



# Update from the Executive Director

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## January 2021

Hello Everyone,

The beginning of a new year is always a time for reflection on the challenges and successes of the previous year, along with optimism and anticipation for successes in the coming months. If any of us pause to reflect on what the world looked like in January 2020, it would be a dramatic understatement to say that none of us could have anticipated the challenges that were ahead of us!

On his fiftieth birthday, David Bowie stated, "I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring." If one thing can be said for 2020, it certainly was not boring! As I consider the months ahead for FALSC and FLVC, I feel quite certain that this year also will be anything but boring. In fact, in this calendar year, we anticipate the completion of major projects, including the implementation of Alma and Primo, our next-generation integrated library system and discovery tool, as well as the implementation of OpenAthens as our new authentication platform for electronic resources. These two projects have been in process for many months, so it's exciting to see them nearing completion, especially knowing that they will enable our libraries to provide enhanced services and resources to the students we serve.



As we venture into a new year, we know that challenges await us. Perhaps more importantly, the previous year has taught us that no matter how well we may anticipate the pathway ahead of us, there will be twists and turns that we could never have imagined. Nonetheless, over the course of the past year, we have seen the amazing resilience and adaptability of our students, as they have adapted and persisted under stressful changes; of our faculty, as they have swiftly pivoted to altered methods of course delivery; and of our colleges and universities, as they have responded quickly to the rapidly changing environment around us. In the midst of all this, we have seen remarkable stories of the ways in which our libraries have also swiftly changed and adapted to ensure that we serve as a cornerstone of academic success by continuing to provide the best possible information resources and services to all of our students.

No matter what 2021 brings, I know that libraries will continue to persevere.

With gratitude,

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 February 18th, 2021. The next

## Library Support and Training

**Brian Erb: Director of Library Support and Training**

### OpenAthens



As of January 26, we have 32 institutions live with OpenAthens – 27 from the FCS and 5 from the SUS. In addition, Chipola College will imminently GoLive after a final IT configuration task is complete. FIU is well into the vendor outreach process with a plan to GoLive as soon as the Alma timeline permits. This will leave only 6 libraries, all SUS, that have not implemented OpenAthens. After Feb. 1, there will be an OpenAthens onboarding pause to allow full dedication of staff to spring Alma implementation tasks.

The remaining 6 libraries can declare their intention to complete implementation or to stay with their current authentication solution. A decision to proceed with OpenAthens will need to be made by June 1st to have an accurate institution count for the contract renewal due in June.

## Integrated Library Services

**Ellen Bishop: Director of Integrated Library Services**

### Next Generation Integrated Library System



We are pleased to report we are **on schedule to release the Full Forty Testload Alma environments to all institutions on February 9th**. FALSC and FLVC staff, Working Groups members, Ex Libris implementation team, and library staff from all libraries have been working on setting up the Alma test environments for all 40 institutions. This work includes extracting a copy of our Aleph data on October 30, 2020, manipulating it so that it can be ingested into Alma, providing migration and configuration parameters for each institution so that all components of the system (fulfillment, cataloging, acquisitions, discovery, etc.) will function properly, and gathering information on all staff members who need access to Alma in order to set up their user accounts.

Ex Libris and FALSC have scheduled a **Full Forty Testload Data Review meeting for Tuesday, February 9th from 1-2:30 pm ET**. This meeting is open to all Working Group members, members of the Implementation Team, ILS Coordinators, and most especially to library staff. Ex Libris will go over how to access the Alma instances, review various reports and statistics about the data migration which will be available to each institution, and provide tips to library staff on how to effectively review their library's data and report any problems. For those who cannot attend the session, a recording will be made available after the meeting and posted on the [Implementation Libguide](#). All institutions will be given access to their Alma instance and asked to review their library's data for migration accuracy. After Data Review, library staff will want to perform testing and become familiar with the system's functions. **Primo VE will be released at the First Look webinar on February 16th**. During the spring, FALSC will also be working on and testing all 3rd party integrations such as Single sign-on, patron load files, and other links to campus systems currently in place for Aleph.

