Improving resource discovery and management through a unified Summon-Alma solution
You can improve resource discovery and management with the integration of Summon and Alma, the industry-leading library service platform for managing all the resource types in your collection within a single interface. Together, they create a unified discovery and management solution benefitting both researchers and librarians.

The integration of Alma and Summon enables libraries to manage resources more efficiently and creates a superior user experience for today’s researcher. Libraries can simplify workflows and improve staff performance through automation, while maximizing the use of its collection through Summon as their discovery service of choice. The seamless connection between the two services streamlines rights management, catalog data publication, and the creation of a new patron services page in Summon.

With Summon and Alma, you can make better decisions and gain operational efficiency with rich, automated workflows, while delivering an intuitive, modern, discovery experience.

**Summon-Alma User Experience**

The integration of Alma and Summon allows libraries to enhance the user experience. Users can perform searches in Summon to see the availability and location of an item in the library’s collection.

Users can also link to an integrated Alma services page to log in, request the item, or perform another action of their choice.
Additionally, once logged into the services page, users can choose to view their library account information (displaying items checked out, holds, fines, and more).

**Summon-Alma for Administrators**

Beyond benefitting researchers by connecting them to their library account through Summon, the integration provides significant advantages to library staff looking to streamline and improve current processes:

- **Publishing catalog data:** Alma publishes new and updated records from its bibliographic database that are then indexed by Summon, eliminating the need for a batch uploading process required with traditional library systems.

- **Rights management for e-resources:** Alma will simplify activation of e-resources in Summon by using a single activation process for both systems.

This is only the start of more efficient management for Summon customers through Alma. Alma replaces all the features found in the Client Center, while managing your entire collection (print, electronic, and digital) and creating even more opportunities to optimize it through evidence-based decision-making and automated resource management workflows.

**More Details and Information**

The integration of Alma and Summon requires a subscription to both services. Please contact your Ex Libris representative if you have questions or would like to see how Alma and Summon can work for you.

You can learn more about Alma at [www.exlibrisgroup.com/category/AlmaOverview](http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/category/AlmaOverview).

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