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Update from the Executive Director

October 2020

Hello Everyone,

As you read this month's issue of the FALSC Update, I hope that all is well with you, with your family and friends, and with all of your colleagues. 2020 has been quite a year so far! For everyone at FALSC, October is the seventh month of our remote work operations. I simply cannot overstate how appreciative I am of everyone at FALSC and FLVC for their dedication and fortitude. By now, I recognize that it is repetitive of me to make the following statement, but nonetheless, I must again state that all FALSC services, projects, and resources have continued without any interruption during this tumultuous year.

In previous newsletters, I have mentioned the process undertaken by the State University System Board of Governors to select a new host institution for the essential services provided by FALSC and FLVC. I'm extraordinarily pleased to announce that the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) at Florida State University (FSU) has been selected as the new host institution. FALSC and FLVC are currently working with our new colleagues at NWRDC and FSU to make this transition. As you may imagine, this process is quite complex! Nonetheless, we anticipate that the transition will be completed by December 1, 2020. During this transition time, we do not expect any interruptions in resources or services. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone at NWRDC and at FSU for their support of FALSC and FLVC during this transition phase.

Elijah

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 November 19th 2020. The next MCLS meeting is scheduled for December 3-4, 2020. Both meetings will be held virtually.

Library Support and Training

OpenAthens

As of October 23rd we have 26 institutions live with OpenAthens. Florida Atlantic University is slated for a Nov. 12th GoLive date. A further 5 libraries - Polk State, Valencia, South Florida, Northwest Florida, and Florida Southwest – are "*on-deck*" having mostly completed vendor outreach and should be ready for an OpenAthens GoLive at their discretion when the rhythms

of the academic term permit. This could result in 32 institutions live with OpenAthens by the winter break depending on the "*on-deck*" institutions' timeline preferences. 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**.

If you are implementing OpenAthens and still need to establish an OpenAthens GoLive date or if want to discuss a possible implementation, please email Brian Erb at **berb@flvc.org**.

Integrated Library Services

Next Generation Integrated Library System

The month of October was devoted to functional testing in Alma and Primo VE for the vanguard libraries. All implementation groups reported issues through October 23. During the month of September all implementation groups concentrated on data migration review. Questions and issues discovered were tracked and reported so adjustments can be made for the Full Forty Implementation Testload beginning in November.

The **Kick-off Meeting for the Full Forty Implementation Phase will be on November 10, 2020 from 10-11am ET**. ILS Coordinators from all forty institutions have been sent an outlook invite with the connection information. They have been encouraged to share the meeting invite with their local implementation teams.

FALSC/FLVC has begun working on integrations with the institutions for Alma and Primo VE. There has been successful authentication testing with SSO for the eight vanguard libraries. All beta testers were able to login to Alma and Primo VE with their institution's credentials. We have also begun communication and initial steps to work on loading patron files into Alma.

There are four main **phases for implementation**:
- March – June 2020: Onboarding Phase
- July – October 2020: Vanguard Phase
- November 2020 – May 2021: Full Forty 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

The decision to have the In-Person Workshops in the spring of 2021 by Ex Libris staff will be made in early November. If the training/workshops are not on-site, Ex Libris will be shifting to a virtual program. Stay tuned!

Please visit the **Implementation LibGuide** for a detailed Timeline, view the Working Group members and meeting agendas, get instructions to join the Discussion Groups' listservs and more! **Go Live is set for July 13, 2021!**

Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:
- Report of all community borrowers at an

