



# Update from the Executive Director

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## November 2020

Hello Everyone,

As we approach the end of November, FLVC is completing the steps of the transition process to move to the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) at Florida State University (FSU) as our new host institution. As you may imagine, it's quite a complex process to move an organization of the size and scope of FLVC to a new host institution. On behalf of everyone at FALSC, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our new colleagues at NWRDC and FSU for the extraordinary work that they have done to make the transition process as smooth and seamless as possible, and especially on such a short timeline! We are very much looking forward to new opportunities for collaboration with NWRDC, always with the goal of enhancing the resources and services that we provide to our member libraries.



In a season of thankfulness (and if there's one thing that 2020 may have demonstrated, all seasons should be seasons of thankfulness), I would like to again express my gratitude, appreciation, and admiration for all of my colleagues at FALSC and FLVC. This year has been extremely challenging for our organization in ways that we could never have imagined eleven months ago. Nonetheless, everyone at FALSC has continued their work with the same high level of dedication and professionalism that they have always provided.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the many readers of this newsletter who have reached out to me and to other FALSC staff over the course of this year to express support and encouragement. It has been a challenging year for our organization, and also a challenging year in many ways for each of us as individuals. The many encouraging messages that we have received through the course of this year have truly helped inspire each of us to continue our work with enthusiasm.

With gratitude,

Elijah

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### Governance and Advisory Processes

To download materials from past MCLS and Executive Committee meetings, go to [FALSC.org](https://www.falsc.org). The next MCLS Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for December 10th 2020. The next MCLS meeting is scheduled for December 3-4, 2020. Both meetings will be held virtually.

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## Library Support and Training

## Brian Erb: Director of Library Support and Training

### OpenAthens



As of November 18, we have 27 institutions live with OpenAthens – 22 from the FCS and 5 from the SUS. A further 3 libraries have completed vendor outreach and have committed to an OpenAthens GoLive in December/January. This should result in 30 institutions live with OpenAthens by the end of winter break. The final 3 FCS libraries are also ready to GoLive over winter break and we hope to have the entire FCS live in OpenAthens by Feb. 1. This will leave only 6 libraries, all SUS, who have not implemented

OpenAthens. After Feb. 1, there will be an OpenAthens onboarding pause to allow full dedication of staff to spring Alma implementation tasks. The remaining 6 libraries can declare their intention to complete implementation or to stay with their current authentication solution. A decision to proceed with OpenAthens will need to be made by June 1st to have an accurate institution count for the contract renewal due in June.

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## Integrated Library Services

### Ellen Bishop: Director of Integrated Library Services

#### Next Generation Integrated Library System



**On November 1, the Full Forty Testload Implementation Phase began.** FLVC/FALSC copied Aleph production data to the clone server on October 30 to begin the migration of the Full Forty Testload. Ex Libris and FALSC are working on the numerous migration tasks to build the Alma and Primo VE environments for all forty institutions to be released at the beginning of February 2021. During the Vanguard Phase, questions and issues discovered were tracked and reported so adjustments can be made for the Full Forty Implementation Testload.

The **Kick-off Meeting for the Full Forty Implementation Phase was November 10, 2020.** The links to the slides and recording of the meeting are on the [Implementation LibGuide](#). ILS Coordinators from all forty institutions were sent the meeting invite with connection information and were encouraged to share with their local implementation teams. Almost 300 participants from across the state joined the session.

There are four main phases for implementation:

- March – June 2020: Onboarding Phase
- July – October 2020: Vanguard Phase
- November 2020 – May 2021: Full Forty Implementation Phase
- June 2021 - July 2021: Go-Live Phase

FALSC has begun communication with all forty institutions and initial steps to work on the **new format for loading patron files into Alma**. Testing of sample files for all institutions will begin in February after Alma is released to the Full Forty.

FALSC/FLVC is working with institutions on **authentication and SSO for Alma and Primo VE**. After Alma is released to all institutions in February, FALSC will set up user accounts with roles in order for library staff to login with their institution's credentials. The ILS Coordinators have received a Staff Alma Roles worksheet and an explanation document explaining the staff roles.

