

Update from the Executive Director

April 2021

Hello Everyone,

April has been a busy month for everyone at FALSC and FLVC! As you will read in this issue of the Update, things are moving forward rapidly with the NextGen Integrated Library System migration project. When we launched this project in March 2020, the “Go-Live” date was set for July 13, 2021, and I’m delighted to say that we are still on track for that date.

As we get closer and closer to July 13, things will change rapidly with some specific features and functions in Aleph and Mango, all in preparation for the switch to Alma and Primo. Please read the following sections of the newsletter closely and make note of some specific dates that will affect services at all FALSC member libraries.

I hope that spring is going well for everyone!

All the best,

Elijah



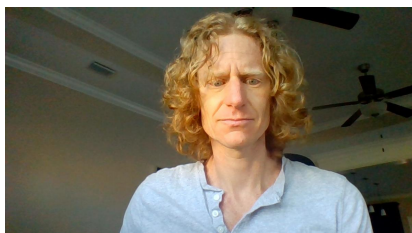
Governance and Advisory Processes

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 May 20, 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



The OpenAthens project is still on hiatus to make room for the final stages of Alma implementation. FIU is on deck next to GoLive with OpenAthens when Alma GoLive is complete - they have completed vendor outreach and we are in the midst of URL testing. The remaining institutions who haven’t made a decision on OpenAthens need to let FALSC know their status going forward as of June 1 so we can negotiate the ongoing license.

Integrated Library Services

Ellen Bishop: Director of Integrated Library Services

Alma and Primo VE Implementation



FALSC has been working with the Ex Libris implementation team on a detailed [Switch to Go Live Timeline](#) to outline various stages of the transition to Alma/Primo VE. On April 16, FALSC hosted a webinar on the switchover to Alma and the impact it will have on all libraries. Both the [recording](#) and the [slides](#) of the **Open Session on Aleph Freeze/Alma Go-Lives** are posted on the Implementation LibGuide. Key dates include the **Technical Services Freeze on May 28 and Alma Test instances shut down on June 15**.

FALSC continues to work on Alma configurations, including U BORROW, Acquisitions, Fulfillment, and Cataloging. We are also working with IT departments at the forty institutions to set up the current **third-party integrations between Aleph and other systems**. Additional integrations include Cash Exports, APFeed, SMS, EDI, SIP2, and others.

UBorrow will be suspended on May 1, 2021. U BORROW requests in AlephILL will not be migrated to Alma, so time is needed for requests to be finalized in Aleph. FLVC will post the following **banner on the Mango U BORROW catalog**, “UBorrow will be suspended on May 1 while we prepare to migrate to a new catalog; U BORROW will resume July 13. If you need to use Interlibrary Loan services, contact your library.”

FALSC has completed the initial **customization of the Primo VE interfaces**, while some institutions have chosen to do their own customization. The Primo customization will be basic for go-live since we are limited on time, staff, and tools. Customization will continue after go-live and beyond.

Working Groups and library staff continue to work on **functional and workflow testing of their institution’s Alma instance. The forty ILS Coordinators have access information for their institution’s Alma instance**, including instructions to log in, and documents used by Ex Libris to create each environment. Single sign-on (SSO) has been set up for staff at each institution for both Alma and Primo VE.

The Spring Workshops continue to run through May 6. Ex Libris is providing live, online workshops for all library staff. 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. Information about the workshops and how to register can be found in the [Spring Workshops](#) section of the LibGuide.

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 instructions to join the Discussion Groups’ listservs and more! **Go Live is set for July 13, 2021!**

SUS HathiTrust ETAS Deactivation

The HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS) will be deactivated for 11 of our participating SUS libraries at the end of the Spring Semester on May 7, 2021. The remaining library, New College of Florida, will end ETAS participation on May 22, 2021. All items will have the special ETAS Item Process Status removed and will be restored as appropriate. Mango ETAS behavior will be deactivated and local circulation of resources will again be allowed.

ETAS provided temporary access to digitized in-copyright material at HathiTrust based on the collective holdings of the SUS libraries as a benefit of our group membership in HathiTrust. It was an important component for providing immediate access for users to library resources during the unprecedented time of restricted on campus access.

Centralized Data Loads, Extracts, and Reports

Ad hoc reports for various institutions were prepared on:

- Reports on laptop inventory and usage
- FCS ebook holdings that did not have an 865 field in the bib record
- Retrieved expired and reran LRS reports
- Report of outstanding fines and fees tied to a particular sub-library
- Report of bibs published before 2011 with a particular set of subject headings
- Reports of holdings for a given set of OCLC numbers including whether or not any items were attached to the holdings
- Report of items that were not attached to any holdings
- Report of all duplicate holdings records for FCS schools

