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Update from the Executive Director

March 2020

Hello, Everyone,

As I'm writing this introduction to the FALSC Update, I am working remotely, as are all FALSC employees, in response to the developing situation with the coronavirus and COVID-19. Currently, we expect that all FALSC employees will continue to work remotely through at least May 5, 2020, although that date may change in response to the continually evolving status of the response to the coronavirus.

Please note that all FALSC and FLVC services and operations will continue as usual. For fastest response time for questions or concerns, please contact the FLVC Help Desk at help@flvc.org.

On a different topic, I am delighted to announce that after a lengthy procurement process, we have at last selected a new Integrated Library System (ILS) to serve all FALSC member libraries! The contract for the Next Generation ILS for FALSC has been awarded to Ex Libris for the Alma ILS and Primo VE discovery service. A Notice of Intent to Award Contract is available at the University of West Florida Procurement website at **https://uwf.edu/media/university-of-west-florida/offices/procurement/bids/18itn-06aj/18ITN-06AJ-Notice-of-Intent-to-Award-Contract.pdf**.

As you all know, this milestone is the result of many, many months (described at **https://falsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=848949&p=6100562**) of dedicated and diligent work by library faculty and staff at all of your libraries; by all FLVC and FALSC staff; and by our colleagues at UWF Procurement and General Counsel. It would simply be impossible to express to everyone involved the depth of my gratitude to everyone for all of the time, effort, and sheer determination that has enabled us to at last accomplish the goal of selecting a new system. I would especially like to thank:

Everyone who served on the Evaluation Team
- All those who served as Reviewers
- The ILS ITN Negotiation Team
- The Office of Procurement at the University of West Florida, and especially Angie Jones
- The Office of General Counsel at the University of West Florida
- President Dr. Martha Saunders and Provost Dr. George Ellenberg at the University of West Florida

THANK YOU!!!

It is an exciting moment to have at last come to a successful conclusion in the ILS section process.

FALSC staff will be working closely with the MCLS and MCLS Executive Committee to launch the implementation process. More information will be forthcoming soon.

As the status of the global pandemic of the coronavirus continues to evolve, it appears that we are at a cultural moment where new phrases such as "social distancing" and "voluntary quarantine" are

entering the common lexicon. Although my Magic 8-Ball is notoriously unreliable as a predictor of future events, I feel quite certain that libraries generally and our Florida academic libraries in particular will readily and quickly adapt to find innovative and effective ways to serve our communities and our students. FALSC and FLVC staff will likewise strive to find every opportunity to support and enhance the work being done at all of our member libraries.

Thanks,

Elijah

Governance and Advisory Processes

To download materials from past MCLS and Executive Committee meetings, go to **FALSC.org**.

The next MCLS Quarterly Meeting will be held June 4-5, 2020 at St. Pete College - Seminole College. More details to come.

The Executive Committee of the MCLS will meet again on April 15th.

Library Support and Training

FALSC Spring Regional Meetings

In light of the current environment, it has been decided to postpone the Regional Symposia until we have the opportunity to hold them in-person.

Please contact Melissa C.Sykes at **msykes@flvc.org** for additional information regarding refund options.

OpenAthens

The OpenAthens project has progressed rapidly. UCF is completely live with OpenAthens while St Johns River State College and Broward College are finishing their GoLive process. Seven more libraries have completed the resource allocation process and are awaiting the end of the term to begin their final GoLive steps. We hope to have a dozen schools live with OpenAthens sometime this summer.

You can follow along with libraries' progress on OpenAthens implementation milestones at the **OpenAthens Progress Chart**.

Integrated Library Services

Next Generation Integrated Library System ITN

We are pleased to announce that negotiations are complete and a contract with Ex Libris has been signed – we are now ready to officially begin the 16-month process of implementing the Alma ILS and Primo VE discovery interface. We are planning for a statewide go live in the summer of 2021. A separate document will be distributed with a summary of key points established in the contract including information about data cleanup, system hosting, negotiated services, product and subscription details, and a high-level initial timeline.

We are working with the MCLS Executive Committee to begin the process of populating the Working Groups with library staff from around the state. Keep a look out for the call for applications for the

Working Groups. Also, stay tuned for a new Implementation LibGuide laying out the Organizational Framework for the Implementation and a place for all Working Groups and their associated Discussion Groups to organize and communicate their work.

Library Projects and Services

FALSC is investigating options to incorporate COUNTER 5 data into current reports produced for the colleges. Our goal is to have a process in place by the end of June 2020.

After the two successful Open Houses, we are wrapping details such as compiling and reviewing feedback, and travel reimbursement.

Delivered updated UF extract for Google Book Digitization project to remove UF and FLARE duplicated items.

Deletion of FAU microfilm and microfiche holdings for FAU-Boca Raton Government Information and Maps Department weeding project.

Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:
- Circ statistics for books based on a call number prefix compiled by borrower status
- Shelf list for a sub library and collection for books added before a certain date
- Print titles for campus locations compiled by sub library
- Report of items that had no call number type indicator
- Monthly script that produces file of OCLC numbers to have holdings removed from updated to include system number
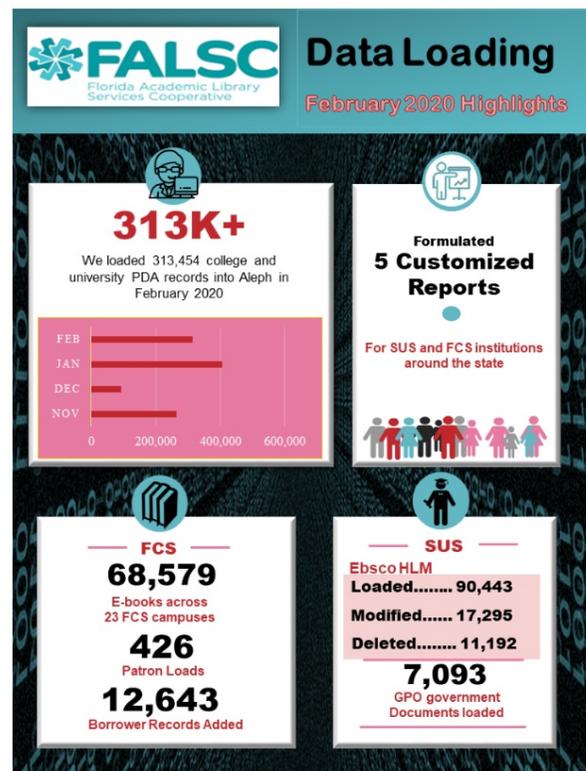
LAPS Statistics
- # of EDI transmissions - 34
- # of orders added - 1,918
- # of items purged via batch - 6,679
- # of e-resource records deleted - 22,541
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 3723

LAPS SUS Statistics
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 6,679
- # of SUS e-books processed - 144,356
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 658

LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics
- # pf PDA01 Records deleted - 149,333

FALSC Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative — **Data Loading** February 2020 Highlights

313K+
We loaded 313,454 college and university PDA records into Aleph in February 2020

Formulated **5 Customized Reports**
For SUS and FCS institutions around the state

FCS
68,579 E-books across 23 FCS campuses
426 Patron Loads
12,643 Borrower Records Added

SUS
Ebsco HLM
Loaded........ 90,443
Modified...... 17,295
Deleted........ 11,192
7,093 GPO government Documents loaded

Electronic Resources

Statewide Collection 2020

Following up from last month, FALSC has a modest surplus due to low percentage increases that we obtained last year. The CMESC was then tasked with determining how to spend the surplus funds. After a thorough analysis that reconciles member holdings with specific e-book package title lists, the CMESC recommended the purchase of an e-book package to MCLS Executive Committee that has STEM and social science content unique to all members.

There is only one agreement still in negotiation that is associated with the statewide collection--NewsBank. We are pleased to report that the LexisNexis agreement is fully executed and that the

Springer Nature amendment is currently being routed for signatures.

Price negotiations are now underway for the 2021 Statewide Collection. We are working in concert with our vendors to keep pricing increases to a minimum. In addition, the E-Resources Unit will continue to collaborate with the CMESC in refining collection assessment practices to assist with collection decisions for 2021.

Group Licensing 2020

We have mostly completed group licensing activities for this year. There are still a few contracts pending. They are as follows: ASME, American Psychiatry Association, and Bloomsbury. We are planning to streamline our processes using Consortia Manager for the 2021 group licensing season.

If you have any questions about group licensing, please contact **Leigh Mihlrad**. If you have any questions about Consortia Manager, please contact **Rachel Erb**.

Consortia Manager

The E-Resources Unit is making excellent progress learning the software while attending weekly interactive training sessions. We have been working with Consortia Manager staff to refine our processes and procedures.

We've altered the timeline for our implementation and extended it out an extra month due to unplanned absences, unit staffing shortage, and our trainer's travel schedule. We also reconfigured our subscription data file to provide a more streamlined group licensing process for our members and participating vendors.

Timeline:
Phase 3: Training, Soft Launch, & Marketing: April - June 2020

Our training sessions focused on our processes for group licensing and we will continue training in this area throughout the month. We are fortunate enough to have these sessions led by a former librarian from another large consortia. Because our training involves many discussions on how to leverage the software for a very large group licensing program, we have extended our training for an extra month. Consortia Manager staff will conduct member training in either May or early June; we should have more details in the upcoming weeks. We are planning to deploy the software in July for 2021 group licensing.

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EZProxy Stanza Updates

- Credo Reference
- Digital Theatre
- Handbook of Chemistry and Physics
- Naxos Music Library
- PrepStep/Learning Express
- Project MUSE
- Research and Theory Nursing
- Science Direct
- SciFinder

Digital Services and OER

Recommendations

The migration for the thesis and dissertations is in the initial stage

Units Products and Services Review

- Survey on a content platform system needs and wants is set to close at the end of this month
- Virtual Interest Groups - Call for participation. If you are interested in providing feedback or input on the current products and services along with the members needs and wants please indicate your interest by emailing **rsauls@flvc.org**. The work with these groups has been put on hold until mid-April.

Digital Collections and Archives Index

The Florida Open Academic Library is live and growing! Visit us at **https://openlib.flvc.org**. Contact **help@flvc.org** for information on how to ensure your digital collections and archives can be included.

FL-Islandora

The FIG wiki has moved. We have migrated the FIG from the wiki to our libguides at: **https://falsc.libguides.com/FL-Islandora**. Please take a look and compare the two, we would love to know what you think and how we can make it better meet your needs. We plan to close out the wiki site once the migration to the libguide has been reviewed.

FL Online Journals (FL OJ)

Host your campus journal or support a faculty edited journal through our open journal systems platform FL OJ. Learn more at **http://falsc.libguides.com/FloridaOnlineJournals**.

Collaborate

FALSC has a new collaboration channel for digital services representatives. Anyone interested in digital services for the State of Florida can share your experiences, ask for advice/examples, etc. Join us at **https://listserv.flvc.org/Digital-Ecosystem**

If you have not joined OPEN FL then you are missing out! **Join the community** now to:
- Stay informed on open and affordable learning
- Collaborate with colleagues across the state
- Share local processes and practices
- Showcase adoption, adaption, and creation examples
- Explore community development opportunities
- Dialogue on hot topics, trends, and tidbits
- Develop review standards and approval process for OER