

Update from the Executive Director

March 2021

Hello Everyone,

Spring is in the air – and by spring, I mean pollen . . . lots and lots of pollen. The poet James Russell Lowell once wrote that, “Books are the bees which carry the quickening pollen from one to another mind.” Perhaps this imagery from Lowell will make the spring pollen more tolerable!

As you’ll see through this issue of the FALSC Update, we’re focusing much of our energy on the NextGen Integrated Library System Implementation, a project which we’ve been working on for more than a year and which is swiftly moving toward a conclusion. I would encourage everyone to review the implementation timeline available at <https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-Implementation/timeline> to see the current status of the project. We will be moving through major milestones in this project over the next couple of months, and we are still on track for the planned “Go Live” of the new system on July 13, 2021



The ILS Implementation isn’t the only work happening across FALSC and FLVC, as you’ll see throughout the rest of this issue of the Update.

All the best,

Elijah

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 March 25, 2021. The next MCLS meeting is scheduled for June 3 - 4, 2021. Both meetings will be held virtually

Library Support and Training

Brian Erb: Director of Library Support and Training

[OpenAthens](#)



FALSC is observing a 4-month hiatus in implementing more institutions on OpenAthens to make room for Alma implementation work both at FALSC and at the libraries. The next institution slated for a GoLive with OpenAthens should be Florida International University, possibly in July. The SUS schools that still haven't decided about OpenAthens should let FALSC know by June 1st if they wish to be included in our license renewal so we can establish our final pricing. Unique OpenAthens-mediated platform accessions FALSC-wide since OpenAthens implementation began

stood at 3,783,465 as of March 1st.

Integrated Library Services

Ellen Bishop: Director of Integrated Library Services

Alma and Primo VE Implementation



Library staff are now focusing on functional and workflow testing of their institution's Alma instance. The Full Forty Testload Alma environments for all institutions were released February 9. After spending the month of February performing data review and checking data migration, Working Groups and library staff are now testing their institution's Alma and Primo VE. **Each ILS Coordinator at the forty institutions has received information on how to access their Alma instance, including instructions on how to log in, and several documents used by Ex Libris to create each environment.** Single sign-on (SSO) has been setup for staff at each institution for both Alma and

Primo VE.

The Spring Workshops began March 1! Ex Libris and FALSC are providing live, online workshops for all library staff. There will be ten repeated workshops that each run for four days, Monday-Thursday, and will be given throughout the first week of May. Information about the workshops and how to register can be found in the [Spring Workshops](#) section of the Implementation LibGuide.

All library staff should complete Ex Libris' online training modules, Getting to Know Alma, Alma Essentials and Primo VE Training, in order to perform the necessary functionality testing and attend the Spring Workshops.

FLVC has begun customizing the "look and feel" of the Primo interfaces, while some institutions have chosen to do their own customization. **The Primo VE instances were released to all institutions on February 16.** The [recording link](#) and [slides](#) for Ex Libris' initial tour of Primo is available on the LibGuide.

FALSC/FLVC is working with institutions to setup in Alma the current **third party integrations between Aleph and other systems.** Integrations affecting all forty institutions are loading patron files and single sign-on. SSO gives the ability to use an institution's credentials to log in to Alma and Primo VE. SSO is setup and testing has been successful, in addition to successfully loading patron files. We have requested test patron files from each institution, most have submitted a file while we are still waiting to receive a file from others. Additional integrations that affect some institutions include, Cash Exports, APFeed, SMS, EDI, SIP2, and others.

UBorrow will be suspended in Aleph/Mango on May 1, 2021! UBorrow requests in AlephILL will not be migrated to Alma, so time is needed for requests to be finalized in Aleph. FALSC will post a banner on the Mango UBorrow catalog, and a pop-up message to the UBorrow button to notify patrons that UBorrow requesting is unavailable. **Once the switchover to Alma/Primo is complete, UBorrow will resume.**

Please visit the [Implementation LibGuide](#) for a detailed Timeline, including new activities and dates for the Go Live Phase. You can view the Working Group members and meeting agendas, get

Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:

- List of current Aleph staff accounts for given subset of employees for more than one institution
- Report of items with flag 'Temporary Location' set to 'Y' at the time of the extraction for the Full Test Load
- Report of all bib tags with a code of 5xx that contain a particular institution's \$5 field
- Report of items (mobile hot spots) circulated over a given period of time that have a particular combination of material type and item status
- Report of bib numbers with a bib level of 's', an 856 tag with the institutions \$5, and only a single holding (for that institution)
- Report of bib numbers for an institution that have a 521 tag along with the tag contents
- Report of items attached to a user-provided list of bib numbers

