource is a multi volume/serial issue. AFN partners will now have the same behavior as classic resource sharing partners, i.e. if the "Description" field is enabled in the Primo resource sharing request form, their descriptions will display in the list of item descriptions and the patron will be able to select the requested issue/volume. Only AFN partners with items matching the requested description will be part of the rota, and the

hold request created in the AFN partner's Alma will be an item-level request for an item that matches the requested description.

This option is activated by turning on the Description field in the Resource Sharing Form Customization page.

## Z39.50 Look Up Electronic Inventory

#### **December 2020 Collaborative Networks**

Now the Z39.50 Integration Profile supports the following:

- searching in electronic inventory of the institution,
- In a consortia environment, where electronic inventory can be managed on behalf of the members in the Network Zone, supports searching electronic inventory managed in the Network Zone.

To search in electronic inventory in the IZ, select the new "Enrich with electronic inventory" checkbox in the Actions tab of the Z39.50 integration profile. When chosen, the response includes information about the electronic inventory available in the institution.

In consortia environments that manage electronic inventory on behalf of the members in the Network Zone, select the "Include Results of E-resources Managed in the Network" checkbox to check the Network Zone for electronic inventory available for the Institution Zone. This option is available on Institution Zone-level only. When this option is selected, then when searching in the Institution Zone repository, not only the bibliographic data and inventory availability from the Institution Zone is retrieved, but also the Network's bibliographic data and inventory availability for the specific member (if exist).



In some consortia with many members, the configuration of Z39.50 integration profile is done by the Network and is distributed to all members, in order to reduce redundancy of the configuration by all members. In such cases, when the Z39.50 integration profile is marked as "Managed in Network", the new option "Include results of e-resources managed in the Network" is visible in the Network Zone institution as well. The network can determine whether this profile is distributed to members with this option activated or disabled.

Any member using this profile can decide to opt out and manage the profile locally by selecting **Unlink from Network** in the profile's row actions.

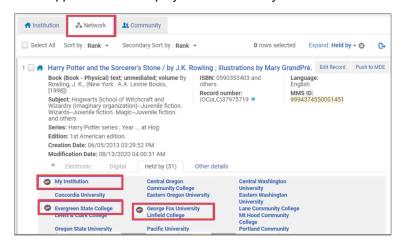
See Z39.50 Search.

## Show Institution Zone-Level Suppress Icons in Network Zone Search

#### **December 2020 Collaborative Networks**

When searching in the Network Zone, the status of bibliographic records and holding records in terms of suppression is now visible. This eliminates the need of the staff to log in to the individual Institution Zone in order to understand the suppression status.

The Suppress icon is displayed in the Held By tab next to the institution that suppressed the Bib record:



The Suppress icon is displayed next to the suppressed holding data of a specific institution. In addition, if the bib record
is suppressed, the Suppress icon is displayed in the Summary panel.



## Add support for manual description with holding in create request

#### December 2020 API

The Create Request API now supports adding a manual description, which together with a Holdings ID can be used instead of an Item barcode.

# KERIS ILL Integration

### **December 2020 Resource Sharing**

Alma supports resource sharing integration with KERIS ILL system (Korea Education & Research Information Service). Alma is capable of importing ILL borrowing requests from Keris and updating KERIS upon receiving materials in Alma.

# SBN: Support of Authority Record Contribution, Including Links to Other Authorities

## **December 2020 Resource Management**

When contributing a new authority record or contributing an update of authority record to SBN, and that authority record is linked to another authority record, now Alma first checks whether the corresponding linked authority record exists in SBN, and does one of the following:

- if corresponding linked authority record exist in SBN contributes the main authority record/update to SBN,
- if corresponding linked authority does not exist in SBN creates the linked authority record in SBN and then contributes
  the main authority record/update to SBN.

Modification of a linked field recreates the link in SBN and updates the field in Alma.

See Contributing an Authority Record with a Linked Field.

## Extended Lookup for Authority UNIMARC Classification

## **December 2020 Resource Management**

New access points were added to the UNIMARC classifications.

Lookup for Authority UNIMARC classification was added to fields 676 and 686:

- Bib 676\$a is mapped to Auth 250\$a
- Bib 676\$c is mapped to Auth 250\$j
- Bib 686\$a is mapped to Auth 250\$a
- Bib 686\$c is mapped to Auth 250\$j

#### Note

To implement this functionality over records that already exist, re-indexing of records and authorities should be run.

