

Alma April 2018 Release Notes

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As many of you already know, Alma development periodically needs to take a "back seat," and maintenance, cloud infrastructure, and other important tasks need to be handled in order to ensure that Alma meets the highest standards of performance and high availability.

The April 2018 release is devoted to such tasks. In addition we would like to update you on the following:

New Feature: Viewing Historical Requests in the Resource Request Monitor



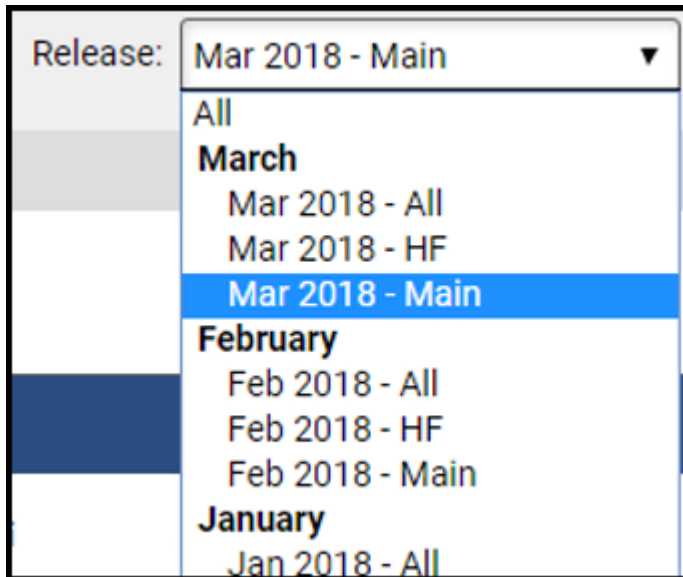
Idea Exchange: The Resource Request Monitor now displays historical requests, including completed, canceled, and rejected requests. The **Activity Status** filter was added at the top of the page to allow you to display only active requests, completed requests, or both. The date facets on the page are unavailable when filtering on **All** or **Completed**.

Resource Request Monitoring Page

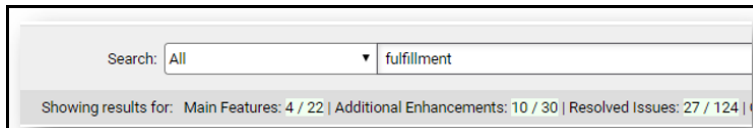
For more information, see [Managing Requests and Work Orders](#).

New Look and Feel for Alma Release Notes

Alma Release Notes have a new look and feel, as well as some GREAT new features. You are now able to view either a single release or multiple 2018 releases on a single page using the **Release** filter:



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Community Zone Updates

- As of March, the CKB includes the following resources:
 - Total packages: 8,187
 - Aggregator packages: 1,639
 - Selective packages: 6,548
 - eBook packages: 3,566
 - eJournal packages: 5,269
 - Mixed packages: 352
 - Full text titles: 20,122,929
 - eBook titles: 17,440,287
 - eJournal titles: 2,682,642
 - Peer-reviewed journals: 61,195
 - Total bibliographic records: 5,664,431

- Click [here](#) for authority record Community Zone updates and new electronic collections added to the Alma CKB in the past month.

VPAT (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) Accessibility

Ex Libris contracted with an external accessibility expert company to review the new Alma UI and workflows and evaluate Alma's accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The Alma code is now checked for accessibility using a range of visual, automated, and manual validations, which have become part of the ongoing new UI development. Based on the data and feedback received, a [VPAT document on accessibility](#) was released by Ex Libris.

New UX Survey

Many of you might have seen and filled in the new UX survey published a short while ago. If you have not yet completed this survey, please take a moment to do so. Your input is important! Note that as part of the March release you can access the survey from a button on the dashboard:



Alma Numbers and Statistics

Recently, the Alma team ran some checks on Alma numbers and statistics. We were amazed at some of the results. For example, did you know that there are more than 720 million bibliographic records across all institutions in Alma?

The following are the statistics that we collected:



Primo VE

The Alma Platform team continues to enhance the infrastructure that is needed in order to accommodate the high number of customers that have already migrated, or are planning to migrate, to Primo VE. There are 30 sites already in production, with a further 70 in implementation.