**In March, April, and the first week of May, Ex Libris and FALSC will provide live, online Spring Workshops for all library staff.** There will be ten repeated workshops that each run for four days, Monday-Thursday. Stay tuned for communication about registering to sign up for workshop sessions. **A webinar to provide an overview of the workshops and answer any questions will be on February 4th from 9-10 am ET.** Stay tuned for an invite with connection information to the webinar.

### **Ex Libris Web-based Recorded Training:**

ILS Coordinators at each of the forty institutions are communicating with their local implementation teams to ensure all library staff is working on the Ex Libris web-based recorded training. Contact your ILS Coordinator about using Canvas to track the completion of the various modules.

### **All library staff should work to complete training modules, Getting to Know Alma, Alma Essentials, and Primo VE Training, in order to perform the necessary data review and functionality testing beginning in February 2021.**

Ex Libris has updated their main training tutorial, Alma Essentials (NEW). The new version is organized a bit differently and also includes videos and screenshots of Alma's new user interface. Library staff that has not already taken the tutorial should use the new version rather than the earlier one. The changes are not substantial enough for FALSC to recommend that everyone who has already completed the Alma Essentials tutorial take it again. Alma and Primo VE Training is openly available to everyone.

- [Ex Libris Documentation and Training site](#)

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:**

- List of staff users for multiple institutions
- Holdings records based on text strings in the 866 field
- Item records with non-blank note fields (circ, internal, opac)
- Items with a process status of 'mending' that contain a commitment to the EAST project in the 583 field of the holding record

### **LAPS FCS Statistics**

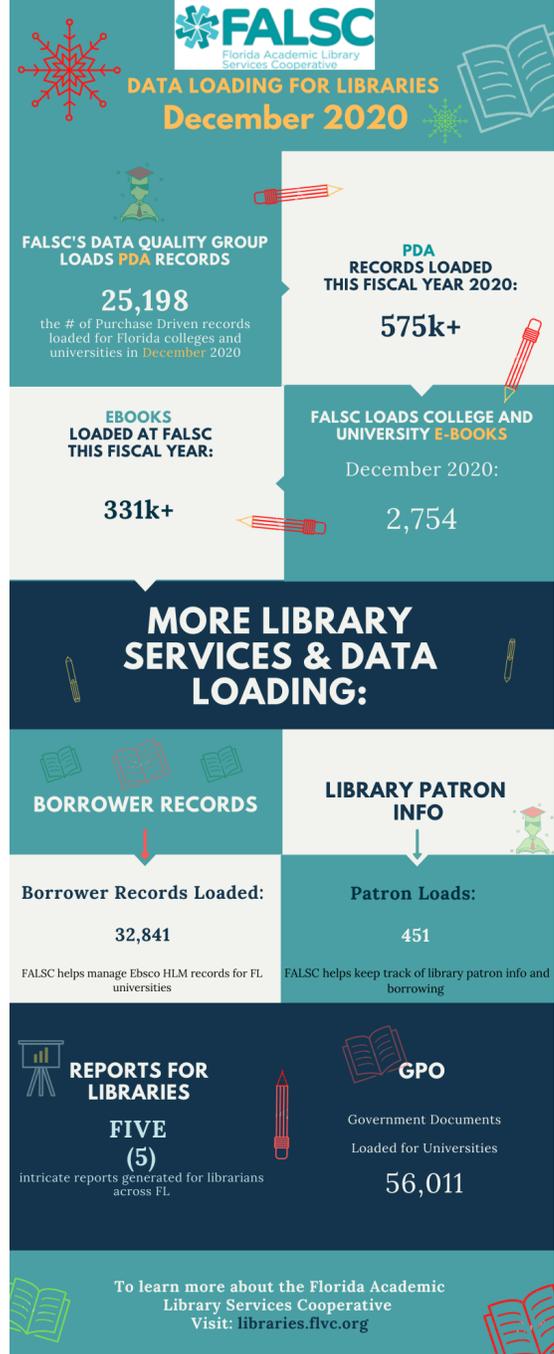
- **# of patron loads\*** - 451
- **# of borrower records added\*** - 32,841
- **# of e-book Records added/updated\*** - 2,754
- # of EDI transmissions - 11
- # of orders added - 37
- # of items purged via batch - 9,978
- # of e-resource records deleted - 110
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 11