## **New Metadata Editor Enhancements**

## "Go to page" Option on the Pagination Bar

#### **December 2020 Resource Management**

The "Go to page" option was added to all related information tabs in the new MD Editor (versions, related records, etc). This allows users to jump to the desired page.



## **Notes Accessible from the Notes Icon**

#### **December 2020 Resource Management**

Now users can open notes in the MD Editor by clicking the



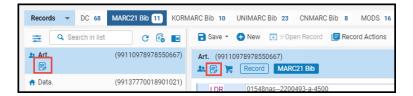
**Note** icon on the header of the Editing panel. The existing ability to open notes by selecting **View Related Data > View Notes** remains as well.

Note that the



Note icon appears both on the Records List and on the Editing panel's header. However, clicking it in the Editing panel's

header opens the View Notes pane, and on the Records List it exists only for indication.



See Menu Bar.

## Improved Control Over Relinking of Holdings and Items

## **December 2020 Resource Management**

To make sure that relinking of holdings and items is only done by authorized users, the following were added to Alma:

- A new role "Physical Inventory Operator Limited".
- A new privilege "Relink Bib". This privilege was added to "Physical Inventory Operator", "Repository Manager", and the new "Physical Inventory Operator Limited" roles. Note that all the other roles who had the option to relink as part of other privileges, will lose this capability with the addition of this new privilege.

The new "Physical Inventory Operator – Limited" role has the same privileges as "Physical Inventory Operator", and the new privilege "Relink Bib". However, this new privilege is True for the "Physical Inventory Operator" and "Repository Manager" roles, and it is False for the "Physical Inventory Operator – Limited" role. Thus, the new "Physical Inventory Operator – Limited" role allows limiting the ability to move inventory from one bibliographic record to the other to users with the "Physical Inventory Operator" and "Repository Manager" roles.

See Managing User Roles, Moving Holdings Between Bibliographic Records (Relinking), Relinking Items to Another Bibliographic Record.

# View Linked and Unlinked Bibliographic Headings

#### **December 2020 Resource Management**

A new checkbox "Show authorized headings" was added to the "Headings from bibliographic records" tab in the ME Editor. When pressing F3, this allows you to see in the list of bibliographic headings both authorized and non-authorized headings, which allows you to view the full list of headings available.

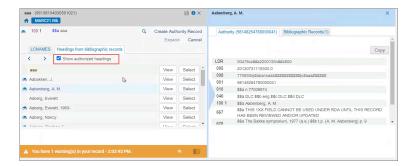
- When the checkbox is clear, upon pressing F3 the Bibliographic Headings tab shows only unauthorized headings.
- When the checkbox is selected, all bibliographic headings are displayed for the vocabulary of the bibliographic field. If
  there are several vocabularies defined for the field (by the priority mechanism), the list includes bibliographic headings
  linked to all of them. Authorized headings have the binocular icon next to them. This indicates which headings are
  authorized and the type of authorization (



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partial). Unauthorized headings appear in the list without an icon.

For authorized headings, clicking the View option opens the right side of the split screen with the bib record(s), linked and unlinked, in one sub-tab, and the linked authority in the other sub-tab. For unauthorized headings, clicking the View option displays the right side of the split screen with the bibliographic record.



See Viewing Bibliographic Records Linked or Available for a Suggested Authority Record.

## Relink Holdings of In Process Items to Bibs with Requests

### **December 2020 Resource Management**



## Idea Exchange

Now you can re-link holdings to target bib, even if there are some item requests on this bib. Previously it was not possible to re-link holdings if the holdings' items had requests on them.

See Moving Holdings Between Bibliographic Records (Relinking).

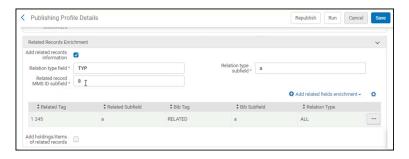
## Enhanced Support for Sets in General Publishing

## Add Related Record Enrichment as part of General Publishing

#### **December 2020 Resource Management**

Related records can now be republished to external systems, so that the external catalog has a full representation of the catalog and inventory of your library. You can include the related record information (BIB and physical inventory). If the institution is part of a consortium, then when publishing bibliographic records from the Network Zone to an external system, the related records information can also be published to the external system.