Sneak Preview of Future Releases

[View a list of the features](#) that are planned for the May Alma release.

Content Operations - April 2018 Enhancements

Library of Congress Authorities Community Zone Updates

The following are the Library of Congress subject authority updates for the period of February 16th through March 15th:

- Number of records updated: 52
- Number of records added: 53
- Number of records deleted: 0

The following are the Library of Congress name authority updates for the period of February 16th through March 15th:

- Number of records updated: 15,196
- Number of records added: 22,974
- Number of records deleted: 403

The following are the Canadian name authority updates for the period of February 16th through March 15th:

- Number of records updated: 43
- Number of records added: 611
- Number of records deleted: 4

The following are the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT) updates for the period of February 16th through March 15th:

- Number of records updated: 29
- Number of records added: 43

New Electronic Collections Added to the Alma CKB

The following electronic collections were added to the Alma Community Zone from February 22nd through March 18th:

- AIB Studi
- Archivio ISTAT
- Archivio Storico Vincenzo Maranghi
- ASCD e-Journals and Online Publications
- Bank of England
- Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health
- Cisco Systems Journals
- Cornell University Library Historical Math Monographs
- desLibris - Books
- desLibris - CRKN purchase 2008
- desLibris - Documents
- desLibris - Grey House Directories

- desLibris - Guides de voyage Ulysse / Ulysses Travel Guides
- desLibris - Irwin Law
- Economist Intelligence Unit
- Economist Newspaper
- e-Duke Books Scholarly Collection 2017
- eLIBRARY.RU
- Elsevier Ebook-Agricultural, Biological, and Food Sciences 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Biomedical Science and Medicine 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Chemical Engineering 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Chemistry 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Computer Science 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Earth and Planetary Sciences 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Energy 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Engineering 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Environmental Science 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Finance 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Forensics and Security 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Freedom Collection Books 2017
- Elsevier Ebook-Freedom Collection Books 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-German Medical Collection 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2016: Life and Biomedical Sciences
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Chemistry, Molecular Sciences and Chemical Engineering
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Computer Science
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Energy
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Engineering
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Food Science
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Health Sciences Corporate
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Life and Biomedical Sciences
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Materials Science and Materials Engineering
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Mathematics and Physics
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Psychology
- Elsevier Ebook-Insights Library 2018: Social Sciences
- Elsevier Ebook-Materials Science 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Mathematics 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Neuroscience 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmaceutical Science 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Psychology 2018
- Elsevier Ebook-Social Sciences 2018
- Elsevier Fc Complete Collection Books 2018
- Financial Times