### **LAPS SUS Statistics**

- **# of SUS GOP Loaded\*** - 56,011
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 0
- # of SUS e-books processed - 0
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 8,365
- **# of EBSCO Holdings Link Management Records Loaded\*** - 54,325
- **# of EBSCO HLM Records Modified\*** - 33,573
- **# of EBSOC HLM Records Deleted\*** - 24,513

### **LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics**

- **# of PDA01 Records Loaded\*** - 25,198
- # of PDA01 Records Deleted - 7,154



## Electronic Resources

Rachel Erb: Director of E-Resources

### Statewide Collection



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 are pleased to report that many of our contracts, amendments, and order forms were executed before the holiday break. We are incredibly grateful for the excellent support we have received from Florida State University's Procurement Office and NWRDC in these efforts.

After many months of collaborating with the University of Florida in negotiating the NewsBank business terms and contract, we have finally reached a three-year agreement. For the first year, NewsBank will provide 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. In the second and third year, only 53 titles will be removed from the collection that comprises of the Associated News-Press Newswires collection. In addition, 132 titles will revert from the PDF format to HTML. We will continue to offer the 11 Florida news sources in PDF format in the second and third year of the contract. We appreciate your feedback on the business terms of the three-year agreement and thank you very much for promptly voting. We expect a fully executed agreement later this month.

## Group Licensing 2021

Initially, we were a little behind in group licensing activities during the transition to FSU/NWRDC, but we rebounded quite well during the past several weeks. We were able to finalize prices with vendors and publishers; issue confirmation forms to members; execute most agreements/amendments, and even accommodate a few last-minute opt-ins! Thank you for being patient with us during the transition.

## EZ Proxy

- BrillOnline
- EBSCO
- McGraw-Hill
- Sobek

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## Digital Services and OER

### Rebel Cummings-Sauls: Director of Digital Services and Open Education Resources (OER)



*Invites you to join...*

### Managing Digital Collections: Case Studies in the Ethics of Privacy

This session explores the often unforeseen challenges and issues associated with the creation and management of digital collections and the privacy concerns that can arise. We will explore how to handle the need for digital anonymity on the part of content creators facing issues such as stalking, harassment, and violence. We will also discuss how to deal with the need for privacy when it stems from issues such as plagiarism and false claims of ownership that are almost always unexpected. We will offer possible solutions and creative ways in which FIU has helped its students, faculty, and researchers maintain their privacy, while simultaneously balancing our institutional goals of open access and accessibility of resources. Our hope is to provide a framework of best practices based on these examples.

#### Presenters

- Kelley Rowan, FIU Digital Archives Librarian
- Rebecca Bakker, FIU Digital Collections Librarian

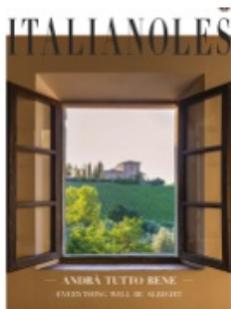
The webinar will take place on March 16, 2021, at 2 pm. Please contact [rsauls@flvc.org](mailto:rsauls@flvc.org) for the link to join the webinar.

## Open FL

New resources, including links to member's local OER websites, were recently added to the OPEN FL guide, <https://falsc.libguides.com/openfl>. Look inside to see what's new.

The OER Summit 2021 Committee is getting started planning the next event, keep your eye open for a Save the Date email soon.

## Florida OJ



Launch your scholarly, faculty, or student journal using Florida OJ. For more information on the Florida OJ program or to get started with Florida OJ, please see the [scholarly journals page](#).

### New Addition:

ItaliaNoles is a student publication produced by students at the FSU Florence Campus each semester. The magazine features articles on Florence culture, cuisine, student life, and other special topics. To learn more about this journal see the [Current Issue](#).

### ItaliaNoles

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