

# Update from the Executive Director

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## September 2020

Hello Everyone,

In last month's FALSC Update, we provided information regarding plans for the continuation of the essential services provided by FALSC and by the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC). Complete information about the essential services provided by FALSC and FLVC, along with information about plans for the continuation of these services, is available at <https://www.flbog.edu/library-and-distance-learning-support-services/>.

As of this writing, the final steps are being taken to implement a transition plan, as described on the State University System Board of Governors website, which will move FALSC and FLVC to a new host institution for the continuation of essential services. While we are in this transition phase, all FALSC and FLVC resources and services will continue without interruption.



Currently, all major projects at FALSC, including the implementation of the Next Generation Integrated Library System (ILS), implementation of OpenAthens, and negotiation and licensing of electronic resources, are all moving forward. The ILS Implementation, arguably our largest current project, is continuing to adhere to the scheduled timeline; full information about the ILS Implementation, including the timeline for all activities leading up to Go Live in July 2021, is available at <https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-Implementation>. Also on the FALSC website is a LibGuide with complete information about the OpenAthens implementation, which is available at <https://falsc.libguides.com/openathens>. Kudos to all of our FALSC and FLVC staff who have kept these major projects, as well as all FALSC and FLVC services and operations, going forward while working remotely for an extended period of time!

The fall semester will likely bring new and unexpected changes to all of us as we navigate the ongoing challenges presented by the global pandemic. FALSC staff will continue to work with all of our member libraries to provide the best possible resources and services to you and to your students and faculty.

Elijah

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### Governance and Advisory Processes

To download materials from past MCLS and Executive Committee meetings, go to [FALSC.org](https://falsc.org). The next MCLS Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15th. 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

## OpenAthens

As of September 23rd we have 24 institutions live with OpenAthens and another 2 schools on deck to be live by early October. A further 4 libraries have completed vendor outreach and should be ready to GoLive at their discretion when the rhythms of the academic term permit. This could result in 30 institutions live with OpenAthens by Christmas. If you would like to join the OpenAthens listserv to crowdsource questions, share discussion, and stay informed about OpenAthens issues, visit: <http://listserv.flvc.org/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=FLVC-OPENATHENS&A=1>.

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## Integrated Library Services

### Next Generation Integrated Library System

On September 8, Ex Libris and FALSC released the Alma environments of the vanguard libraries to the Working Groups, the Implementation Team and the vanguard ILS Coordinators and local implementation teams. They were delivered with instruction for data migration review and testing. For the recording link of the Alma release, go to [Alma For Data Review](#).

On September 17, Ex Libris presented the Primo VE First Look for the vanguard libraries. The meeting included the Working Groups, the Implementation Team, and the ILS Coordinators for the Vanguard Libraries. In addition, the ILS Coordinators for the Vanguard libraries invited members of their local implementation teams. To find the recording, go to [Primo VE First Look](#).

All the implementation groups are working on data review until the end of September. Functional and workflow testing will begin on October 1 and run through October 23. All questions and issues discovered will be tracked and reported so adjustments can be made for the Full Implementation testload for all forty libraries beginning in November.

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

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

### **Training:**

All Working Groups and vanguard ILS Coordinators, with their local implementation teams, have completed the basic online training in order to perform the necessary data review and functionality testing.

**Online training videos** openly available to everyone.

- [Ex Libris documentation and training site](#)
  - All library staff can work to complete training modules, Getting to Know Alma and Alma Essentials
- Primo VE videos:
  - [Introduction to Primo VE](#) and [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. If travel is not permitted, Ex Libris will be shifting to a virtual training program. Stay tuned!

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

The HathiTrust ETAS (Emergency Temporary Access Service) which allows SUS library patrons access to an online copy of held print titles during Covid-19, has been in effect since August 31, 2020.

FALSC has provided a HathiTrust ETAS Libguide page which includes details about the service, and an FAQ. The Libguide is continually updated as more details and answers emerge, here is the link, [https://falsc.libguides.com/hathitrust\\_etas](https://falsc.libguides.com/hathitrust_etas).

