



Alma September 2018 Release

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Alma September 2018 Release Notes and Resolved Issues

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 September 2018 release is devoted to such tasks.

Check out the [October 2018 Sneak Preview](#) to get a "heads up" on a long list of exciting new features and developments.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to update you on the following:

Alma Statistics (as of July 1, 2018)

- There are 901 live Alma customers, with the following top three regions:
 - 495 in North America
 - 97 in Norway
 - 62 in Australia
- We are approaching a supersonic milestone: nearly 1 **billion** bibliographic records (991+ million) across all regions.
- More than 240 million API calls in the last three months, with the following top three regions:
 - EU – 103+ million
 - APAC – 83+ million
 - NA – 55+ million
- More than 1 million digital files across all regions

Duplicate Resource Sharing Requests

September 2018 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing

In the upcoming October release, Primo will prevent patrons from placing duplicate resource sharing requests. Patrons will be blocked from submitting a request that is completely identical to an already active request. Of course, requests will be allowed if they are not identical to an existing active request—for example, a request for a different volume or issue of the same title.

Alma-Tipasa Integration

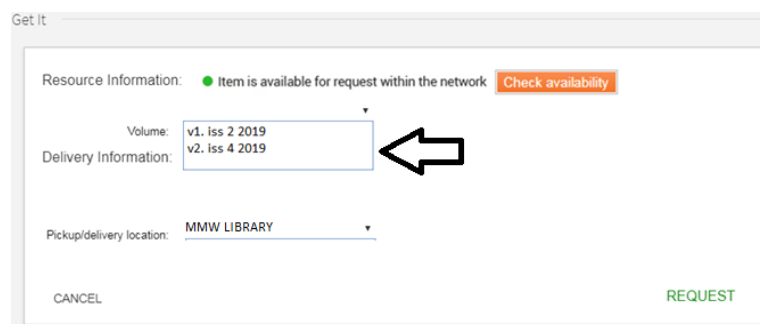
September 2018 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing

Ex Libris is working in collaboration with OCLC on setting up an NCIP-based integration between Alma and Tipasa (OCLC's new ILL management system). When complete, this integration will enable managing resource sharing workflows that are fully integrated with Tipasa, similar to the integration with other broker systems, such as ILLiad, that are currently supported in Alma. Design work has begun, and this integration is currently targeted for release in Q1 2019.

Item-Level Resource Sharing Requesting

September 2018 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing

An ongoing effort is underway to continue enhancing the Primo resource sharing form, enriching it with more up-front information for the requester about the availability of the requested resource in the network. You may have noticed the first step that was taken in this direction in the July release with the **Display Item Requestability and Loan Availability in the Primo Get It Tab** option. The next phase of the development will enable exposing item descriptions in the request form. The item descriptions will be a de-duplicated list of descriptions of all of the requestable items in the network (see the mockup below). Deployment of this feature is planned soon. Stay tuned!



The mockup shows a 'Get It' form with the following fields:

- Resource Information:** A green dot indicates 'Item is available for request within the network'. A 'Check availability' button is present.
- Volume:** A dropdown menu showing 'v1. iss 2 2019' and 'v2. iss 4 2019'. A large black arrow points to this field.
- Delivery Information:** A dropdown menu showing 'MMW LIBRARY'.
- Buttons:** 'CANCEL' and 'REQUEST' buttons are at the bottom.

Item-Level Resource Sharing Requesting

Comparative Collection Analysis

September 2018 Analytics

Comparative Collection Analysis, which is currently being developed and will be available in a future Alma release, will enable a predefined group of peer institutions to compare their collections. An institution will be able to compare its collections to the collections at other institutions with which it shares resources through resource sharing. This will help

institutions focus their collection management in specific areas, and weed out items that are not often used in the institution and available from other institutions using resource sharing.

New Cost per Use Analysis

September 2018 Analytics

The new Cost per Use Analysis, which is also currently being developed and will be available in a future Alma release, will allow for the combining of data currently available in the E-Inventory subject area—as well as funds and expenditures—with the data from COUNTER reports. In the Cost per Use Analysis it will be possible to see COUNTER usage for records regardless of whether they have a PO line. The matching of the title from the COUNTER report to the title in Alma will also be improved.

New Evolution of Alma

September 2018 Administration and Infrastructure

Our lips are sealed for the moment...An exciting new evolution of Alma is coming your way (think 'Smart')... Details will be revealed at IGeLU. If you're not attending the conference, don't worry! We will also be updating you after IGeLU—in the production version of these release notes—about this great new advancement in Alma.