LAPS FCS Statistics

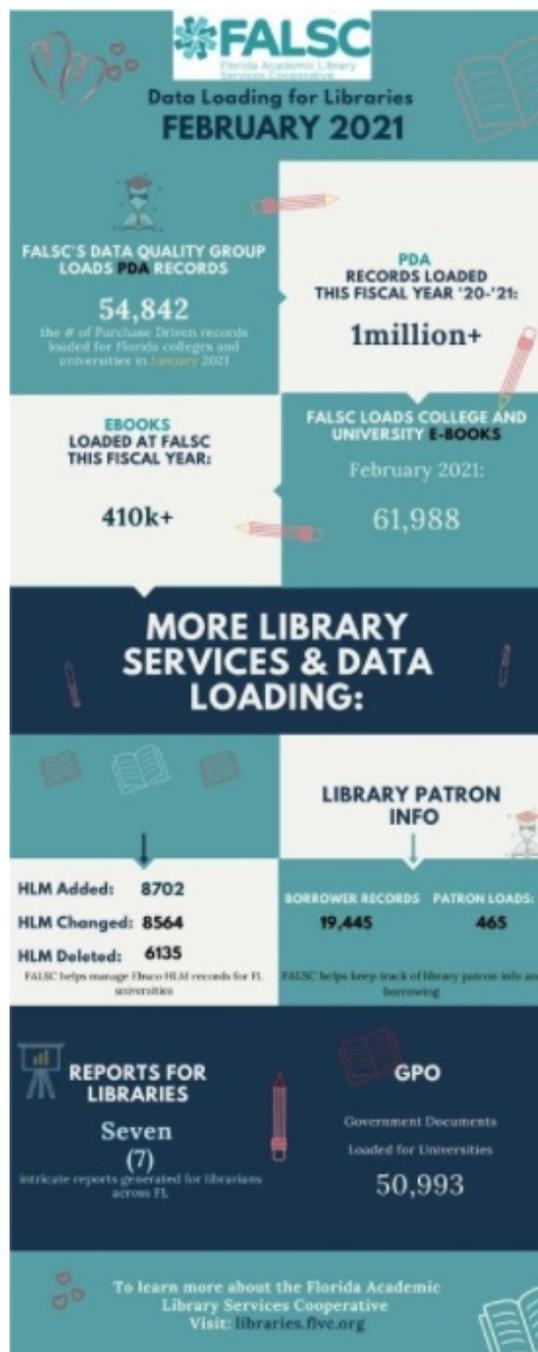
- # of patron loads* - 465
- # of borrower records added* - 19,445
- # of e-book Records added/updated* - 61,988
- # of EDI transmissions - 44
- # of orders added - 783
- # of items purged via batch - 8,045
- # of e-resource records deleted - 57,920
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 33

LAPS SUS Statistics

- # of SUS GOP Loaded* - 54,842
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 0
- # of SUS e-books processed - 0
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 1,880
- # of EBSCO Holdings Link Management Records Loaded* - 8,702
- # of EBSCO HLM Records Modified* - 8,564
- # of EBSOC HLM Records Deleted* - 6,135

LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics

- # of PDA01 Records Loaded* - 54,842
- # of PDA01 Records Deleted - 8,045



Electronic Resources

Rachel Erb: Director of E-Resources

Statewide Collection 2021

Price negotiations are mostly completed for the 2021 Statewide Collection. We only have one e-Most of the invoices for the statewide collection have been paid. We still have one outstanding business item: There is one e-journal package funded on behalf of the state colleges that is currently in negotiation.

We would like to extend our special thanks to Brian Erb for working with NewsBank's technical support to ensure that all the colleges have updated URLs and are now accessing the enhanced

content.

Statewide Collection 2022

We began requesting quotes from our content providers in early March. We have some quotes finalized and we will continue to do our best to obtain favorable pricing. Some providers will not be able to provide us quote until late summer.

EBSCO SEDA and Curriculum Builder Amendments

These amendments are now fully executed. We initially reported that access would end on October 31, 2021, this was an error on our part. Access to both products will end on September 30, 2021. Upon the amendments' expiration, EBSCO will retain de-identified data unless FLVC requests that the data must be destroyed or returned to FLVC.

EZ Proxy

Just a reminder from last month that no further updates expected for EZProxy. We authenticate e-resources access through OpenAthens. Because of this, if you are a **state college**, FALSC no longer requires notice of your local subscriptions to add or update EZProxy stanzas. The EZProxy server will continue to run until the full sunset of Lincweb which is in July 2022.

If you get a new e-resource via local subscription or group license, please be sure you follow these two steps:

1. Update your LibGuide Database A-Z list.
2. Make sure the e-resource is allocated in your OpenAthens Dashboard. Our OpenAthens contract includes EBSCO support with adding new e-resources and they can do both the vendor outreach and the allocation in your dashboard. You put a case into EBSCO support including your OpenAthens Federation Information and EBSCO customer ID.