The most recent development is the pending availability of access for the four SUS libraries that are not currently using Shibboleth. Access via Open Athens has been developed and tested, and will be added to Production Mango once HathiTrust has activated the ETAS service for those four libraries.

## Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

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

- Requests for all staff accounts for a campus sorted by last login date
- Title counts by sub library and collection, as of the end of the fiscal year
- System numbers of bib records with an '85640' MARC tag for certain values of the \$5 tag
- Duplicate barcodes within institutions
- Counts of staff accounts across the systems
- Current reserve titles for a specific sub library

### LAPS Statistics

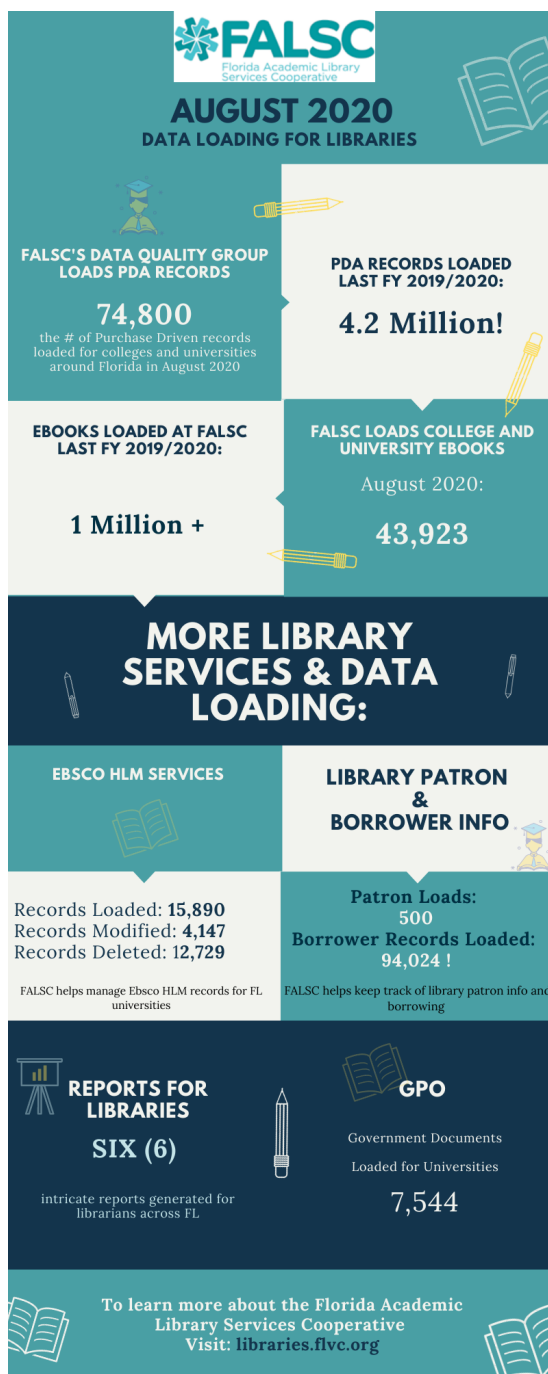
- # of EDI transmissions - 3
- # of orders added - 0
- # of items purged via batch - 6,960
- # of e-resource records deleted - 171
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 0

### LAPS SUS Statistics

- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 0
- # of SUS e-books processed - 0
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 94

### LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics

- # of PDA01 Records Deleted - 21,083



## Electronic Resources

### Statewide Collection 2020

Price negotiations are mostly completed for the 2021 Statewide Collection. We are working in concert with our vendors to keep pricing increases to a minimum and we have made good progress thus far. The financial impact of COVID-19, however, compelled us to re-enter negotiations with our vendors. In late June, we sent letters to vendors requesting subscription rate reductions for these subscriptions. We are still actively negotiating with a few vendors, but most have offered no increases for this year and a few have agreed to rollback pricing to either 2018 or 2019 levels.

We have been collaborating with colleagues at the University of Florida to continue negotiating pricing and the contract with NewsBank and we expect a successful outcome resulting in a fully executed agreement by either October or November. We appreciate all your support in agreeing to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that establishes an “ad hoc consortium” of the state college member institutions so that the University of Florida can conduct licensing activities that include establishing the University of Florida as the lead negotiator. A similar MOU was distributed to the state university members to cover any future centrally licensed or opt in subscriptions with NewsBank.

