Hello Everyone,
We are in unprecedented times.

I believe that our Florida College System and State University System libraries have responded to the extraordinary demands of the current global pandemic with equally extraordinary professionalism and responsiveness. The challenges of campus closures and the rapid shift to online course delivery have been met by libraries with both ingenuity and with a clear dedication to providing uninterrupted services and resources to students, faculty, and staff.

During this time, many vendors and publishers have gone to great lengths to make publications and electronic resources available at no cost. FALSC staff have worked closely with all FCS and SUS libraries to ensure that these resources are available and accessible. A list of resources that are currently available at no cost to FALSC member libraries may be found at https://falsc.libguides.com/openfl/COVID_temp_access_FALSC.

An extensive, crowdsourced list of “Vendor COVID-19 Related Donations and Pro Bono Access” is also available at https://tinyurl.com/vendorsupportedaccess. This list may be useful for identifying access to content for specific programs or degrees.

FALSC staff have compiled information that will be useful to libraries in all aspects of maintaining library services and resources during the pandemic, available at https://falsc.libguides.com/openfl/rapid_response.

We hope that these resources will be useful to all readers of the FALSC Update. FALSC and FLVC staff continue to work remotely. Our current guidance is that we will be working remotely until further notice. Nonetheless, all FALSC and FLVC services and resources will continue to be maintained without interruption. FALSC staff are available to answer any questions or requests. For fastest response time for questions or concerns, please contact the FLVC Help Desk at Help@flvc.org.

On behalf of everyone at FALSC, it is our sincere hope that each and every one of our library colleagues will be safe and healthy!

Elijah
The next MCLS Quarterly Meeting will be held June 4-5, 2020 and will be a web-based event. More details on this meeting to come.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be May 20, 2020.

Susan’s term with ALA begins July 1st. Dobby (the cute fuzzy one) is happy for her!

Library Support and Training

OpenAthens

The OpenAthens project is progressing swiftly as in addition to the two Live institutions, we have another eleven in the vendor outreach process. Four schools have nearly completely finished Athenizing their AZ lists. We expect to have five more schools Go Live next month and hopefully another five over the summer. Most schools are now set up so their users can take advantage of OpenAthens authentication from vendor WAYF logins when finding resources on the open web. The University of Florida, for example, already has nearly one thousand accounts created in OpenAthens with authentications occurring via this route. This is especially timely with COVID forcing users to do their work off-campus.

Integrated Library Services

Next Generation Integrated Library System

FALSC has begun the 16-month process of implementing the Alma ILS, Primo VE discovery interface and Central Discovery Index. We are planning for a statewide go live in July of 2021. Last month, on March 26 a message was sent to the LIBRARIES-ALL listserv with the Contract Highlights document. It is a summary of key points established in the contract with Ex Libris, including information about data cleanup, system hosting, negotiated services, product and subscription details, staff training, and a high-level initial timeline.

We are currently working with the MCLS Executive Committee and accepting applicants for the Working Groups. The deadline for submitting your application to a Working Group is April 24. The candidates will be selected by the MCLS Executive Committee in mid-May.

There are three main phases for implementation:

- March – June 2020: Onboarding Phase
- July – October 2020: Vanguard Phase
- November 2020 – July 2021: Implementation Phase

The Ex Libris implementation process consists of a pre-implementation phase, or Vanguard Phase,
with eight representative institutions. These institutions perform the major steps of implementation, including training, data migration, system configuration and initial workflow testing. The eight institutions that have accepted to participate are:

Daytona State College  
Florida International University  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
Florida State University  
Santa Fe College  
Tallahassee Community College  
University of Central Florida  
University of Florida  

Training:

Online training videos openly available to everyone.
- Begin with the basics: "Getting to Know Alma"
- Ex Libris documentation and training site: https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/
- Primo VE videos:
  - Introduction to Primo VE
  - Additional Primo VE Training

In person training by Ex Libris staff will be in the spring of 2021. The training will be on-site and consists of 15 regional three-day sessions.

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 their meeting agendas, recordings, documents and more.

Library Projects and Services

FALSC created a report, primarily for the colleges, that will list all patrons that have local or global blocks but no items on loan. Please contact the HelpDesk if you would like the report run for your library.

To assist with the eventual reopening of UBorrow requesting and delivery, FALSC, along with the Resource Sharing Standing Committee, is working on guidelines to help manage the process and will share them on the Access Services listserv.

FALSC delivered revised extract of FSU BIB and Item data to OCLC SCS for EAST – Scholars Trust project.

Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:
- Report to find all bib records in microform collections with no 245 subfield h with some variation of the word microform/microfiche and no 338 tag with same
- Report of bib records with certain bib statuses (Acq-created, circ-created, etc.)
- Produced report of all bib records that had no 035 field for two different institutions
- Holdings records that had NOTIS numbers in 004 field
- Reran LRS reports that had expired off the server during spring break
- Report of active serial titles from one vendor
- Report all laptops checked out and patrons they are charged to
- Report of all items with non-LC call number
Electronic Resources

Personnel News

It is with great regret that Leigh Mihlrad will be leaving FLVC for a new opportunity. Her last day will be May 1. Please join us in wishing her much success in the future. Lisa Tatum will serve as Interim Assistant Director.

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 ebook package title lists, the CMESC recommended the purchase of ProQuest’s IGI Global ebook package to MCLS Executive Committee that has STEM and social science content unique to all members. The ebook amendment to the ProQuest license is currently under legal review by UWF’s general counsel.

There is only one agreement still in negotiation that is associated with the statewide collection--NewsBank. The Springer Nature amendment is still under the signatory process.

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. The Bloomsbury and American Psychiatry agreements are fully executed. There is only one contract pending ASME e-journals and e-books, and this now under review by UWF’s general counsel in consideration of ASME’s response. If you have any questions about group licensing and 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. As of mid-April, we have almost completed our training and we are currently refining our data in the system in concert with Consortia Manager’s developers. Consortia Manager staff will conduct member training in mid-June; we should have more details in the upcoming weeks. This means members will have a few weeks to become familiar with the system before we deploy the software in late July for 2021 group licensing.

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**EZProxy Stanza Updates**

- 5 Minute Consult
- Chicago Manual of Style
- CHOICE Reviews
- GEOProxy
- Handbook Chemistry/Physics
- JoVE
- LWW Health
- Sage
- SciFinder
- Swank

**Digital Services and OER**

**Recommendations**

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

**Units Products and Services Review**

- Survey on a content platform system needs and wants has closed. We ask that anyone who has started a survey to complete this by the end of April. Thank you to everyone who took the time to give feedback through this process.
- Virtual Interest Groups - Due to COVID disruptions we are holding off on beginning these groups until May. If you are interested in participating please let us know at rsauls@flvc.org.

**Florida Open Academic Library**

This past month we added Broward Archives to the Florida Open Academic Library! See this new content and more at [https://openlib.flvc.org](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 officially moved to the new location in our libguides at: https://falsc.libguides.com/FL-Islandora. Please take a look. Let us know what you think and how we can make it better meet your needs. The wiki site is now dormant and will be removed after 30 days.

FL Online Journals (FL OJ)

FALSC can host campus journals, student journals, or support faculty edited journals through our open journal systems platform FL OJ. Learn more at: http://falsc.libguides.com/FloridaOnlineJournals.

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