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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 May 2019 release is devoted to such tasks.

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

NERS Updates

The following is an overview of NERS Enhancements that have already been implemented or will be implemented in the coming months.



NERS Enhancement (ID # 4787): Staff search results for portfolios in the Community Zone will include the availability (active/not active) status of the electronic collection in the Institution Zone or the Network Zone, in case of a consortia.

Delivery: June 2019 release



NERS Enhancement (ID # 5730): New options will be offered for letter configuration management to increase efficiency, including a Preview Letters option.

Delivery: Early access in June 2019 for NERS representatives



NERS Enhancement (ID # 5746): New options will be added for better control of printing letters, including:

- Associating multiple printers to a department/circulation desk. Delivery: [January 2019 release](#).
- Online print queues, which allows reports to be maintained on the platform. Delivery: Early access for NERS representatives in the June 2019 release.
- Automatic printing through the browser. This is an additional development that was not part of the original NERS enhancement. Delivery: Early access for NERS representatives in Q3 2019.



NERS Enhancement (ID # 5659): Resource Sharing requests will include an option to revert the request back to its prior request status.

Delivery: Early access for NERS representatives in the June 2019 release.

DARA

[Feedback](#)

DARA (Data Analysis Recommendation Assistant) was introduced as part of the March release. It attracted wide attention and interest on the part of the Alma community.

Statistics show that for more than 300 institutions at least one recommendation was generated. ~72% of the recommendations were for loading SUSHI, and ~27% were recommendations for automating manual workflows. More than 100 of these recommendations were implemented.

Switching SAML Certificates

The original SAML Signed Certificate will expire in October. Replace the certificate for Alma and/or Primo VE, as determined by your institution's IT department. If replacing the certificate, this must be done in coordination with your IDP. For more information, please see [Replacing a Signed Certificate](#).

Upcoming Issues of Note

- In July, the GET bibliographic record API and the SRU API will return calculated summary information in the AVA field \$\$v instead of \$\$h.

Alma Statistics (as of April 1, 2019)

- We have more than 1.2 billion bibliographic records across all regions.
- Over 1.7 billion API calls in the last three months, with the following top three regions:
 - EU – 766+ million
 - APAC – 498+ million
 - NA – 444+ million
- More than 93 million loans across all regions.
- More than 6 million requests across all regions.

Idea Exchange Statistics

- 76 ideas have a Planned status.
- 170 ideas have already been completed.
- Approximately 300 people interacted with Alma on Idea Exchange in the last 30 days.

What's New Videos

- There are 950+ subscribers to Alma's [What's New Videos](#).
- The current top video, [Add SUSHI Account to Vendor via Search](#), has about 660 views.
- The [Improved Feedback Messages](#) video has about 570 views.
- The [Check Availability and Pricing at Select External Vendors](#) video has about 440 views.

Stay Tuned and Watch This Space!

Ex Libris and the Alma Product Working Group are in the process of testing a great new initiative for giving easy access to known issues in Alma. Plans are to release this to the wider Alma community in the coming months.

The Alma Development team is in the process of a major infrastructure update to a next generation business intelligence analytics tool. More details will be available soon.

Main Features

Facets on the Edit Citations and Reading Lists Task List Pages

May 2019 Fulfillment - Course Reserves

Facets were added in place of filters on the Edit Citations and Reading Lists Task List pages for all customers.

On the Edit Citations page, all filters were moved to facets. In addition, the facets Processing Department, List Status, and License Type were added as facets. In addition, a Sort By feature was added to the page, with the options Last created, Last modified, Reading list name, and Citation title.

Facets

Course Status

Active (818)

Inactive (4267)

Processing Department

Undefined (2533)

Business Administr... (62)

+ More (5)

List Status

Being Prepared (1945)

Being Processed (1400)

+ More (6)

List Assigned to

Assigned to others (2255)

Not Assigned (2830)

Publication Status

Draft (3351)

Anyone Full (399)

+ More (6)

Section Tags

Lecture readings (76)

Seminar readings (57)

Edit Citations (1 - 20 of 5,085)

Select All

Sort by: Last created

Remove Citations

Remove Alerts

Change Copyright Status

Change Status

Expand

1 History.

Article (Blackwell Publishers)

History.

ISSN: 1468-229X

Subject: History-Periodicals. -- History. -- History (General) and others

Request Status: Being Prepared

Resource Locate Status: Resource Located

Copyright Status: Not Required

Section Name: Week 1

Course Code: EXLIBRIS_DEFAULT_COURSE

Reading List: History

Created By: Admin Alma 11/01/2018 17:42

Modified By: Admin Alma 11/01/2018 17:43

Demand in other lists, other courses.

Physical

Electronic (4)

Digital

Other(1)

Citation Details

Alerts

More Info

2 history

Reference Entry By Kilburn, Matthew (Oxford University Press 2016-04-21)

ISBN: 9780191823497

Request Status: Complete

Resource Locate Status: Locate Not Run

Copyright Status: Not Determined

Section Name: Week 1

Public Note: Hello.