## Group Licensing 2021

We are pleased to report that most vendors favorably responded to our letters requesting their reconsideration of pricing this year. Most vendors offered no increases for this year, and a few rolled back prices to either 2019 or 2018 levels. In only a handful of instances, vendors could only reduce the percent increase, and therefore were unable to either rollback prices or offer no increases due to various constraints. We have assiduously tracked the offers for this year and we also included this information in the agreement records in Consortia Manager. All pricing is now available in Consortia Manager except for any renewals associated with NewsBank. We expect to have those very soon.

The deadline for members to complete their group licensing orders is October 9th. In the event an institution needs more time, please let us know as soon as possible. Our goal is to distribute the confirmation forms that will supplant the letter of intent, by Monday, November 9th. The confirmation form will need to be signed by a representative from the institution and we will upload the form in Consortia Manager on behalf of our members.

## EZProxy Stanza Updates

- Cambridge Core
- ProjectMUSE
- ScieFinder - Chemical Abstracts Service
- Swank Motion Pictures
- Visible Body Coursework

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## Digital Services and OER

Peer Learning Labs are here for members to come and share their experiences and ask questions to help out their local environments. Each month we will pick one topic or tool to kick off the conversation, but there will be plenty of time to allow for free discussion so bring whatever issues or topics you want too!

Please note: ArchivesSpace will invoice institutions directly beginning FY2020-2021. If you have not received your invoice please let us know at [help@flvc.org](mailto:help@flvc.org).

## Open FL

OER Review Standards and an Approval Rubric - Are you interested in working to develop OER Review Standards and an Approval Rubric? If you are interested in researching, writing, or creating these standards or rubric please let me know by email at [rsauls@flvc.org](mailto:rsauls@flvc.org) with your preferred contact information. During a brainstorming meeting with interested stakeholders we discussed next steps and are moving this process forward. Wide participation and expertise are desired, so consider contributing your thoughts.

## [FL-Islandora](#)

FL-Islandora Institutional Repository (FLIRT) wiki information was integrated into the FL-Islandora Guide (FIG) available at, <https://falsc.libguides.com/FL-Islandora>. Please update any local links to the new libguide pages, as we plan to phase out the older wiki pages in thirty days.

## [FL Online Journals \(FL OJ\)](#)

Interested in launching a new journal at your institution? Transitioning a closed journal into the open? Let us know!

We are excited to continue to add new journal titles to Florida Online Journals (FLOJ) each year, check out some of our newest titles now:

### [The International FLAIRS Conference Proceedings](#)

*The Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society (FLAIRS)* was founded in 1987 to promote and advance AI within the State of Florida and beyond, with interaction between researchers from colleges, universities, and industry. The annual International FLAIRS Conference promotes Artificial Intelligence through the presentation of new research and development in AI, as papers, posters, tutorials, and workshops at the conference, and a conference proceedings.



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### [Mathematical Cryptology](#) *Mathematical Cryptology* (MC)

is a forum for original research articles connecting Mathematics and Cryptology. Foundational and applied contributions relating to Mathematics and Cryptology are equally welcome. By default, all submitted manuscripts must contain an original research contribution. When submitting an extended version of a conference/workshop contribution, the additional contribution over the prior version has to be indicated clearly. Survey articles can be considered, if they have potential to advance a particular line of research.



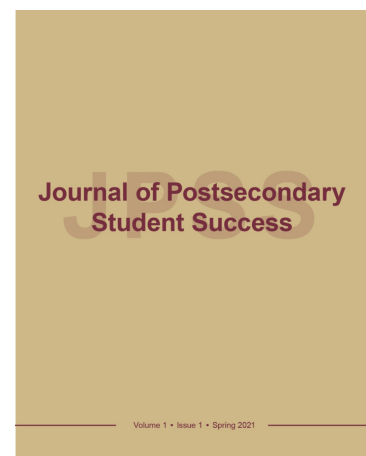
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### [Journal of Postsecondary Student Success](#)

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