



Update from the Executive Director

July 2021

Hello Everyone,

Success! After more than 16 months of work on the implementation process for our Next-Gen Integrated Library System (<https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-Implementation>), Alma and Primo VE are now live and functioning!

As you know, this project has been an extraordinary effort and has been undertaken during an extraordinary period of time. When we began this project in March of 2020, none of us could have foreseen the many unprecedented events that have unfolded during the course of the past 16 months. Nonetheless, the work of the Next-Gen ILS Implementation Project stayed on task and schedule, resulting in a successful go-live on July 13, 2021.



A project of this size and scope simply cannot be accomplished without many people's support, input, and hard work. Our ILS implementation project was truly global in this regard, ranging from vendor colleagues located on other continents to library colleagues located across all parts of Florida. It would be impossible to thank everyone by name who helped make this project a success! Nonetheless, I would like to express my especially appreciation to all members of the ILS Implementation Team (https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-Implementation/Imp_Team); to everyone who served on one of the ILS Working Groups (<https://falsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=1007029&p=7327489>); to all of the ILS Coordinators (<https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-Implementation/Coordinators>); to all of the IT Support at each institution (https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-Implementation/IT_Support); and to everyone at Ex Libris who worked with us every step of the way.

Most deeply and most sincerely, I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues in FLVC Library Services (<https://libraries.flvc.org/falsc-staff>) and across all of FLVC, who have weathered difficult circumstances with patience and fortitude.

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 August 19th, 2021. The next MCLS meeting is scheduled for September 16 - 17, 2021. Both meetings will be held virtually

Integrated Library Services

Ellen Bishop: Director of Integrated Library Services

Alma and Primo VE Implementation



Florida's 40 public state colleges and universities are now live with the new library services platform, Alma, and the Primo VE discovery service.

FLVC Library Services held a number of **Open Office Hours post Go Live**. The library staff was invited to jump on a Teams' meeting to ask questions from our FLVC library system experts. Hundreds of staff took advantage of the opportunity over the five Open Office Hour sessions.

Ex Libris will deliver our 12 Premium Sandboxes, or **TEST environments** with the data of 12 of the 40 institutions at the beginning of August. Everyone will have access to three of the Alma and corresponding Primo VE TEST environments for testing and training. Nine of the institutions will have dedicated TEST environments for testing and training. See your ILS Coordinator for additional information.

You can continue to test and train in the two Alma and Primo VE default Sandboxes. The default sandbox environments will continue to be available until we receive the 12 TEST environments at the beginning of August.

The most recent **Follow-up UBorrow in Alma and Primo webinar** was held on July 15. The **Joint Use Workshop** was hosted by Ex Libris on July 20. The recordings and slides for these webinars, and more, can be found on the **Project Presentation LibGuide** page.

Our Data Quality staff that document and track the **centralized data loads, extracts, and reports** will be working on reconfiguring the statistics count in Alma. We expect the Alma-specific redesign of the counts to be available and included in the 'Library Services Update' in the next couple of months. Stay tuned.

The [ILS Implementation LibGuide](#) continues to be available. You can find a new section called [Go Live Resources](#). Some of the informational categories include Alma Day One Cataloging Guidelines, Alma User Accounts, OCLC Connexion, Patron Loads, numerous Primo VE pages, Printing in Alma, Reciprocal Borrowing, Spine Label Printing, and more!

Now that migration is complete and we are live on the new system, FLVC Library Services will be unveiling a new **Alma/Primo VE Resource LibGuide** designed to be a one-stop resource tool with a wealth of information. Stay tuned for an announcement.

Electronic Resources

Rachel Erb: Director of E-Resources

Statewide Collection 2021

Most of the invoices for the statewide collection have been paid by FLVC's Financial Services Unit. The Springer Nature e-journals amendment for the state colleges now has mutually agreed upon terms and is currently being routed for signatures.

ProQuest EBooks:

Due to the Springer Nature subscription price being lower than projected, we had some extra distributed funds. The CMESC selected six additional titles from Rowan and Littlefield to add to the

collection. The final order for 288 Packt titles and 281 Rowman and Littlefield titles was submitted to ProQuest on May 3. The order form that refers to our Master Agreement with ProQuest is fully executed and invoice payment is complete.