institution
- Report of all holdings records that had no collection information (852 $c)
- Report of staff users with last login date for an institution
- Report of holdings records that are not linked to bib records for all institutions (requested by CAWG)
- Report on tags present in the local authorities library (LCA10)
- List of materials for a sub library with last checked out date
- Internally requested reports for migration/implementation issues
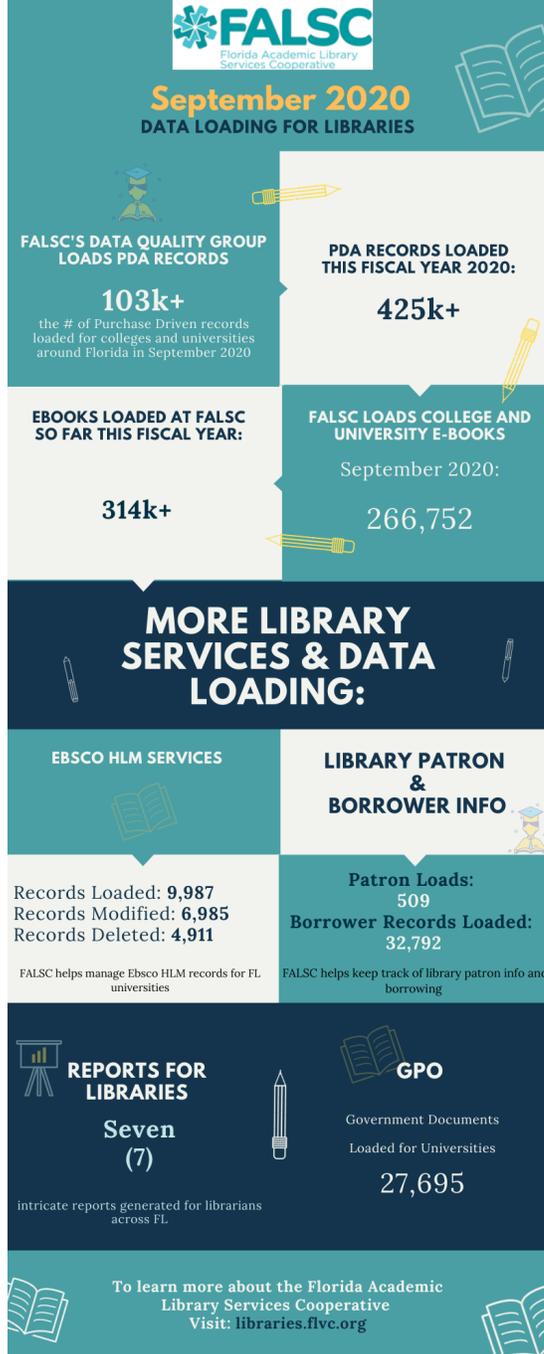
LAPS Statistics
- # of EDI transmissions - 25
- # of orders added - 29
- # of items purged via batch - 5,298
- # of e-resource records deleted - 745
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 4

LAPS SUS Statistics
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01
- # of SUS e-books processed - 0
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 1,703

LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics
- # of PDA01 Records Deleted - 5,218

Electronic Resources

Statewide Collection 2020

Price negotiations are mostly completed for the 2021 Statewide Collection. We only have one e-journal package funded on behalf of the state colleges that is in negotiation. We worked in concert with our vendors to keep pricing increases to a minimum. Since June, we've engaged in many fruitful conversations with our vendor partners, and if anything, the pandemic strengthened our relationships with our vendors. The final outcome was that most offered no increases for this year and a few have agreed to rollback pricing to either 2018 or 2019 levels.

Our successful collaboration with the University of Florida in negotiating the NewsBank business terms and contract is demonstrative of our collective power. We are grateful for our colleagues' support and assistance in achieving a final resolution. NewsBank offered an enhanced version of America's News that would include 11 full text, PDF format Florida news sources, along with the complete news source collection that was reduced in 2017. Our state college colleagues are currently voting on the upgrade as it will cost a little more than the current subscription package. We expect a fully executed agreement by either later October or early 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 grateful to you all for submitting your group licensing orders by the deadline of October 9th. Some of you reached out to us in advance for extensions and that made our work processes easier as well. As a recap, most vendors offered no increases for this year, and a few rolled back prices to either 2019 or 2018 levels. There were a few instances where vendors could only reduce the percent increase, and therefore were unable to either rollback prices or offer flat renewals 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.

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

- Association of Teachers of Mathematics
- Cambridge Core
- Cambridge Journals Online
- CNKI
- Opinion Archives

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 issues or topics that you want to discuss. Previous discussions have included archiving software and the OER Impact Calculator. Anyone is welcome to join us, come and share your knowledge with your fellow peers.

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** with your preferred contact information. Join us as we begin working on next steps and moving this process forward. Wide participation and expertise are desired, so consider contributing your thoughts.

FL-Islandora

Interested in launching a Digital Asset Management System (DAMS) at your institution? FL-Islandora sites are available, 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.

We are pleased to share that the Islandora community recently announced a security extension for Islandora 7, the base platform of FL-Islandora, through November 2021.

FL Online Journals (FL OJ)

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**.

Florida Open Academic Library

Discover content from around the state at **https://openlib.flvc.org**. Contact **help@flvc.org** for information on how to ensure your digital collections and archives can be included.