- Flipster
- Franco Angeli Open Access
- GiustAmm.it (Giustizia Amministrativa)
- Global Issues In Context
- InfoSci-Tec Adoption,Ethics,Human Computer Interaction eJournal Coll 2017
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics Collections - Monograph Series
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics Lecture Notes - Monograph Series
- Jstor Ebooks - Draa
- Jstor Ebooks Biodiversity, Conservation & Ecology
- Jstor Ebooks Botany
- Jstor Ebooks Forestry, Ferns & Mosses
- Jstor Ebooks Garden & Landscape Design
- Jstor Ebooks Useful Plants
- KB+ Bibsam American Institute Of Physics Aip Journals 2018
- KB+ Bibsam American Institute Of Physics Other Society Titles 2018
- KB+ Bibsam American Physical Society Aps Journals 2017-2018
- KB+ Bibsam Cambridge University Press Journals Online 2018
- KB+ Bibsam De Gruyter Complete Collection 2018-2020
- KB+ Bibsam Elsevier Cell Press 2018
- KB+ Bibsam Elsevier Journal Outside Freedom Collection 2018
- KB+ Bibsam Elsevier SD Freedom Collection 2018
- KB+ Bibsam Inderscience Journals 2018-2020
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- KB+ Bibsam Inderscience Journals 2018-2020
- KB+ Bibsam Ios Press E-Journals 2018-2020
- KB+ Bibsam Springer Compact 2016-2018
- KB+ Bibsam Taylor & Francis Medical Library 2015 Collection 2018-2020
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- KB+ Eduserv American Mathematical Society 2017-2019
- KB+ Eduserv American Psychological Association Psycarticles 2017-2020
- KB+ Eduserv Emerald Management 2015-2017 (150 Titles)
- KB+ Jisc Collections Annual Reviews Agriculture Collection 2018-2020 Post 2008
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- KB+ Jisc Collections Edinburgh University Press Complete Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Georg Thieme Verlag Medicine Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Geoscienceworld Journals 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Institution Of Civil Engineers Current Journals 2018
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- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Euclid Prime 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Muse Arts Collection 2018-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Muse Asian Studies Collection 2018-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Muse History Collection 2018-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Muse Literature Core Collection 2018-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Muse Literature Expanded Collection 2018-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Project Muse Philosophy & Religion 2018-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Proquest Art and Architecture Archive 2017-2020
- KB+ Jisc Collections Proquest Music and Performing Arts Online 2016-2017
- KB+ Jisc Collections Royal Society Of Chemistry Gold 2017-19 Collectin Option 1
- KB+ Jisc Collections Society For Industrial and Applied Mathematics Journal 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections University Of California Press Complete Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections University Of California Press Complete Plus Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections University Of California Press Premium Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections University Of California Press Premium Plus Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Wiley Online Library Full Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Wiley Online Library Medicine And Nursing Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Wiley Online Library Smaller Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Wiley Online Library Ssh Collection 2018
- KB+ Jisc Collections Wiley Online Library Stm Collection 2018
- KB+ Shedl Edinburgh University Press Journals 2016-2018
- KB+ Shedl Wiley Online Library Full Collection 2018
- KB+ Wheel Wiley Online Library Full Collection 2018
- KU Select 2016
- Le Monde diplomatique

- Leadership Development Channel
- Lecture Notes in Logic - Monograph Series
- LexisNexis Academic (Europe)
- LexItalia.it
- Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law
- MBRES - Ricerche e Studi
- McGraw Hill Education eBook Library - Medical 2015 Update Collection
- Mohr Siebeck Zeitschriften Online
- Monografie Ufficio Studi Mediobanca
- Notre Dame Mathematical Lectures - Monograph Series
- Oncology Nursing Society
- Online Library of Liberty
- OpenEdition Freemium
- Oxford Journals 2018 Archive Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 A-Z Archive
- Oxford Journals 2018 A-Z Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Current Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Economics and Finance Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Hss Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Humanities Archive
- Oxford Journals 2018 Humanities Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Law Archive
- Oxford Journals 2018 Law Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Life Sciences Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Mathematics and Physical Sciences Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Medicine Archive
- Oxford Journals 2018 Medicine Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Open Access Titles Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Policy Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Religion and Philosophy Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Science Archive
- Oxford Journals 2018 Social Sciences Archive
- Oxford Journals 2018 Social Sciences Collection
- Oxford Journals 2018 Stm Collection
- Palgrave Business & Management Collection
- Palgrave Economics & Finance Collection
- Palgrave History Collection
- Palgrave Language & Linguistics Collection
- Palgrave Literature & Performing Arts Collection
- Palgrave PoliticalScience Collection
- Palgrave Religion & Philosophy Collection
- PalgraveSocial & CulturalStudies Collection

- Perspectives in Logic - Monograph Series
- Proceedings of the Centre for Mathematics and its Applications
- Pubblicazioni ISFOL
- RAND Publications
- RAND Reports
- Regional Economic Outlook Reports
- Royal Society Of Chemistry Package Gold
- RSC eBook Collection 2018
- RSC eBook Collection 2017
- SAGE JOURNALS Clinical Medicine 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile Clinical Medicine 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile Health Sciences 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile Health Sciences Upgrade 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile HSS 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile HSS Upgrade 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile STM 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile STM Upgrade 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Deep Backfile Upgrade 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Health Sciences 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS HSS 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS Premier 2018
- SAGE JOURNALS STM 2018
- Scholars Portal Books: Cambridge Online 2018
- Scholars Portal Books: Canadian University Presses 2018
- Scholars Portal Books: IEEE-Wiley 2018
- Scholars Portal Books: Wiley 2018
- SciELO eBooks
- SINERGIE
- SpringerLINK eBooks - English/International Collection (2005)
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- Taylor & Francis Allied & Public Health Archive 2017
- Taylor & Francis Biological, Earth & Environment Science Archive 2017
- Taylor & Francis Clinical Psychiatry & Neuroscience Archive 2017
- Taylor & Francis Medicine and Dentistry Archive 2017
- Taylor & Francis Mental Health & Social Care Collection
- Taylor & Francis Pharmaceutical Science & Toxicology Archive 2017
- Taylor & Francis Psychology Archive 2017
- TorrossaOpen
- Transnational Dispute Management
- Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca
- Verlag Otto Sagner Digital
- Wiley Online Library Journals 2016 - CAUL