The section Related Records Enrichment was added to the Publishing Profile Details Page > Step 2. On this page you can define the information that will be added to the published bibliographic record from its related records. This new section is relevant for all types of publishing levels and all output formats, except Dublin Core simple / qualified.



## Note

To deploy this feature for existing profiles, running **Republish Entire Index** is required.

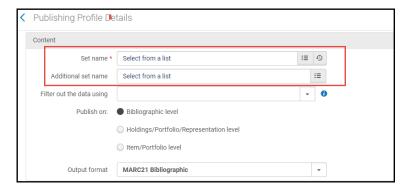
See Publishing and Inventory Enrichment (General Publishing).

## Support for Configuring Two Sets

## **December 2020 Resource Management**

Now you can configure two sets in the General Publishing profile. The sets can be of any type, and you can choose sets of different types, for example, one set of electronic titles, and one set of physical items.

If the publishing is on the Bibliographic level, the output will include one title, with all the information--Physical / Electronic (Network Zone) / Electronic (Institution Zone)--linked to a single title.



See Publishing and Inventory Enrichment (General Publishing).

Watch the Publishing Content from Two Sets of Records video (2:06 minutes).

## **Support for Combined Sets**

#### **December 2020 Collaborative Networks**

In a consortia where electronic resources are centrally managed in the Network Zone, the member libraries view/search the e-resources that are available for them via the standard Alma staff search result using 'Search Scope: Combined results'. In order to publish centrally-managed resources as well as the locally-managed resources to member discovery system, Alma now supports publishing a set with combined results in the General Publishing profile. The output includes Electronic Network Zone and Institution Zone records, as well as physical Institution Zone bibliographic records, with their configured normalizations and enrichments.

If the set contains duplications of NZ records and IZ records, then only one bibliographic record is published, including enrichment from both scopes (IZ, NZ). This means that he NZ record is published with all its information - NZ e-inventory, IZ e-inventory, and IZ local extension.

When publishing a combined-results set, the data enrichment may include elements both from the member institution and from the Network. To differentiate between local information and Network Zone information, the "Institution Code Enrichment" field was added to the General Publishing profile, where the institution code can be entered. This institution code is then added to all enriched entities, including all types of inventory and local extensions.



See Publishing and Inventory Enrichment (General Publishing), Combining Institution and Network Zone Search Results.

## Letters Configuration Page Enhancements

#### **December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure**



## Idea Exchange

The columns "Updated By" and "Last Updated" were added to the Letters Configuration page. This helps you troubleshoot issues with letter customization and know which staff user last updated the configuration.



See Configuring Letters.

## New Ex Libris Secure FTP Service

#### **December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure**

Ex Libris now provides out-of-the-box secure FTP capabilities using Ex Libris Secure FTP service for file transfer between Alma and external systems. This is an alternative to using institution's own FTP solutions, although this option remains available (see <a href="Configuring S/FTP Connections">Configuring S/FTP Connections</a>).

The Ex Libris Secure FTP services provides a separate directory for each customer. This folder contains two subdirectories: Production and Sandbox. You have a Read/Write access to these directories. Alma also has R/W access to these directories.

Limitations to the Ex Libris FTP server directories:

- · Max 1GB for the directory
- · Data retention period 30 days

See Configuring Ex Libris Secure FTP Service.

## Improvements to Concurrent Usage Access Rights

## **December 2020 Digital Resource Management**

The functionality of the Concurrent Usage parameter for digital access rights has been improved with the following developments:

- · The user session now times out after the number of minutes configured.
- Only the configured number of users can view the representation concurrently.
- A countdown warning message is displayed 60 seconds before the session expires.
- · When a user closes a session, the slot opens up for a different user to view the representation.

## New Analytics Objects Dashboard

## **December 2020 Analytics**

The new Analytics Objects dashboard is now available with reports that display information concerning the Analytics Objects of your institution. For more information, see <u>Out-of-the-Box Reports</u>.

