
Alma October 2017 Release Notes



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The October 2017 release is primarily devoted to maintenance, cloud infrastructure and other important tasks that periodically need to be handled in order to ensure that Alma meets the highest standards of performance and high availability. The release notes include several updates for October, a description of some of our current focus areas, and a few sneak previews of good things to come.

New Alma User Interface

- The new Alma UI was officially released in September 2017 and can now be enabled (turned on) for all institutions, although it is not turned on by default. For information on enabling the new Alma UI, see [Enabling Alma's New UI for Your Institution](#). For general information on Alma's new user interface, see [What's New in Alma's New User Interface](#), as well as the training videos available at [Introduction to the New Alma User Interface](#).
- As part of the new Alma UI, we introduced the concept of gradual or progressive disclosure of inventory information in repository staff search results in order to improve usability by presenting only the minimum amount of data required for a task. Recently, we added the option to expand inventory information as a user preference within an Alma session. As of September 17th, this option can also be saved for multiple Alma sessions.
- The logic of how advanced searches are built changed in Alma's new UI from Alma's classic UI. As a result, saved advanced search queries (logical sets) built in the classic UI cannot be edited in the new UI. These queries must be recreated in the new UI. For detailed information, see [Advanced Search Logic: Differences Between the Classic and New UI](#). For a list of known issues related to Alma's new UI, see [this Excel file](#).

Other New Projects and Enhancements

- Alma and Clio have now been successfully integrated. For more information, see the following blog by Stephen Gladwin from Curry College: <https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/blog/Clio-and-Alma-Together-at-Last>
- An [additional presentation](#) on resource sharing funds—functionality that was released in August—is now available.
- ILLiad and BLDSS use is on the rise:
 - The number of borrowing requests that have been automatically copied from Alma into ILLiad has reached the 6000 requests mark, including 1400 requests handled in August.
 - 600 requests have been sent to BLDSS using the new resource sharing APIs, including over 100 requests sent in August.
- With the November release, you will be able to publish and view MARC records as BIBFRAME records. The Bibliographic Framework (BIBFRAME) Initiative is a Library of Congress project for defining a bibliographic data model. Based on linked data principles, BIBFRAME has been designed to replace the MARC standards and to

make bibliographic data more useful both within and outside the library community. For more information on BIBFRAME, see the [Library of Congress web site](#).

Community Zone Updates

- As of September, the CKB includes the following resources:
 - Total packages: 7,209
 - Aggregator packages: 1,592
 - Selective packages: 5,617
 - eBook packages: 3,008
 - eJournal packages: 3,901
 - Mixed packages: 300
 - Full text titles: 17,432,856
 - eBook titles: 15,064,552
 - eJournal titles: 2,368,304
 - Peer-reviewed journals: 61,208
 - Total bibliographic records: 5,257,042
 - Click [here](#) for authority record Community Zone updates and new electronic collections added to the Alma CKB in the past month.
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Regional Updates

- The Alma Essentials Training Kit is now available in French and Simplified Chinese. It will soon be available in Spanish and updated in Italian for the new Alma UI.
 - The Alma Online Help will soon be available in Simplified Chinese.
 - In 2018, Alma will be available in both Hebrew and Portuguese.
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Sneak Preview of Future Releases

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

Content Operations - October 2017 Enhancements

Library of Congress Authorities Community Zone Updates

The following are the Library of Congress subject authority updates for the period of August 18th through September 17th:

- Number of records updated: 25
- Number of records deleted: 3

The following are the Library of Congress name authority updates for the period of August 18th through September 17th:

- Number of records updated: 14137
- Number of records added: 21085
- Number of records deleted: 312

The following are the Canadian name authority updates for the period of August 18th through September 17th:

- Number of records updated: 99
- Number of records added: 1046
- Number of records deleted: 9

New Electronic Collections Added to the Alma CKB

The following electronic collections were added to the Alma Community Zone from August 19th through September 17th:

- 19th Century UK Periodicals: Series 1 - New Readerships
- American Concrete Institute Online Journal Archives
- American Drama - International Clients
- American Physical Society Publications
- American Society of Civil Engineers:NESLI2:Journals:2014
- Annual Reviews:Electronic Back Volume Collection:2013 - NESLI2
- Asian Studies E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- Biblical Studies Ancient Near East and Early Christianity E-Books Online 2017
- Canadian Poetry
- Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades (ISOC)
- CiNii Complete
- Classical Studies E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- CLOCKSS
- Core Historical Literature of Agriculture
- Corpus des dictionnaires de l'Académie française

- Department of Mathematics at Princeton University Publications
- Deutsche Literatur des 18 Jahrhunderts Online
- Early American Newspapers, Series 13, 1803-1916: The American West
- Early American Newspapers, Series XI
- Early American Newspapers, Series XII
- eBooks@Adelaide (4062 titles)
- Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca Revistas Científicas
- English Drama
- English Historical Documents
- English Poetry
- eScholarship Repository
- EUP Premium Subscription List
- European History and Culture E-Books Online, Collection 2017-I
- European History and Culture E-Books Online, Collection 2017-II
- Foundations and Trends in Technology
- Google News Archive
- Heidelberger Historische Bestände - Zeitschriften und Zeitungen
- History of Earth Sciences Society
- HUSCAP: Hokkaido University Collection of Scholarly and Academic Papers
- Index to Proceedings
- International Law E-Books Online, Collection 2014
- International Law E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- IOP Publishing Current Journals Archive
- Journals@UrMEL
- JSTOR eBooks: EBA Title List
- Korean Studies Information Service System (KISS) Journals - English
- Kotobarabia Arab Leaders, Historians and Philosophers
- Language and Linguistics E-Books Online, Collection 2016
- Language and Linguistics E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- Latindex
- Leo S Olschki Publications
- Medigraphic
- Middle East and Islamic Studies E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- Morgan & Claypool Computer & Information Science Collection Nine
- National Academy of Sciences (U.S.)
- Nature Partner Journals
- NESLi2 Sciences Collection of 34 Annual Reviews
- Niva Digital Archive

- Openedition Open access Ebook
- Oxford Handbooks Online 2017 Law
- Past Masters Commons
- Religious Studies, Theology and Philosophy E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- RFN Journaux et Revues
- ROAD: Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources
- Schweizerbart Science Publications
- Social Sciences E-Books Online, Collection 2017
- Social Sciences E-Books Online, Collection 2017-I
- springer link books dutch complete
- springer link books english archive
- springer link books english complete
- springer link books german archive
- springer link books german complete
- SpringerLINK ebooks - Current Topics in Microbiology and Immunology (Contemporary)
- Taylor & Francis Business, Management and Economics Archive 2009
- Taylor & Francis:Jisc Collections:Full Collection:Expanded:2016-2017
- Tire Society Publications
- Uppsala University DiVA
- 万方数据期刊

New External Search Resources

There were no new external search resources for the October release.

Next Release Sneak Preview

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.

Resource Management



- **Idea Exchange:** Community Zone Contribution - Update Contributed Collections – Institutions will now be able to update electronic collections that they contributed.
- Manage Shared Licenses in the Network Zone – When defining a license in the Network Zone, it will be possible to set the license as **Central office negotiated**, which means that the license will be managed in the Network Zone but the resources will be managed by the member institutions.
- Move Acquisitions Details from Portfolios of One Collection to Portfolios of Another Collection – A new **Move electronic portfolio information** job will move PO lines and licenses from a source electronic collection set to a destination electronic collection. This will assist in cases where vendors switch to using newer electronic collections.

Fulfillment

- Renew Patron from Manage Patron Services – The option to renew a patron from Manage Patron Services will be configurable for the Circulation Desk Operator role (instead of being hard-coded for this role).

Resource Sharing

- Copyright Payment Support for BLDSS – If **Willing to Pay** is set to **Yes**, the BLDSS request will be sent with `<payCopyright>true</payCopyright>`.

Analytics

- Built-in Date Filters in All Date Folders in All Subject Areas – Date filters will be added to each date folder in all subject areas. The name of the field will include **Date Filter**—for example, **Loan Date Filter**.

Administration



- **Idea Exchange:** View Mode for Acquisitions and Resource Management Administrators – There will be an option for defining a read-only mode for the Acquisitions, Repository and Catalog administrator roles.

APIs

- New APIs will be available for the creation, update, deletion of licenses.