The complete title lists for both packages are also available in Consortia Manager. To access these title lists, please perform the following steps after logging into Consortia Manager:

1. Under Quick Search type in either Packt or Rowman
2. Then, click on the link associated with the Category -> Product

The screenshot shows a search results page with the following details:

- SEARCH RESULTS** MEMBER
- Showing all search results for "rowman"
- Search input: rowman
- SEARCH Q button
- Filters: All results, 1 Products, 1 Subscriptions, 100+ Titles
- Table headers: Category, Name, Type, Last update
- Table content:

Category	Name	Type	Last update
All	All	All	All
Product	Rowman & Littlefield E-Book Collection	Standard product	06/14/2021

3. You should see the following

The screenshot shows the product page for the Packt E-Book Collection with the following details:

- PACKT E-BOOK COLLECTION**
- ALTERNATIVE NAME: PACKT
- Standard product provided by ProQuest
- Product information**
 - 288 selected e-book titles focusing on computer and information science.
 - Last updated by Rachel A. Erb on 06/14/2021
- Related attachments**
 - UPLOAD A FILE button
 - Member files: 0
 - Consortium files: 0
 - No files found. No files have been uploaded in this category.
- Title list**

Name	Titles	Covers the agreement
Read title list	288	N/A

[Export](#)

4. Select Export and the spreadsheet title list will download

We anticipate acquiring these titles in the same window of time as the Aleph freeze and Alma "go-live." This means we will not have access to the records in time for Aleph loading. FALSC will load these in Alma for all members since this is a statewide purchase. We will provide updates on access in the upcoming weeks.

Group Licensing

We are getting ready for the upcoming group licensing season this year and we are in the process of obtaining quotes to be added to the Consortia Manager. The webinar was held on Tuesday, July 20th, and the session was recorded. The session recording will be distributed to all registrants and will be shared in Consortia Manager.

As we near the group licensing kickoff that will commence on August 2nd, we hope to have most quotes available for members to review. There will be some vendors that may not have quotes ready

by August 2nd and you will be listed in the email notification that is sent via Consortia Manager to our primary group license contact.

Here is our proposed timeline:

- Vendors contacted for renewal quotes: **July 7 --> 10** business days deadline
- Kickoff --> members begin requesting renewals and/or reviewing obtained renewal quotes and new quotes: **Monday, August 2nd**
- Colleges and universities review their subscriptions, renewals, & newly added in Consortia Manager
- Final decisions from members: **Deadline, Friday, October 15th**
- Please notify us in advance if you cannot meet the final deadline
- Pricing may change based on participation
- Order confirmations for members to sign and return to us: Distributed by **Monday, November 8th**
- **November 22nd:** Invoices sent to schools (goal). Invoices will be sent as letters of intent are returned to FLVC

We decided to extend the deadline for final decisions an extra week!

FLVC is pleased to announce that the 288, Packet E-Book titles and 201, Rowman & Littlefield E-Book titles are now available. Access has been enabled via ProQuest Ebook Central.

Rowman & Littlefield titles cover the social sciences and Packt titles focus on computer and information science. The complete title lists for both packages are attached (there are tabs for each list in this one file).

Please remember this is part of the Statewide Collection so payment is taken care of by the statewide fund. You will NOT receive an invoice at all.

The title lists are available in Consortia Manager. To access these title lists, navigate under "Subscriptions," find/filter for the "Product." Once you click on the specific product subscription, you can scroll in that information area to "Related Attachments." The title list is under the tab for "Consortium Files."

Thank you to the CMESC for their work in choosing these collections.

Digital Services and OER

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

Digital Services

ETD Server

Please note that content from the ETD Server has been migrated to the local institution or within FL-ISLANDORA. Associated PURLs have also been updated, so users should experience no access issues. We will be working with the three members who previously used this service to ensure their content was migrated properly and to obtain final approval for the ETD Server decommissioning.

Florida OJ

I am pleased to inform you that the new test server for the OJS 3.3 is now ready for member and journal testing. You may access the new test server at:

<https://ojs02.test.flvc.org/>

We have done some initial internal testing but invite you to complete testing of your entire workflow in the test system. You may notice a few changes, in particular with the loading of new content. To aid the process of author or editor submissions please see:

[To Submit an Article using the QuickSubmit Plugin in 3.3.0.5](#)
[To Submit an Article in OJS 3.3.0.5](#)

Over the next two weeks, you may explore the system and prepare for the production upgrade. Please send an email to help@flvc.org with detailed information on any bugs or errors that you experience in this testing window. Be sure to note that you are using the OJS upgrade test server.

In addition to testing, we encourage you to wrap up or pause your current journal activity in preparation for moving content into the new server. We hope to minimize the disruption to your journal activities and want to ensure that all content moves safely into the new software version. All activities must pause during the actual production upgrade.

Please note that the production server upgrade is scheduled for the week of August 9th- 13th.

We do expect to open the production site to library members as soon as possible when the upgrade has been completed. During the time of upgrade, journal activity will not be allowed, and the journal site may experience unavailability to the public or registered members during this time. Our goal is to minimize downtime during this process while ensuring a smooth and secure transition.

Thank you for your patience as we upgraded the development and test environments, and in advance for your feedback during this testing phase. Let us know if you have any questions about this upgrade.

MCLS Digital Services and OER Committees

Please note that the digital services and OER Committees for the MCLS are open for library members to attend. If you would like to join one of these meetings please feel free to attend. More information on the digital services and OER Committees can be found at:

[Digital Initiatives Standing Committee \(DISC\)](#)
[Textbook Affordability and OER Standing Committee \(TA-OERSC\)](#)

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