# Allowing starting Course Load jobs via API

## December 2020 API



## **Idea Exchange**

The API has been expanded to allow starting Course Load jobs. To start the job:

- 1. Find the job ID that should be used for submitting the job. GET /almaws/v1/conf/jobs?type=SCHEDULED
- 2. Submit the job:{{POST /almaws/v1/conf/jobs/ {job id} ?op=run}} with the payload: <job/> (no parameters)

## Multiple Page Ranges for Book Extract Type

## **December 2020 Fulfillment Course Reserves**

You can now add a second page range in the Book Extract type. Support for the second page range in Alma is as follows:

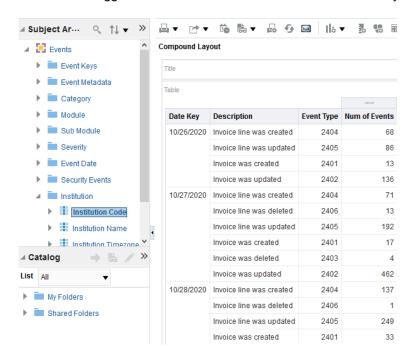
- Drools Currently, the drools checks for pages. It now checks for p.
- API The second page range is under the first page range.
- Reading List Citation, Copyright Attributes tab The second page range automatically populates in the second set of Required Pages fields.



## Additional Enhancements

#### December 2020 Analytics

New events are created for invoices and invoice lines. Upon Create, Edit, Save and Delete of invoice/invoice lines, an event is triggered. These events can be viewed in Alma Analytics in the Events subject area.



#### December 2020 Fulfillment

When using the auto complete field in the Manage Patron Services (MPS) screen, only relevant users which actions can be performed on will be displayed. All non relevant users, i.e. of type "Contact" are disabled from appearing in the auto complete field of the MPS screen only. Other search fields in Alma pages will not be affected by this particular search configuration.

#### December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00881069

Booking requests are now included in SIP2 Patron Information Response (64) holdItemsCount and holdItems. This enhancement will make it easier for libraries to manage seat reservations using self-check.

## December 2020 Resource Management

The new **CDI Collection ID** filter (which has a single option of **Equals**) is now available for advanced searches in Alma.

#### December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure

Alma's patron-facing emails now generate HTML that complies with the WCAG 2.1 level A and level AA accessibility guidelines.

#### December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure

Keyboard-only navigation is now possible within the Editing pane of the Metadata Editor and within the Navigation pane header. All content and functions can be accessed by keyboard only (no mouse). This is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

December 2020 Analytics



#### Idea Exchange

The ISBN valid and ISSN valid fields were added to Titles > Bibliographic IDs.

- For MARC 21, ISBN valid contains only 020 subfield a and ISSN valid contains only 022 subfield a.
- For UNIMARC, The ISBN valid contains only 010 subfield a and ISSN valid contains only 011 subfield a.

#### December 2020 Analytics

The **Invoice-Creation From** field was added to Funds Expenditure > Invoice Line. It contains the source from which the invoice was created.

#### December 2020 Analytics

The **Reclaim Interval (Days)** field was added to the PO Line dimension in every subject area where it appears (Funds Expenditure, Physical Items, Purchase Requests, E-Inventory). It contains the interval number of days that Alma will send reclaim letters after the initial claim letter is sent.

## • December 2020 Analytics

The **PO** Approval Date field was added to the PO Line dimension and the the **PO** Line Approver dimension was added in every subject area where the PO Line dimension appears (Funds Expenditure, Physical Items, Purchase Requests, E-Inventory).

### • December 2020 Analytics

The following fields were added to Borrowing Requests > Borrowing Request Details:

- Chapter Title
- Issue
- Pages
- Volume

### December 2020 Analytics

The **Rapido Indicator** field was added to Borrowing Requests > Borrowing Request Details and Lending Requests > Lending Request Details. It indicates if the request originated from Rapido.

## December 2020 Analytics

The **ISBN 020a** and **ISSN 022a** fields were added to the Bibliographic Details folder in every subject area in which it appears. They display the contents of subfield a for MARC 21 bibliographic fields 020 and 022 respectively. Note that for existing records there will be no data in these fields unless the record is saved again or the database is reindexed. For newly cataloged records, there will immediately be data in analytics.