LAPS FCS Statistics

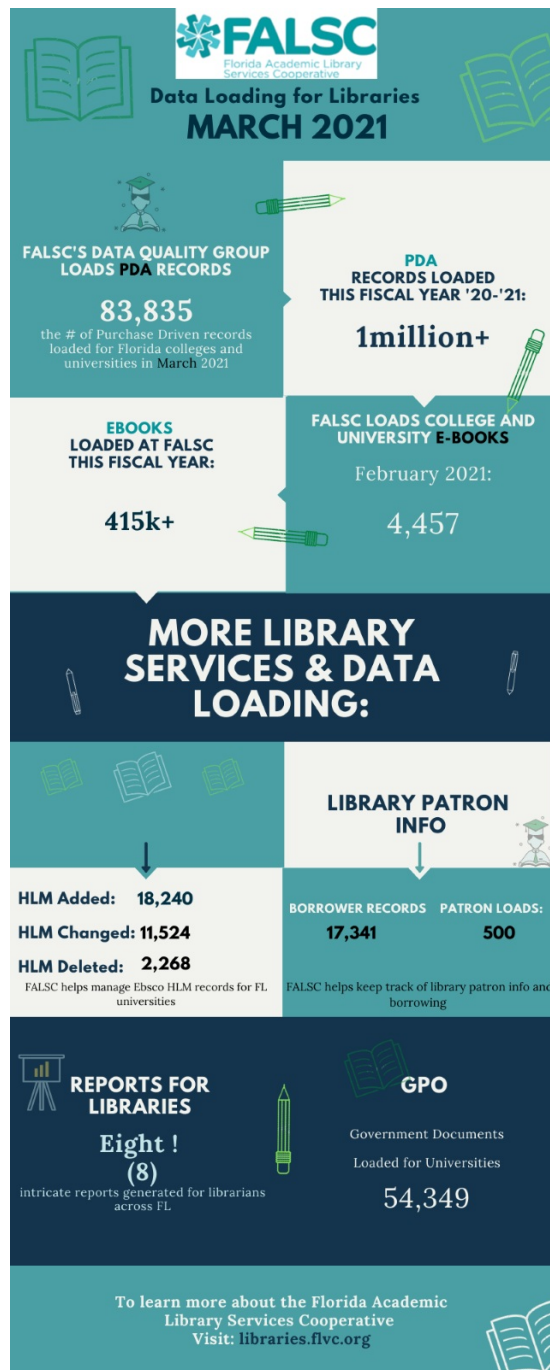
- # of patron loads* - 500
- # of borrower records added* - 17,341
- # of e-book Records added/updated* - 4,457
- # of EDI transmissions - 43
- # of orders added - 1,157
- # of items purged via batch - 15,673
- # of e-resource records deleted - 451
- # of Enhanced AcqOrder Titles - 97

LAPS SUS Statistics

- # of SUS GOP Loaded* - 54,349
- # of bibliographic records deleted from UXU01 - 0
- # of SUS e-books processed - 0
- # of Cassidy Law e-books processed - 1,068
- # of EBSCO Holdings Link Management Records Loaded* - 18,240
- # of EBSCO HLM Records Modified* - 11,524
- # of EBSOC HLM Records Deleted* - 2,268

LAPS FCS/SUS Statistics

- # of PDA01 Records Loaded* - 83,835
- # of PDA01 Records Deleted - 24,201



Electronic Resources

Rachel Erb: Director of E-Resources

Statewide Collection 2021

Most of the invoices for the statewide collection have been paid. We are inching towards invoice payment for the Springer Nature e-journal collection on behalf of the state colleges. The master agreement is still in progress with the state universities. Once the master agreement is executed, we will begin working on the addendum for the state colleges.

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 later this summer.

EZ Proxy and OpenAthens Update

We have a special reminder for the state colleges--no further updates are expected for EZProxy for the state colleges. 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 in July 2022. Please note that if you are a university that runs EZProxy with FALSC, we will still work the way we do at present. FALSC will keep doing the same things for your stanza workflows at this time. However, 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.

For those of you running OpenAthens, it's a good idea to become familiar with OpenAthens vocabulary to help you understand linking parsing parameters while testing e-resources in Alma.

Proxied resources - a basic technology used when resources that do not support federated access need to be accessed remotely that will be to make a remote user appear within your network, this may be through IP addresses and will use the standard OpenAthens redirector prefix in front of a vendor's direct URL.

Federated resources - a technology called SAML that depends on both the publishers and the subscribers being members of a federation with a common set of rules for how things interact. The specific federated resources that Alma uses are:

- Scope: the identifier of an organization or part of an organization expressed as an Internet domain owned by the identity provider. This is referred to as "ATHENS_ID" in Alma.
- Entity ID: the identifier of an entity within metadata. This is referred to as "U_SHIBBOLETH" in Alma.

For more detailed information and for your institution's specific federation information please refer to the FALSC OpenAthens LibGuide: <https://falsc.libguides.com/openathens>

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

Visit www.flvc.org/oersummit to download this year's agenda and get to know our speakers.

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 Open Academic Library

The Florida Open Academic Library has now indexed over 1.29 million digital collections and archives from across the state. Want to include your digital items for increased exposure and discoverability? Contact help@flvc.org with a request to include the collection.

Florida Online Journals (FL OJ)

Recently FLVC-FALSC began the process to upgrade FL OJ to the newest version 3.3x. This upgrade is expected to provide increased preservation and author identification tools. The project team will work to minimize disruption to our journals, but we do expect there to be down time and pause of activity as we transfer the live site.

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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