Course Code: EXLIBRIS_DEFAULT_COURSE

Reading List: History

Created By: Admin Alma 11/01/2018 17:42

Modified By: Admin Alma 11/01/2018 17:51

Physical

Electronic

Digital

Other(1)

Citation Details

Alerts

3 Red herring [electronic resource].

Article (Red Herring Communications Inc [1993]:2003.)

Red herring [electronic resource].

ISSN: 1099-035X

Request Status: Being Prepared

Resource Locate Status: Resource Located

Copyright Status: Not Determined

Section Name: Section 1

Course Name: 555 name

Course Code: 555

Edit Citations

On the Reading Lists Task List page, the Processing Department, Status, Publication Status, and List Modification Date filters were changed to facets. List Creation Date and Request for Review (date) were added as facets. Alerts remains as a filter.

Reading lists
All

Advanced

Facets

Processing Department

Undefined (203)

Business Administra... (6)

+ More (5)

Status

Being Prepared (271)

Being Processed (54)

+ More (6)

Publication Status

Draft (337)

Anyone Full (28)

+ More (7)

List creation date

Up to three days ago (1)

Up to a week ago (4)

+ More (2)

Last modification date

Up to three days ago (5)

Up to a week ago (4)

+ More (2)

Request for review

Up to a week ago (2)

Up to a month ago (8)

Older (43)

Reading Lists Task List (1 - 20 of 456)

All

Assigned to Me

Unassigned

Assigned to Others

Alerts: All

Publication Status: Active

	Code	Name	Status	Assignee	Owner/s	Due Back Date	Alerts	Request for Review	
1	0.3736415236925241	add by scan in test	Being Prepared	-	Jim Benson	-	-	-	...
2	0.17782473750412464	Advanced Economics	Complete	Dan Shor	Mia Cohen	-	-	-	...
3	0.64129520828096	Advanced Organizational Analysis	Complete	Jessie Ransom	Jamie Instructor	10/31/2018	✓	-	...
4	0.64129520828096(1)	Advanced Organizational Analysis(1)	Being Prepared	Jessie Ransom	-	-	-	-	...
5	0.671838001794218	ADVANCED QUANTUM PHYSICS	Complete	Maud Arnaud	Multiple	-	✓	04/18/2018	...
6	0.671838001794218(1)	Advanced Quantum Physics (1)	Being Prepared	Tamar Sadeh	Tamar Sadeh	12/18/2018	✓	-	...
7	AERO101	Aeronautics 101	Being Processed	-	-	03/31/2016	-	-	...
8	0.12183288859552499	ALA Butterflies: Advanced	Being Processed	David Brown	David Brown	-	-	-	...
9	0.39074025256376643	Alex Butterflies: Introduction	Complete	Jim Benson	-	08/31/2017	✓	-	...
...	0.5179081568720845	Algebra for Beginners	Complete	Gal (Assistant)	Multiple	-	-	03/19/2018	...
...	0.5179081568720845(...)	Algebra for Beginners (Rolled Over)	Rolled Over	Gal (Assistant)	Multiple	-	-	-	...
...	Alma reading list	Alma Reading List	Being Prepared	-	-	06/15/2016	-	-	...

Reading Lists Task List

Published was added as an option for the publication status facet on both pages. Published matches all publication options other than Archived or Deleted. In addition, the processing department Undefined matches any reading list that does not have an associated course.

Summary of the new Reading Lists Task List Page Facets/Filters:

- The page includes the facets Processing Department, Status, Publication Status, List creation date, List modification date, and Request for review, as well as the filter Alerts.
 - The status Processing matches any reading list that is not marked as Complete, including Inactive or Declined.
 - For publication status, Published matches all reading lists that are not Draft, Archived, or Deleted, and Active (which is selected by default) matches all reading lists that are not Archived or Deleted.
 - The processing department Undefined matches any reading list that does not have an associated course.

Summary of the new Edit Citations Facets/Filters:

- The page includes the facets: Course Status, Processing Department, List Status, List Assigned To, Publication Status, Section Tags, Citation Status, Resource Locate, Citation Tags, Material Type, Copyright Status, License Type, Alerts.
 - For citation status, Not Complete matches any citation whose status is not Complete.
 - For publication status, Published matches all reading lists that are not Draft, Archived, or Deleted.
 - The processing department Undefined matches any reading list that does not have an associated course.

Additional Enhancements

- May 2019 Fulfillment - Course Reserves

The option On rollover list creation mode was added for using the course loading integration profile to perform a rollover. Select Multiple to create a new list for each course or Single to attach a list to the new course if the list already exists. See [Configuring Course Loading](#).

Resolved Issues

- May 2019 Fulfillment - Course Reserves SF: 00563441

(URM-92703) For non-Leganto customers, the Edit Reading List page was not paginated and was slow to load. This was fixed.