#### December 2020 Analytics

The following fields were added to E-Inventory > Electronic Collections:

- CDI Provider Coverage
- CDI Activation Required
- CDI Type

## December 2020 Analytics



## Idea Exchange

The following fields were added to Funds Expenditure > PO License:

- Licensor Name
- Licensing Agent Name

## • December 2020 Fulfillment - Course Reserves / Analytics

The names of the following fields were changed:

• In Course Reserves:

- Leganto Num of Read It was changed to Leganto Num of Marked as Done
- Leganto Student Usage/Student Usage folder:
  - Number of Read it was changed to Number of Marked as Done
  - Students that Read It was changed to Students that Marked as Done

## December2020Fulfillment - Course Reserves / Analytics

Previously, Leganto Analytics could not display information about courses without reading lists. Now information about courses without reading lists can be displayed. To support this the **Associated with Reading List** field was added to .Course Reserves > Courses that indicates if the course is associated with a reading list



# Resolved Issues

- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00879128
  - Acquisition Method was not included in Export POs Job that were recently added to the code table. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00847836
  - Error messages as events alerts were added to the events table when cancelling a PO line with interested user and the main could not be sent. This was fixed and if the mail cannot be sent it will not add an error to the event.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00148640 00792804
   When disabling a row in the 'Physical Material Type Descriptions' page, the entry still appeared in the material type drop-down in the PO Line Summary. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00514071 00519355 00523257 00455995
   When a POL set uses workflow="All (except Closed)", you can only see the first page of results. Trying to move to another page gets "No records found", and exporting to Excel, gives empty Excel file. This was fixed by the move to the SOLR.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00880223
  - "Export Order (PO) Job" established a separate FTP connection to the customer FTP server for each PO-XML generated and did not close it after the file transfer. This was fixed. Now after the file transfer is completed, the FTP connection is closed.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00875864
  - Creating a POL with PO line type License Upgrade, receives error that 'PO line creation has failed' but still creates the PO line. This was fixed. Now when ordering a title that is linked to the CZ from the network. The bibliography will be imported from CZ and the order will take place.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00526164 00738834 00851533
  - Misleading error message: 'Fund ... belongs to the previous fiscal period for which transactions are not allowed.', when the issue was with the fund 'Available For'. This was fixed by creating a more generic message: 'Fund {0} is not valid for this invoice. Please check that the fund belongs to a correct fiscal period and that it is active and available to the invoice's library.'
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00794689
  - 'The increase/decrease percentage of the encumbrance when the PO lines are copied to the new fiscal period.' The percentage decrease of the encumbrance is NOT possible when the PO lines are copied to the new fiscal period. The following error message appears: 'The field FPC Factor (%) may only contain a numeric value greater than Zero.' This was fixed.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00860563
  - After customizing Country Codes code-table it wasn't possible to change the country code on vendor address. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00853323 00852487 00843669 00815421 00845426 00845550 00799010 00856305 00833030 00868391 00901199 00832014 00835279 00811095 00878020 00825310 00813037 Due to a limit of requests per second in SchlarlyIQ caused the requests to fail. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Acquisitions SF: 00814648 00884946 00867829 00851530 00814986 00860493 00830545 00816450 00866661 00862446 00815066
  - "Reports for some vendors are being treated as separate reports and are summed in Analytics (rather than the latest overwriting previous versions), resulting in inaccurate data. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00858727
  - In some cases, when a staff updated a user segment, previously created by an SIS job, the creator of the segment was wrongly changed to the logged staff user. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00873479

  Error manager for foiled parting of upon name according to regay quatement parts.
  - Error message for failed setting of user name according to regex customer parameter has been updated to be more informative.
- December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00825934
  - The 'user\_expiry\_date\_has\_passed' message was displayed to patrons in English when it should be translated. This

was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00629020

"When removing values from auto complete field, the onChange operation was not executed. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00813167

Row actions list disappeared in 'Monitor and view imports'. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00845071 00841860

Bulk Fine Waiving: 'User Group' and 'Waive fines types' menus displayed incorrectly if small or large font sizes were chosen for 'Display Density'. This was fixed

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00870370

New Layout: selecting current location upon login dis not always work on Safari. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00884652 00866072

"When the old MDE was open, the new layout's quick links shortcuts (for example, Alt+Ctrl+1) did not work. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00876660 00895489 00896191

"When using browser print function in new Alma layout, the printouts were either scrambled or partial. This was fixed.

