Hello Everyone,

We have just passed the annual milepost of the summer solstice; we have also just passed the more unusual milepost of having worked from home now for over three months. Unusual is a word that could easily be applied to many aspects of the world around us! Nonetheless, FALSC staff continue to make strong progress on major projects, such as the Alma Primo migration, the implementations of OpenAthens and Consortia Manager, extraordinarily successful negotiations with e-resources vendors, and much more, as you’ll read about throughout this issue of the Update.

As we all know, our profession is both challenging and rewarding. I would expect that those of us who work in libraries have come to this field for a wide variety of reasons, but one theme that I have found to be universal among everyone I know who works in librarianship is that of a desire to be of service to others. Whether we work in academic libraries, public libraries, special libraries, library consortia, or any other related area of profession, our core tenet is to provide service to our communities.

Andrew Carnegie, the great philanthropic champion of public libraries in America, once observed,

“There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.”

In the spirit of this line of thinking, and in response to the extraordinary events we’ve all seen taking place across our democracy in recent weeks, FALSC has joined the ranks of so many of our colleagues in libraries, higher education, and other institutions of public service, to release a statement on racial justice and social equity. I am including this statement in this month’s issue of the FALSC Update, and the statement will also appear on the FALSC website.

Elijah

**FALSC Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity**

The Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative (FALSC), an agency charged with and committed to supporting the educational goals of all persons, joins our collective voice with myriad other voices across our nation to speak out in protest of recent and recurrent events of social inequity and racial injustice.

As an organization that supports higher education, we maintain a commitment to the highest ideals of discourse, truth seeking, and the continued exploration of shared values of the human experience. FALSC provides library and information resources and services to more than 1.3 million students, faculty, and staff across the 40 public colleges and universities of the state of Florida. We
recognize and cherish the incredible diversity and individual worth of each and every person across these institutions and across our entire nation.

We at FALSC reaffirm our dedication to our shared values of equity and inclusion in higher education and in all areas of life in our nation. These values are of little worth unless all individuals are treated consistently and equally to fundamental rights under law.

We at FALSC uphold the values expressed by the Board of Governors (BOG) of the State University System of Florida in its June 2, 2020 statement, “A Letter to the State University System Community,” available at https://www.flbog.edu/2020/06/02/a-letter-to-the-state-university-system-community/. As an agency of higher education, we agree with the Board of Governors that, “we must move forward with greater resolve to battle racism and systemic inequities wherever they exist.”

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**Governance and Advisory Processes**

To download materials from past MCLS and Executive Committee meetings, go to FALSC.org. The next MCLS Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020. The next MCLS meeting is scheduled for September 10-11, 2020.

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**Library Support and Training**

**OpenAthens**

The OpenAthens project is rapidly progressing. As of June 17th, there are 12 institutions live with OpenAthens. We are projected to have 7 more institutions live before fall term for a total of 19 OpenAthens institutions. We encourage you to consult the OpenAthens Site Progress Chart to follow implementation status.

FALSC is purchasing a license for Badgr to aid in providing certificates and credentials for FALSC training and webinar offerings. We hope to exploit this resource to full effect as we plan training’s to support the statewide Alma implementation .

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**Integrated Library Services**

**Next Generation Integrated Library System**

The Onboarding Phase of the implementation project for the new Alma/Primo VE system will be complete on June 30th. The activities have included, finalizing the project plan with Ex Libris, determining the vanguard libraries, forming the Working Groups, releasing the new Implementation LibGuide and preparing for the data extracts to begin the migration configuration spreadsheets. FALSC staff have been meeting with Ex Libris to discuss our requirements for the Enhancements, or developments, that are included in our contract, and we have begun technical meetings to discuss topics such as authentication and third party integrations.

The first of July we will move into the second, Vanguard Phase, performing the major steps of implementation with the eight vanguard libraries. The eight representative libraries are Daytona State College, FIU, FSCJ, FSU, Santa Fe College, TCC, UCF, and UF.

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 consists of 15 regional three-day sessions.

Please visit the Implementation LibGuide to see the Organizational Framework document and graphic, view the Working Group members and meeting agendas, get instructions to join the Discussion Groups’ listservs and more.

**Library Projects and Services**

SUS Aleph 2021 budget rollover: please wait to test rollover services until last week in June.

Due to the ongoing ILS migration, FY rollover services in Aleph Test have been temporarily disabled until the last week in June--you may begin running the budget rollover services in the Test client at that time. Budget rollover in Aleph Production is unaffected and will proceed in July as usual.