#### **Training:**

ILS Coordinators at each of the forty institutions are communicating with their local implementation teams to ensure all library staff are working on the Ex Libris online training. Contact your ILS

Coordinator about using Canvas to track completion of the various modules.

Alma and Primo VE Online Training is openly available to everyone.

- [Ex Libris Documentation and Training site](#)

**All library staff should work to complete training modules, Getting to Know Alma, Alma Essentials and Primo VE Training, in order to perform the necessary data review and functionality testing beginning in February 2021.**

**The Workshops in the spring of 2021 by Ex Libris staff will be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** FALSC and Ex Libris are working on dates for the multi-geographic sessions. Stay tuned!

Please visit the [Implementation LibGuide](#) for a detailed Timeline, view the Working Group members and meeting agendas, get instructions to join the Discussion Groups' listservs and more! **Go Live is set for July 13, 2021!**

## Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

**Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:**

- Report of patron info by patron status
- Ran blocked monthly LRS reports manually
- Ran a report of bibs without a 245 tag
- Shelf list reports
- Fixed a problem with access to PDA reports via ARROW
- Ran report of bibs/holdings without any items attached
- Report of OCLC numbers that appear in more than one bib for a specific sub library
- Report of items that have 'c.' in the description field along with a report of items that had anything else but were not blank
- Items that had contents in either the circ note or the internal note field
- Report of items with a particular item status
- Report of SUS and FCS bib records without 001 tags

### LAPS FCS Statistics

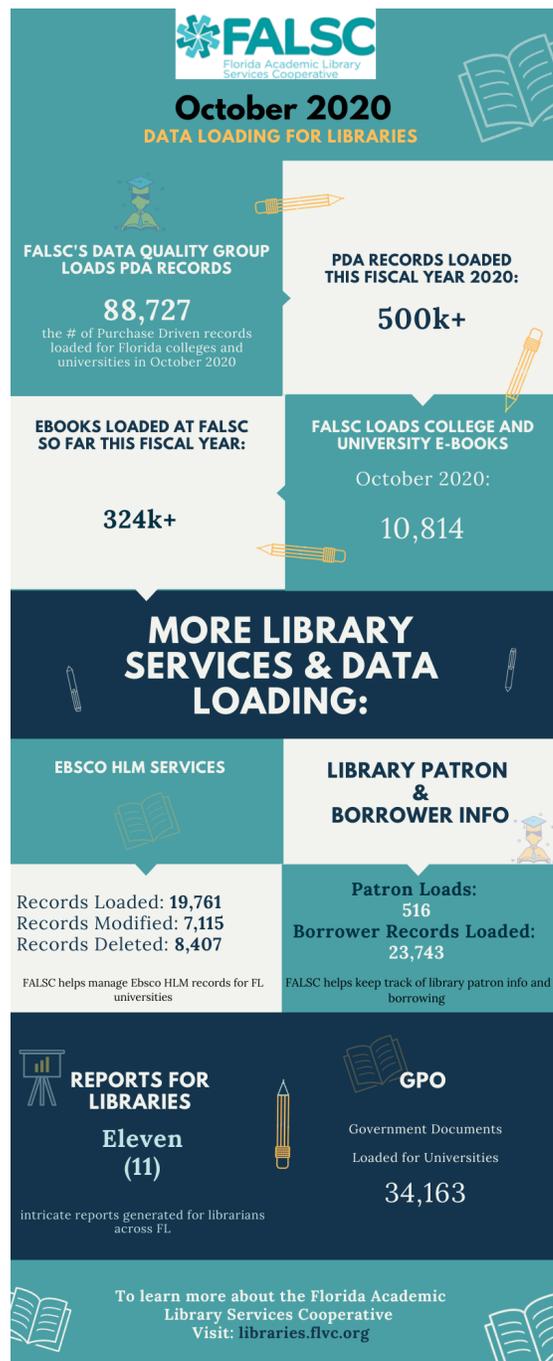
- # of patron loads\* - 516
- # of borrower records added\* - 23,743
- # of e-book Records added/updated\* - 10,814
- # of EDI transmissions - 47
- # of orders added - 2760
- # of items purged via batch - 29,436
- # of e-resource records deleted - 5,953
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 0