• December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00878723

New Alma Layout: the dropdown in 'View Network Resources' on Borrowing request was empty. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00877371 00884045

"New Alma layout: experienced right-hand vertical scroll bar accessibility and visibility issues. This was fixed, scroller colors updated.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00896917 00873757 00890146

"New Alma layout: Resource Locate function was broken when going via task list widget. This was fixed, Resource Locate function works also via task list widget.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00879056

New MDEditor: new MDE was stuck in half screen mode. This was fixed

• December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00889569

Alma menu items appeared on the printout. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00891181

"In some cases, the footer of the Alma page covers up the action menu on the last item in the Manage Purchase Requests workbench. This was fixed.

• December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00884656

New UI/layout: Expand menu and Collapse menu not translatable. This is fixed

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00835348

Failed to register to consortia' error appeared when trying to enable digital resources sharing within the consortium. This was fixed.

December 2020 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 00876350 00830396

New Alma Viewer: 'Menu' button appeared when only one language was enabled. This was fixed, the button is hidden when only one language is available.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00622887 00791102

In Analytics, in the Fulfillment subject area under the Loan Details folder, the Loan Note field contained no data even when the loan had a note. This was fixed.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00867756

An analytics report that is based on the results of another analytics report runs very slowly. This was fixed.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00876512 00874602 00869757 00888273

The Analytics dashboard did not display properly. This was fixed.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00881985 00880261

An analytics report took a long time to open and displayed an error message. This was fixed.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00883595

An analytics report that is based on the results of another analytics report ran very slowly. This was fixed.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00885032

Sometimes usage data for an electronic resource appeared in the usage data subject area but not in the cost per use

of the e-inventory subject area. This was fixed.

December 2020 Analytics SF: 00887756 00889599

The Evaluate function was not enabled by default. This was fixed.

December 2020 API SF: 00878156

"Webhook integration profile was enabled to receive JOB\_END events. It is found that there is a number of JOB\_END events (JSON) that have NULL value. If there is no information in JSON, JOB\_END events will not be generated to avoid redundant POST actions to the Webhook listner. Alma's internal jobs will not be sent by Webhooks.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00872975 00801332

The Pick From Shelf page sometimes failed to open if there were very long call numbers. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00759510

Previously, 852\$z note is not displaying when the item is in a temp location. This is now fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00795258

The max\_renew\_date in Primo My Account loan list did not consider the partner's delivery delay when the loan was attached to a borrowing request. This was fixed. The delivery days are now reduced from the max renew date.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00810177

Previously a problem occurred, in specific scenarios, when editing an item from a second scanning. The application scans the same item again, instead of scanning the new item. This is now fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00879262 00875332

In some cases, when trying to loan an item belonging to institution A at a circulation desk of library B within a Fulfillment network, an error message 'Failed to create linked user' displayed since the linked user already existed in the source library (A). This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00877112

Previously, when duplicating a circulation desk without a hold shelf, an Oops was thrown to the screen. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00861330

When creating two physical items via **Fulfillment > Scan In Items** and using the barcode, the system is not warning you of the duplication. The system will now warn you of the duplication and not let the creation of a second item with the same barcode. This is now fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00831235 00751777 00729366

The Overdue and Lost Item job sometimes handled incorrectly the Days after status date parameter. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00848933

If the Overdue and Lost Loan job got restarted in the middle of the job's run (e.g. due to a server restart), the job's report was sometimes incorrect. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00888004

"Previously, the operator of a returned lost loan was not reflected in the fulfillment activities item's history tab. This is fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00842249

Previously an empty link was received when adding the URL in 'attach documents'> DONE when configuration is Document Delivery – Link. This is fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment SF: 00872106

For old requests with a null EXPIRY\_BY\_DATE\_NEEDED - marked as missing functionality did not work as expected. This is fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Course Reserves SF: 00861938 00870323

When creating a purchase request from Leganto via a citation or from Alma, the ISBN in the purchase request and the bibliographic record will now be normalized to the first number found ant parsed to ISBN13. For example citation ISBN='(e-book) 9780465009091 (alk. paper)' will display for the ISBN of the purchase request as 9780465009091.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Course Reserves SF: 00879722

In Citation Processing Rules, the Academic Department parameter was not working correctly, causing purchase requests to be created even when the course had a department which was not specified in the list. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Course Reserves SF: 00867839 00882590

When accessing a citation of type Article, the Alma Article Citation form incorrectly showed book fields. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Course Reserves SF: 00872038

