

Update from the Executive Director

May 2020



Hello Everyone,

As I compose the introduction to this month's issue of the FALSC Update, all FALSC staff have now been working from home for over two months. Clearly, migrating the work of our entire organization to an extended work-from-home situation has presented challenges, and I'm sure that each and every one of you are encountering similar and equally unexpected challenges as you make adjustments at your libraries.

FALSC has adapted rapidly and successfully to our current remote working environment. All FALSC services and resources have continued to operate without interruption, and all FALSC projects are moving forward as planned. Our work on projects such as OpenAthens, the Alma/Primo Integrated Library System, negotiations for electronic resources, and many others are proceeding on schedule.

Currently, FALSC and FLVC staff are working remotely "until further notice," according to our guidance from the University of West Florida. We will, of course, notify all libraries when we have plans for staff to return to working in the FALSC and FLVC offices.

As we move toward summer, I hope that everyone reading the FALSC Update will stay safe and healthy!

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 and will be a web-based event.

See the [FALSC website](#) for more details.

Library Support and Training

OpenAthens

The OpenAthens project is moving along briskly. As of May 13th we have six libraries that are officially completely live with OpenAthens and two more will GoLive by June 1. In addition four more sites are ready to have their GoLive steps completed at their convenience. Another seven schools are

in the vendor outreach process. Depending on the pace of vendor outreach by EBSCO it is possible that we could have as many as twenty libraries live with OpenAthens by the end of the summer.

In addition, nearly every school has a live OpenAthens connection which means users are able to connect to resources in the OpenAthens Federation from vendor WAYF logins discovered on the web even if they have not begun the vendor outreach process. The usage statistics on this mode of access have been surprisingly robust with thousands of OpenAthens users and eResources platform accessions across all FALSC libraries. This has greatly enhanced the ability of users to do research remotely in our current pandemic environment and not hit paywall roadblocks owing to their choice of access point.

Integrated Library Services

Next Generation Integrated Library System

FALSC has begun the implementation project for **Alma ILS, Primo VE discovery interface and Central Discovery Index!** We are planning for a statewide go live in July of 2021. We are in the first phase of implementation, the Onboarding Phase.

FALSC and FLVC staff have had an initial Onboarding and Implementation Overview Meeting with Ex Libris staff. We have had a number of meetings with Ex Libris staff to discuss and define our requirements for the Enhancements, or developments, that were negotiated and included in our contract. In addition, we have begun technical meetings with Ex Libris to discuss topics such as Authentication. We are having weekly internal FALSC/FLVC implementation staff meetings.

The deadline to submit an application to participate in one of the eight Working Groups was April 24. The applications are being reviewed by the MCLS Executive Committee and the candidates will be selected late May. Notification of participation will be sent to all applicants by the end of May. The Working Group meetings will start the beginning of June.

There are three main **phases for implementation:**

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

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 consist 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 has posted Reopening Best Practices for circulation on the Circulation LibGuides, <https://falsc.libguides.com/circguide>

FALSC has also posted draft Reopening UBorrow steps on the UBorrow Guide, <https://falsc.libguides.com/uborrowguide>. The FLVC Resource Sharing Standing Committee will soon be drafting a document of Best Practices for managing material due to COVID-19.

FALSC is working on the finishing touches for the Cataloging Libguide. An announcement to the appropriate listservs will be made once the libguide is complete.

Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:

- Circulation statistics for lists of barcodes that had been on reserves
- Report of ISBN numbers for holding in two different sub libraries
- Reports of holdings records with no attached items
- Report of lost fines not attached to items
- Finished projects of lists of electronic resources in certain sub libraries with urls and other bibliographic data
- Report of all multi-part print monographs for an institution
- Report of outstanding lost fines before a certain date charged to patrons who had no active loans
- Report of all items at an institution that had non-LC call number types
- Report of bibliographic records that had multiple 035 fields with (OCoLC)
- Report of bibliographic records that had no OCLC numbers
- Report of 856 fields tied to print serial records
- List of patrons with outstanding loans with their campus ID number

LAPS Statistics

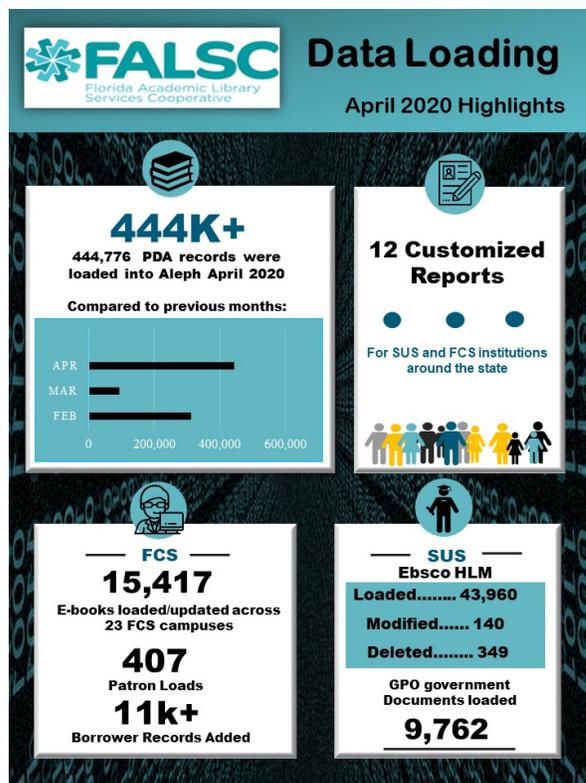
- # of EDI transmissions - 9
- # of orders added - 340
- # of items purged via batch - 2,174
- # of e-resource records deleted - 1,475
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 178

LAPS SUS Statistics

- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 2,174
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 73

LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics

- # of PDA01 Records deleted - 28,680



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 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 now fully executed and the IGI Global ebook titles are available in ProQuest Central. If your institution would like FALSC to upload the bibliographic records associated with this collection in Aleph, please reach out to [Melissa Stinson](#).

The agreement for NewsBank was not successfully executed. We were, however, able to amend the agreement to allow member institutions to fulfill five inter-library loan requests per year. This is far from ideal, but the previous agreement forbade inter-library loan. The Springer Nature amendment is fully executed.

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 that is now with UWF's general counsel for review of ASME's response.

Consortia Manager

The E-Resources Unit concluded their training sessions. We are still meeting with Consortia Manager staff on a weekly basis to refine our processes and procedures.

Timeline:

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

Consortia Manager staff will conduct member training in mid-June; we should have more details very soon that will include an online registration form. 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.

Phase 3: Training & Soft Launch: April - June 2020

EZProxy Stanza Updates

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- Ovid
- Alexander Street Press
- Drama Online
- RBDigital
- Swank

Digital Services and OER

Personnel

New Hire! Please help us to welcome our new teammate Simonne Jackson. Simonne is going through training now, but you should start to see her in meetings and assisting with supporting DS+OER unit services and products.

Recommendations

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

Units Products and Services Review

Virtual Interest Groups- Beginning these groups this 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>. 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 and let us know what you think or how we can make it better meet your needs. The wiki site is now dormant and will be removed.

Interested in launching a Digital Asset Management System (DAMS) at your institution? FL-Islandora sites are available free of charge (one per institution) to public universities and community colleges in Florida. If you would like a FL-Islandora site for your institution, contact help@flvc.org to request more information.

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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