Please note that if you are a **university** that runs EZProxy with FALSC, we will still work the way we do at present. This means FALSC will keep doing the same things for your stanza workflows at this time. While it is true that by July 2022, you will be on OpenAthens for authentication, please know that we are prioritizing the Alma implementation before we make these changes. We will work with you much later in the year regarding this.

Digital Services and OER

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

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FL OER Summit 2021



Building on our previous events and efforts, we are excited to offer the opportunity for Florida stakeholders, of all roles, to come together to work on reducing the cost of textbooks and supplies for our sunshine state students. Faculty, students, librarians, instructional designers, support services, and higher education administrators will not want to miss this year's event as we explore tools and resources to help them in their OER journey at their home institution.

When:

May 13-14, 2021

Where:

Online Virtual Platform

Topics of Interest for this year's summit:

- Sustainable OER
- Peer-review standards
- Library & affordable options
- Grant recipient stories
- Supplementary, Beyond the textbook
- Integrations with the Learning Management System
- Licensing and Copyright
- Applications of OER through EdTech
- Platforms for OER
- Impact of the Pandemic

OEN Membership Discount

To continue to welcome a diversity of voices into this community, institutions represented through your consortium are eligible to join the OEN at a **highly discounted rate: \$525** (normally \$1575). To make the most of this membership benefit, interested institutions can sign up as allied members through **May 15**.

This discount is available to institutions because of FALSC's membership in the OEN.

What is allied membership in the Open Education Network?

Allied institutions are part of an existing OEN member system or consortia. These institutions can join the OEN and enjoy the same benefits as OEN institutional members for a fraction of the cost: \$525 (normally \$1575).

OEN **membership** offers 1) programmatic, 2) financial and 3) collective benefits so that higher education institutions can develop sustainable open educational practices to support student success. They enjoy direct access to the OEN's full suite of professional development and programmatic support. For more information about membership and its value, please visit <https://open.umn.edu/otn/join/>

Next Steps?

If you're interested in pursuing allied membership, please use **this short form to sign up** through **May 15**. The OEN will reach out to you to answer any questions as well as share your interest with your consortia or system.

Digital Services

Florida on Florida

Announcement: The State of Florida Library has recently decided to sunset Florida on Florida. Please note that much of this content is held within PALMM and Florida on Florida URL will be temporarily redirected to the PALMM site. We encourage you to remove or update any links to Florida on Florida that you may have within your local library listings.

Digital Services Webinars

We invite you to join us for...

Shareyourpaper.org Demonstration and Discussion

March 30, 2021
2:00pm

Join this session to learn more about shareyourpaper.org, a new tool to simplify the mediated repository deposit process. It is just released and ready to be used/tested by you and by your local researchers. [Shareyourpaper.org](https://shareyourpaper.org) removes a lot of the work (permissions checking, version checking, hunting down metadata) from the mediated[[a](#)] repository deposit process and makes it almost a one-click process for authors. The developers for this tool worked with the creators of a familiar tool the [Open Access Button](#)[[b](#)] on this project. COVID-19 has increased public understanding of the need for open access and a real-time understanding of the limits that restrictive access puts on scientific progress; making this an excellent time to try tools, like Shareyourpaper, to ease this process. See more here: [blog.openaccessbutton.org/...](https://blog.openaccessbutton.org/) Montana State began this spring and saw a 25% deposit rate in their first batch of 35 papers. Without rebuilding your repository, renegotiating subscriptions or licensing, or learning ten new skills, this tool can streamline the mediated deposit process, or begin it if you never had time before.

For more information and to [get your library started](#) with [Shareyourpaper.org](https://shareyourpaper.org), join us for this session and then head to shareyourpaper.org/libraries.

Presenter:
Joe McArthur, Open Access Button

Join Us!

Connect with your fellow state librarians working in library archives and digital collections, visit the [Digital Collections and Archives LibGuide](#) or join the [Digital EcoSystem Listserv](#). We invite you to share your energy and expertise with your fellow, fun, and fabulous Floridians. As a community we:

- Curate and develop shared resources
- Curate an index that provides "a statewide searchable database that includes an inventory of digital archives and collections held by postsecondary education institutions (§ F.S. 1006.73 (2) (a)4)
 - <https://openlib.flvc.org>
- Work with your library to publish and produce open access journals, <https://journals/flvc.org/>
- Enable users to create digital collections and make them accessible to the public, through FL-Islandora
 - Provide tools: to create MODS descriptive metadata, <http://exceltomods.flvc.org>; to create permanent identifiers in the face of a dynamic and changing web infrastructure, purl.flvc.org/
- Work to gather group discounts
- Supports the cooperative building of shared collections
 - Using common standards and a shared infrastructure, <http://palmm.fcla.edu/>
 - Citation Server of unique databases

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