### LAPS SUS Statistics

- # of SUS GOP Loaded\* - 34,163
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 209,000
- # of SUS e-books processed - 0
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 49
- # of EBSCO Holdings Link Management Records Loaded\* - 19,761
- # of EBSCO HLM Records Modified\*- 7,115
- # of EBSCO HLM Records Deleted\* - 8,407

### LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics

- # of PDA01 Records Loaded\* - 88,727
- # of PDA01 Records Deleted - 21,790



# Electronic Resources

Rachel Erb: Director of E-Resources

## Statewide Collection



Price negotiations are mostly completed for the 2021 Statewide Collection. We only have one e-journal package funded on behalf of the state colleges that is in negotiation. We worked in concert with our vendors to keep pricing increases to a minimum. Since June, we've engaged in many fruitful conversations with our vendor partners, and if anything, the pandemic strengthened our relationships with our vendors. The final outcome was that most offered no increases for this year and a few have agreed to rollback pricing to either 2018 or 2019 levels.

Our successful collaboration with the University of Florida in negotiating the NewsBank business terms and contract is demonstrative of our collective power. We are grateful for our colleagues' support and assistance in achieving a final resolution. NewsBank offered an enhanced version of America's News that would include 11 full text, PDF format Florida news sources, along with the complete news source collection that was reduced in 2017. Our state college colleagues have voted for the upgraded America's News. We have a few things to finalize and expect a fully executed agreement some time in December.

## Group Licensing 2021

Due to the transition to FSU/NWRDC, all group licensing activities are put on hold until all contracts are transferred to FSU. We expect to distribute the confirmation forms either later this month or in December. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## Digital Services and OER

Rebel Cummings-Sauls: Director of Digital Services and Open Education Resources (OER)

## Recommendations



The migration for the thesis and dissertations has rebegun the testing stage. Metadata crosswalks were previously created and shared with select user members. Based on these crosswalks we will load sample items for impacted institutions to review and approve before migrating their entire collection.

### FL-Islandora

Over the past few weeks the FLVC team has identified and blocked a few IPs that were constraining the system through repeat actions, adjusted crawl rates for engines (like Bing) in our robot.txt file, and added memory to our production processing. In addition, we are working with or going to work with all FL-Islandora members to set-up all production sites with offline ingest. We hope that you have already noticed these improvements and look forward to continuing to provide you with excellent service.

Per the DISC committee's request we have been working to transfer all PALMM collection records into the FL-Islandora PALMM site: <https://palmm.digital.flvc.org/>. All collections from <http://palmm.fcla.edu/> are now represented in FL-Islandora. Please review the site at <https://palmm.digital.flvc.org/> to ensure that all content has been migrated and displays appropriately. If you see any issue(s) or have any question(s) please let us know.

## Open FL

### **OEGlobal - CCOER Consortia Membership**

- Through FALSC's membership, each member institution is eligible to join that consortium by paying a discounted rate (currently \$400). The membership page is available on their website at <https://www.ccoer.org/become-a-member/>. Please let us know if you are interested in joining or if you are already a member and need to be added to the Florida consortia.

### **Creative Commons Certificate Discount**

- Creative Commons offers a "10-week online course where educators and academic librarians gain mastery in open licensing and working with openly licensed materials. They develop a strong understanding of copyright, the public domain, and work with Creative Commons experts and open education advocates around the world, sharing resources and comparing notes on what works at their respective institutions." Creative Commons is currently offering the following institutional discounts"
  - 15% discount for purchases of 75+ seats
  - 10% discount for purchases of 50 - 74 seats
  - 5% discount for purchases of 25 - 49 seats
- If your institution is interested in this professional development opportunity, please contact [jennryn@creativecommons.org](mailto:jennryn@creativecommons.org) and let her know how many seats you would like to purchase with a single invoice.

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