Alma Overview

Ex Libris Alma is a secure, scalable end-to-end library software system (ILS) for managing the acquisition, sharing, cataloging, and use of all kinds of resources, including physical and electronic books, physical and electronic periodicals, and digital resources (such as audio, image, and video files).

Alma supports the entire suite of library operations—selection, acquisition, metadata management, digitization, and fulfillment — for the full spectrum of library materials, regardless of format or location.

Recognizing libraries’ present and future needs, and in collaboration with diverse global partners, Ex Libris has developed the Alma next generation library management service to consolidate, optimize and extend the range of library services, which includes:

- **Consolidate** – Unify the disparate systems today’s libraries manage for electronic, digital, and print resources
- **Optimize** – Optimize workflows through shared data and collaborative services as well as a cloud-based infrastructure
- **Extend** – Redirect resources to focus on extending library services within and outside their institutions in direct support of teaching and research goals