Resolved Issues

- **September 2018 Content Operations SF: 00580612, 00580628, 00581422, 00581474**
The Synchronize Changes from Community Zone job failed repeatedly after July 27th. The problem that was causing the failure was fixed and the job is no longer failing.

Content Operations - September 2018 Enhancements

Authorities Community Zone Updates - September 2018

September 2018 Content Operations

The following are the Library of Congress subject authority updates for the period of July 20th through August 16th:

- Number of records updated: 179
- Number of records added: 269
- Number of records deleted: 43

The following are the Library of Congress name authority updates for the period of July 20th through August 16th:

- Number of records updated: 15192
- Number of records added: 23257
- Number of records deleted: 651

The following are the Canadian name authority updates for the period of July 20th through August 16th:

- Number of records updated: 65
- Number of records added: 1046
- Number of records deleted: 4

The following are the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT) updates for the period of July 20th through August 16th:

- Number of records updated: 3
- Number of records added: 21

New Electronic Collections Added to the Alma CKB - September 2018

September 2018 Content Operations

The following electronic collections were added to the Alma Community Zone from July 23rd through August 19th:

- American History, 1860-1945
- Beck-Online. Die Datenbank
- Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag eLibrary
- BWV eBooks
- BWV Zeitschriften
- De Gruyter Databases
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All Databases and eBooks
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All eBook Content, incl. OWV/AV
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All eBooks and English HSS

- De Gruyter PDA Package: All eBooks English STM
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All English Language eBooks
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All Humanities eBooks and Databases
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All Humanities eContent, incl.OWV/AV
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All SSH eBooks
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All STM eBook
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All STM eBooks and Databases
- De Gruyter PDA Package: All STM eContent, incl. OWV/AV
- De Gruyter PDA Package: Columbia Pilot Project 2016
- De Gruyter PDA Package: Harvard Pilot Project 2016
- De Gruyter PDA Package: Princeton Pilot Project 2016
- De Gruyter PDA Package:Complete Content Collection, incl. OWV/AV
- Edward Elgar Business 2010 and before
- Edward Elgar Business 2011
- Edward Elgar Business 2012
- Edward Elgar Business 2013
- Edward Elgar Business 2014
- Edward Elgar Business 2015
- Edward Elgar Business 2016
- Edward Elgar Business 2017
- Edward Elgar Business 2018
- Edward Elgar Business and Management 2010 and earlier
- Edward Elgar Business and Management 2011
- Edward Elgar Business and Management 2012
- Edward Elgar Business and Management 2013
- Edward Elgar Business and Management Handbook Subscription 2014
- Edward Elgar Business and Management Handbook Subscription 2015
- Edward Elgar Business and Management Handbook Subscription 2016
- Edward Elgar Business and Management Handbook Subscription 2017
- Edward Elgar Business and Management Handbook Subscription 2018
- Edward Elgar Business Handbooks 2016
- Edward Elgar Economics 2010 and earlier
- Edward Elgar Economics 2011
- Edward Elgar Economics 2012
- Edward Elgar Economics 2013
- Edward Elgar Economics 2014
- Edward Elgar Economics 2015
- Edward Elgar Economics 2016

- Edward Elgar Economics 2017
- Edward Elgar Economics 2018
- Edward Elgar Law 2010 and earlier
- Edward Elgar Law 2011
- Edward Elgar Law 2012
- Edward Elgar Law 2013
- Edward Elgar Law 2014
- Edward Elgar Law 2015
- Edward Elgar Law 2016
- Edward Elgar Law 2017
- Edward Elgar Law 2018
- Edward Elgar Publications
- Edward Elgar Research Reviews
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2010 and earlier
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2011
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2012
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2013
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2014
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2015
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2016
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2017
- Edward Elgar Social and Political Science 2018
- Elgar Advanced Introductions Law Collection
- Hirzel eLibrary
- Project Muse eBooks 2018
- ProQuest Albuquerque Journal
- ProQuest Bangor Daily News (Bangor, ME)
- ProQuest Banner, The (West Boylston, Mass.)
- ProQuest Barrie Examiner
- ProQuest Baxter Bulletin
- ProQuest Berkshire Eagle, The
- ProQuest Birmingham Post
- ProQuest Buffalo News
- ProQuest Canadian Regional NewsDisc
- ProQuest Charleston Daily Mail
- ProQuest Charleston Gazette
- ProQuest China Daily
- ProQuest Cincinnati Post