New External Search Resources

No new external search resources were added to Alma Community Zone for the April release.

Next Release Sneak Preview (for May 2018)

Note

The features below are currently planned for the next release. However, some of these features may, for various reasons, not be included in this month's release, but rather in a future Alma release.

Acquisitions

- **Alma Trials Enhancements** – The Alma Trials workflow will be enhanced with a number of new features—for example, the option to create survey questions with a closed list of responses, and the option to add trial participants based on a set of users.
 - **Reply-to in Vendor Communications** – It will be possible to configure a reply-to address for orders and vendor communications.
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Resource Management



- **Idea Exchange: New Field in the Item Record** – A new **Condition** field in the item record will enable you to define the physical condition of an item—for example, damaged, fragile, or deteriorating.



- **NERS Enhancement (Request ID #3792) and**



Idea Exchange: Move Portfolio Action – A new action, **Move Portfolio**, will provide the ability to move one or more portfolios from one collection to another collection.

- **General Publishing Profile Enhancements** – The general publishing platform will be enhanced with the option to enrich the published data with linked data information, even when used in an Institution Zone. In addition, new options will enable better management of FTP file names generated by the profiles.
- **Alma Extension Packs** – It will be possible to share Alma extension packs with the Alma community using the Community Zone contribution mechanism. The extension packs will also be improved to enable extending the cataloging profiles for the LDR and fixed fields.



- **Idea Exchange: SRU Server Enhancements** – The SRU server will be enhanced to support retrieving holdings information using the ISO 20775 holdings schema. In addition, configurable normalization routines will enable controlling what fields are exposed through SRU requests.

- Additional Enhancements for Multilingual Authorities – Further enhanced multilingual authorities support will enable the F3 button to work with multiple preferred terms.

Digital Resource Management

- HANDLE Generation – Alma will be able to generate HANDLE persistent identifiers for every new digital resource, which will then be published to the HANDLE server.
- Migration Tool – There will be a new, easy-to-use utility to transfer remote digital repository to Alma using OAI-PMH.

Fulfillment

- Limit Access to User Information – The library will be able to limit the access of Circulation Desk Operators to user information by blocking the operators' ability to search for patron information.
- Cancel Purchase Requests – Patrons will be able to cancel their purchase requests from My Account in Primo.



- **NERS Enhancement (Request ID #5197) and**



Idea Exchange: Include Request History in Search Results – Further to the April feature that enables you to view historical requests in Resource Request Monitoring, you will also be able to view request history for an item retrieved in search results.



- **NERS Enhancement (Request ID #4629) and**



Idea Exchange: New Re-loan Limit – Libraries will be able to configure a re-loan limit, preventing patrons from re-loaning items that they have just returned.

Resource Sharing



- **NERS Enhancement (Request ID #4856 and #3672):** New Options in the Resource Sharing Request Form – The resource sharing request form will enable patrons to know in advance whether there are potential lenders for the requested resource. In addition, the resource sharing request form will automatically be augmented with additional metadata if submitted with a PMID or a DOI.

Analytics

- Enhanced Physical Items Subject Area – Holdings information will be enhanced in the Physical Items subject area. It will be possible to have more fields from the holdings record included in the report. In addition, holding records will be reportable even when they have no attached items.

APIs

- It will be possible to manage standalone portfolios using Alma's RESTful APIs. This is in addition to the existing option to manage standalone portfolios through their collections.
- Discovery APIs will be further enhanced to enable a calling application to retrieve information from Alma about options for placing a broker resource sharing request and for activating a general electronic service.