In the Course Loader integration profile, the 'fail to add External id' error was changed to indicate the problem more

clearly. The error is now: 'More than 10 searchable IDs for this course'.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Course Reserves SF: 00867049

If the Alma course loader failed, when it ran again, it began from the beginning. This was fixed. The job will now run from the point where it failed previously so as not to create duplicate records or duplicate job events.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 00822856 00817773 00790066

The 'Borrowing requests - Cancelled by partner' task widget led to incorrect task list in case the Cancelled status was defined in the In Active statues list. This was fixed. The activity status in this case is now chosen to be 'Cancelld by Partner' instead of 'Active' and displays the correct list.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 00863075 00855573 00885597

The mashup getit RS form disabled the request format options in case of multiple RS libraries were defined for the patron. That led to an error when trying to submit the request. This was fixed. The allowed formats are now determined correctly by the request owner and the request can be submitted.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 00859134

Saving requests with a description field would duplicate the title field with the description info. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 00870429

Although the 'rs\_keep\_rejected\_request\_active' is set to 'Borrowing', it was not possible to edit a rejected Borrowing request while changing it to 'Both' does allow editing the request. This was fixed.

December 2020 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 00870239

The Email address on NCIP-P2P partner was not distributed by Distribute central resource sharing configuration job from NZ to IZs. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00850606 00882772

Update Inventory' in MD Import profiles did not un-suppress some of the records. This was fixed

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00869641

Physical Item Editor: In some cases, 'Toggle Missing Status' did not work. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00883310

Two consecutive actions of relinking item/s to another bibliographic record in a specific scenario were not performed as expected. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00813072

"Performance issue: In Electronic Resource Activation Task List, the action 'Done and Assign to', setting task to Done was taking a lot of time. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00860401

'Test access' for some electronic books with '&' in the URL, where the parser was Bulk::BULKdoi, resolved to the wrong URL due to an encoding issue. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00872192

Staff search: in case there were more than 1,000 items in collection / electronic collection facets, an error occurred and search result couldn't displayed. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00858815

When importing digital inventory in CSV format, representations were created without files. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00873849 00866305

Records with physical inventory and inactive representations display the 'Check online availability' link in Primo. This was fixed and now inactive representations are not discoverable in Primo.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00859624

When opening a sub-collection from the second page of the sub-collections list, there was an error and the wrong sub-collections were displayed. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00864570

ALMA DIGITAL - Inactive representation appeared as active (green) in the repository search display. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00868531

The New Alma Viewer did not display the language correctly in the Descriptive Information pane when MARC21 008 pos.35-37 contained 'zxx'. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00869482

GooglePlus was an option in the Viewer Share buttons, but GooglePlus does not exist anymore. The GooglePlus option was removed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00880051
  - New Alma UI: it was not possible to download zip files from the job report, because Alma home page opened instead. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00705839 00827089 00830269 00808196 00826707 00844543 00745217 00787421 00817305 00824975 00712441 00829039 00827457 00844842 00830189 00846736 00699117 00708376 00819404 00725603 00826735 00709701 00822765

Oops error message randomly appeared when attempting to conduct searches. This was fixed, and a link was added to the message to guide users to export their browser requests, for Ex Libris to be able to fix the issue.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00824010
  - Staff search: in case there were more than 1,000 items in collection facets, an error occurred and search result could not be displayed. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00872544

New Alma UI - Advanced Search dropped the first letter typed when searching for search indexes. This was fixed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00870086
  - Alma uResolver was slow to load results or timed out, which impacted performance in Leganto Reading Lists. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00843086

When enable\_view\_it\_show\_all\_results was set to Y, then if record has services of related records, the mashup ViewIt didn't show 'Services For Related Titles' label. This was fixed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00882439 00883248 00880867 00894268 00887361 00885373 00892816 00888772 00891987 00890494 00879549 00882745 00896407 00890187
   When scanning in an item, if the item location was changed (either permanent or temporary), the History tab sh
  - When scanning in an item, if the item location was changed (either permanent or temporary), the History tab showed that Full Text active in CDI only was set to No. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00623915 00756111

Link from Primo to Alma, such as for Purchase Request form, was not changed to English after being displayed in another language. This was fixed.