- ProQuest Cornwall Standard Freeholder
- ProQuest Coshocton Tribune
- ProQuest Daily Gleaner
- ProQuest Daily Journal (Vineland)
- ProQuest Daily Mail/Mail on Sunday
- ProQuest Daily News Leader, The
- ProQuest Daily Record (Morristown)
- ProQuest Daily Telegraph
- ProQuest Daily Tribune, The
- ProQuest Daily World, The
- ProQuest Dayton Daily News
- ProQuest Edinburgh Evening News
- ProQuest El Norte
- ProQuest Evening Standard (New Zealand)
- ProQuest Evening Standard, The (London)
- ProQuest Florida Times Union
- ProQuest Fort Collins Coloradoan
- ProQuest Gannett Arizona Bundle
- ProQuest Gannett California Bundle
- ProQuest Gannett Indiana Newsstand
- ProQuest Gannett Michigan Newsstand
- ProQuest Gannett Mississippi Newsstand
- ProQuest Gannett New York Newsstand
- ProQuest Gannett Tennessee Newsstand
- ProQuest Gazette-Telegraph (Colorado Springs)
- ProQuest Hamilton Spectator
- ProQuest Illinois Newsstand
- ProQuest Item, The (Clinton, Mass.)
- ProQuest Jerusalem Post
- ProQuest Journal News, The
- ProQuest Lancaster Eagle-Gazette
- ProQuest Los Angeles Daily News
- ProQuest Malay Mail
- ProQuest Marion Star
- ProQuest Marshfield News-Herald
- ProQuest Massachusetts Newsstand
- ProQuest Mid-Atlantic Newsstand
- ProQuest Montachusett Telegram & Gazette (Worcester, Mass.)

- ProQuest National Newspaper Abstracts
- ProQuest National Newspapers (8)
- ProQuest National Newspapers Abstracts 5 with New York Times
- ProQuest Nelson Mail
- ProQuest Nevada Newsstand
- ProQuest New Brunswick Telegraph Journal
- ProQuest New York Newspapers
- ProQuest New York Post
- ProQuest News Herald (Port Clinton)
- ProQuest News Herald, The
- ProQuest News Messenger, The
- ProQuest News Sentinel (Knoxville)
- ProQuest News-Star, The
- ProQuest Niagara Falls Review
- ProQuest North Adams Transcript
- ProQuest Northwest Regional Newspapers
- ProQuest Oregonian (Portland, OR)
- ProQuest Orillia Packet and Times
- ProQuest Pacific Daily News
- ProQuest Palm Beach Post (Florida)
- ProQuest Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA)
- ProQuest Portland Press Herald (Maine)
- ProQuest Poughkeepsie Journal, The
- ProQuest Press Democrat (Santa Rosa)
- ProQuest Record, Northern New Jersey
- ProQuest Record, The (Shrewsbury, Mass.)
- ProQuest Reforma
- ProQuest Register-Guard, The (Eugene)
- ProQuest Salinas Californian, The
- ProQuest San Francisco Examiner
- ProQuest Sarasota Herald Tribune
- ProQuest Sarnia Observer
- ProQuest Sault Star
- ProQuest Scotsman & Scotland on Sunday
- ProQuest Sentinel & Enterprise (Fitchburg, MA)
- ProQuest SIRS Editorial
- ProQuest South Bend Tribune
- ProQuest Southwest Regional Newspapers

- ProQuest Spectator-Hamilton-Burlington
- ProQuest Spectrum, The
- ProQuest Spokesman Review
- ProQuest St. Petersburg Times
- ProQuest Star Press (Muncie)
- ProQuest Star-Gazette (Elmira)
- ProQuest Stevens Point Journal
- ProQuest Sun (Lowell, MA), The
- ProQuest Sunday Telegraph
- ProQuest Syracuse Herald Journal
- ProQuest Telegraph-Forum (Bucyrus)
- ProQuest Toronto Star
- ProQuest U.S. National Newspaper Abstracts (3)
- ProQuest Utah Newsstand
- ProQuest Virginia/Delaware Newsstand
- ProQuest Visalia Times-Delta
- ProQuest Waikato Times
- ProQuest Washington DC Newsstand
- ProQuest West Virginia Newspapers
- ProQuest Westchester Journal News
- ProQuest Windsor Star
- ProQuest Winnipeg Free Press
- ProQuest Wisconsin State Journal
- SAGE Complete Books, Reference and Navigator Collection 2018
- SpringerNature BTAA eBooks 2018
- SpringerNature Carolina Journals 2018
- SpringerNature CERES Journals 2018
- SpringerNature Community Plus Journals 2018
- SpringerNature MCLS Complete eBooks 2018
- SpringerNature MCLS Legacy eBooks 2018
- SpringerNature Saudi Digital Library Journals 2018
- Verlag Otto Sagner Digital Open Access
- WISO - Die Datenbank für Hochschulen
- 维普中文科技期刊库