The Help Desk will send an announcement letting everyone know when Aleph Test is available.

Please fill out the Reopening of State University and College Libraries Survey, or contact the HelpDesk to let us know when your library will be able to participate in processing UBorrow requests. We will use this information to help determine when the majority of libraries are ready before restarting UBorrow.

**Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports**

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:
- Report of all expired borrowers
- Report of all items currently on reserve
- Report of all holdings with an 866 field
- Report of all current loans from a particular sub-library for certain patron statuses
- Collection size (by call number range) across all sub-libraries of one institution
- Report all laptops checked out for an institution

**LAPS Statistics**
- # of EDI transmissions - 15
- # of orders added - 177
- # of items purged via batch - 1,540
- # of e-resource records deleted - 1,260
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 178

**LAPS SUS Statistics**
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 15,40
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 1,492

**LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics**
- # of PDA01 Records deleted - 25, 248

**Electronic Resources**

**Statewide Collection 2020**
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. The financial impact of COVID-19 compelled us to re-enter negotiations with our vendors and we are in the process of drafting a letter to request price reductions. In addition, we’ve had a few conversations with vendors so far and Infobase offered 2018 pricing for Master Academic Collection along with all opt in renewal subscriptions!

As a follow up to the NewsBank contract, we will resume negotiations with NewsBank later this month with the goal of having a fully executed agreement by October. In the event we are unable to conclude negotiations, we will continue to collaborate with the CMESC and MCLS in exploring alternative electronic news databases.

**Group Licensing 2020**

We have mostly completed group licensing activities for this year. The contract for ASME is still pending and there continues to be negotiations between UWF’s Office of General Counsel and ASME’s legal representation.

**Group Licensing 2021**

We began sending letters to vendors requesting price reductions for opt in subscriptions based on the deleterious effects of COVID-19 on library budgets. We’ve received a few responses with some positive feedback indicating that pricing will be held to 2020 levels in most cases. We will continue to work with vendors to obtain as many price reductions as possible.

**Consortia Manager**

We are pleased to report that we have refined all of our data in Consortia Manager. This means members will have access to statewide pricing data from 2015- present and group license pricing data from 2017-present. Most of our licenses are stored in the system and we will continue to work on this throughout the year.

We presented a revised timeline at the MCLS meeting in June. Please note that the timeline can change due to many external dependencies. The current timeline is as follows:

- Consortia Manager Member Training: June 23rd and 24th
- Member accounts issued: July 1
- Vendors contacted for renewal quotes: July 7th → 10 business days deadline
- Webinar: July 28 and July 30
- Kickoff → members begin requesting renewals and/or reviewing obtained renewal quotes and new quotes: Monday, August 3rd
- Final decisions from members: Deadline, Friday, October 9th
- Letters of Intent (goal): Distributed by Monday, November 9th

**EZProxy Stanza Updates**

- Swank
- Digital Theatre Plus
- APA Writer

**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. Metadata crosswalks have been created and shared with user members.

**Units Products and Services Review**

Virtual Interest Groups- Began these groups this May. If you are interested in participating please let us know at rsauls@flvc.org.

**Florida Open Academic Library**

The new marketing postcard have arrived!

See all the 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.

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.

A new site launched in Islandora, the Digital Collections and Archives website at collections.digital.flvc.org, will facilitate the discovery of digital libraries which do not support OAI-PMH. Through the Digital Collections and Archives website, an individual record about each digital library or collection can be stored and shared out to the newly launched Florida Open Academic Library (FOAL), openlib.flvc.org. This leads to more comprehensive coverage for FOAL, including the ability to search and retrieve Geographic Information Systems (GIS) projects and scientific datasets produced by Florida's public higher education community. Let us know if you want your collection's record added to this new site.

A change was made on PALMM Islandora. Previously, titles of items in search results (and public browsing) were not hotlinked. Following the change, titles are hotlinked. This is on the agenda to show at the May 26, FLVC ISG meeting.
FL Online Journals (FL OJ)

New Addition: Mathematical Cryptology: https://journals.flvc.org/mathcryptology

Florida OJ is excited to host Mathematical Cryptology, an established journal which previously published through a commercial publisher. The move to Florida OJ will result in new scholarship about math being available for reading by the public, including the global and Florida academic communities.

FLOJ User Note: DOIs will not save when the article is published. Pop-up messages are not displaying as expected.

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

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