• December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00759166

Generating an author number was giving an incorrect result in some cases. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00815377

Performing normalization rule (from MDE/Process) includes the tasks defined on 'Normalize on save'. Hence if the 'normalize on save' includes '852 normalization', so will other NR. In current case, the matching mapping subfields in the holding were removed by the NR and wrongly added back by the 852 normalization, and therefore matched the call number mapping rule. This caused the update from bib. This was fixed

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00866682
  - New MDE In the 'view inventory' and 'view collections' pages, more than 10 records appeared on the page and the pagination bar did not work. This was fixed by removing the pagination bar from these pages.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00835537

MD Editor: the Link to a local authority record was not saved when editing 650 field in a bib record. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00856104

New MD Editor: The Binocular icon affected the line height and cast a shadow. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00862609

New MDE: When you create a new bib in IZ, share with Network, view matches, and link, selecting Save or Save and Release for the IZ record enters an eternal loop. This was fixed.

December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00874223

New MDE - wrong behavior occurred upon 'View in search' selection. This was fixed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00878099
  - New MDE: 'Modified By' info for CZ and NZ records did not match the pattern of the classic MD Editor. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00880287 00877309 00878219

New MDE: A record was locked when linking NZ record to CZ authorities and selecting Save. This was fixed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00878162 00878132
  - New MDE: new Metadata Editor could not open when Choose Location dialog was opened. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00884321 00883028 00890447 00893889 00875564 00879987

00892563 00892499 00876033 00882600

New MDE: When performing Relink Holding from a simple view/holding list, the holding didn't open on left, and therefore the relink search didn't work. This was fixed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00878497
   New MDE did not display the 'Created By' field in tooltips at the navigation panel. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00885543
   In the MD Editor, the current shortcut for Enhance Record functionality was Ctrl+Alt+E, but Ctrl+Alt+W was also available. The Enhance Record Functionality shortcut now displays 'Ctrl+Alt+E/W'.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00888003
   New MDE was not taking into account the 'Add Alternative Graphic representation script code' check box. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00877308 00897767 00877726
   New MDE: For GND/BARE/NLI contributors, an error occurred when there were no GND (or BARE or NLI) records in editing. This caused the GND tab to be missing (from the record's section), which caused GND templates to be missing from the Templates Display Configuration screen. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00884268 00892990
   New MDE: The menu item 'Manage Location Information' was missing for UNIMARC bib records. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00879001 00887389
   In New MDEditor, 'Add Alternate Graphic Representation' was disabled. This was fixed. Note that in new MDE, the menu item called 'Alternate Graphic Representation' was removed, but 'Add Alternate Graphic Representation' is available for both editing/non-editing mode.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00853830 00874919 00856483 00866310 00845765 00896926 00853349

In some cases, the "Authorities - Handle non preferred indexing of Local Authority Record' jobs failed for no apparent reason. This was fixed.

- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00844377
  "In some cases, the same 'task' (MMS ID) showed up day after day in the Authority Control Task List. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00842599 00852157 00861418 00899617 00853788 00864697
  Repository Search: In some cases, incorrect amounts of related records were shown behind the host record's 'related records' link. This was fixed, now displaying the real count of related records, and upon clicking displaying up to 500 records.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00843918 00859494
   MD Import: When some loaded files failed, the import job finished with an unclear message. This was fixed. The new message is 'Could not retrieve input file. Please fix the input file.'
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00867973
   UNIMARC MARC21 crosswalk field 214 was not mapped. Crosswalk for field 214 was added.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00873243
   UNIMARC MARC21 crosswalk field 711 was not mapped. This was fixed. UNIMARC 7XX fields are now mapped.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00865355
   In MD Import, the sorting of the 'Submitted On' column was wrong. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00867558 00867110 00884345
   MD Editor was opened with incorrect settings when using Resources > Search Resources. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00863576
   Reloading records from Central catalog for SBN Authority Records did not work (except for Autore type). This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00813705, 00815124, 00865651
   Alma didn't sign the SAML logout response when IdP initiated the logout, and the IdP threw an error. This was fixed.
- December 2020 Resource Management SF: 00871834

  When the Scheduled Jobs Status widget showed a yellow error icon for a job that was, for example, in status "Skipped," the More Info operation opened the Monitor Jobs page with the status filter of "Completed with warnings" but no job in the results. This was fixed.