New External Search Resources - September 2018

September 2018 Content Operations

The following external search resources were added to Alma Community Zone for the September release:

- Auburn University
 - CSIC (Alma)
 - Lakehead University
 - Library and Research Council EUREKA (username and password required)
 - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
 - Northwestern University
 - Okanagan College Library Catalogue (BKOC)
 - Queen's University (Ont.) library
 - SBT - Sistema bibliotecario ticinese - canton and universitie
 - Universidad de Chile (Alma)
 - Universidad Politecnica de Madrid (username and password required)
 - Università di Bergamo (Alma)
 - University of Aberdeen
 - University of British Columbia (username and password required)
 - University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA)
 - University of Pittsburgh (Pa.)
 - University of Rochester
 - University of Victoria (B.C.)
 - University of Windsor
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- Number of records deleted: 8

Next Release Sneak Preview (for October 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

- **Filtering the Receive New Material Page** – It will be possible to filter the Receive New Material Page to view PO lines by owning library. In addition, a new button will be added to the receiving one-time material section to enable you to receive all of the PO lines that are part of the current filter with one action.
- **Price Update on the Item Record** – It will be possible to automatically update the item record with the price that is recorded on the PO line.
- **New Option for Deleting or Suppressing a Bibliographic Record** – It will be possible to automatically delete or suppress a bibliographic record that remains with no inventory following a PO line cancellation.
- **Additional Trial Enhancements** – There will be additional improvements to the UI and graphics of the Trials area. Many of these improvements will be reflected in the Analysis tab.
- **Fund Rollover Enhancement** – New options for fund rollover will enable rolling over allocations and the remaining balance.

Resource Management

- **Enhancements to General Publishing** – The general publishing profile form will be enhanced to support the publishing of additional electronic portfolio information, such as PO line information, electronic material types, and license information.
- **New Options for Managing Local Authority Files** – Institutions using local authority files will be able to copy a Community Zone authority record to a local authority record as part of the F3 linking process.

Digital Resource Management



- **Idea Exchange:** MARC Deposit Forms – Customizable MARC deposit forms will be available.



- **Idea Exchange:** Display File Size – The file size for digital records will be displayed, both in the Alma Viewer and in the View It tab.

- Sharing with Social Media – Sharing a link to the viewer using configurable social media options will be added to all out-of-the-box viewers.

Fulfillment



- **Idea Exchange:** Default Sort on the Primo Get It Tab – It will be possible to configure the Primo Get It tab to sort the holdings list by library name.



- **Idea Exchange:** Loan Notes in Letters – Loan notes will be available for letters that contain loan information.



- **Idea Exchange:** Customizable Loan Statuses – The loan statuses displayed in Primo's patron card will be customizable.
- Enhancements to 'Loanable'/'Not Loanable' Indication – The 'Loanable'/'Not Loanable' Indication in the Primo Get It tab will be enhanced to be sensitive to the item's location, material type, process type, and policy.

Resource Sharing

- Duplicate Resource Sharing Requests – It will be possible to prevent patrons from placing duplicate resource sharing requests.

Analytics

- Bibliographic Details – The Analytics Bibliographic Details will be enriched with a normalized title, allowing for better sorting of reports.
- New Option for Benchmark Analytics – Benchmark Analytics will include the option to report on the PO line source (API, EOD, manual, purchase request), thereby allowing each institution to compare its PO line-related KPIs with other, similar institutions.

Administration



- **Idea Exchange:** Sort Calendar – There will be an option to sort by the **Record Type** and **Date** columns in the library calendar's opening hours.

APIs

- There will be a new API for creating invoices.
- The GET Invoices API will support more filters, such as PO line number, status, and source.