




DIRECTOR OF ODIN REPORT

*Together, let's build & create
opportunities while igniting success!*

ODIN Advisory
Council
November 30, 2020



Topics

STAFFING

Polaris Releases

Alma Releases

Information Bytes

LIZ MASON

– began work
11/19/2020

Working out of Colorado

Previously worked at Fargo
Public Library, NDSU Libraries
& Bismarck State Library

Lots of cataloging experience &
technical services

System librarian skills

Participated as a member of
the ODIN Project team for
Alma/Primo VE along with
other ODIN academic system
librarians



Nicole Murphy

– will begin work
12/3/2020

Will work out of Fargo office
where Jason Bedsaul works

Previously worked as student @
UND Chester Fritz Library,
experience with Aleph

Comes from Lake Agassiz
Regional Library in Moorhead,
MN

Lots of Interlibrary Loan
experience



PROMOTED to...

Library
Systems/
Applications
and Web
Integrator

LYNN WOLF



FULL-STAFF

Ellen Kotrba –	Director of ODIN
Linda Allbee –	Ass't Director of ODIN
Jason Bedsaul –	Senior Integrator
Lynn Wolf –	Integrator
Ginny Millette –	Tech Support Specialist
Liz Mason –	Tech Support Specialist
Nicole Murphy –	Tech Support Specialist

All acting as ONE TEAM to:

- support library staff regarding two systems:
 - Polaris – public/k12/special libraries
 - Alma – academic libraries
- research new technologies & implement as necessary
- assist libraries as much as possible

All working remotely until covid is under control



POLARIS



IDEA LAB - Be sure to send in your great idea(s) and ODIN staff will submit them to the IDEA Lab



<https://portal.productboard.com/iii/6-innovative-product-status-board-new/tabs/23-polaris>



<<<<< What's on the Polaris Roadmap

Other great ideas are in the IDEA Lab and periodically we'll send out to you for your input as to whether ODINland wants to support the effort

IN PROGRESS: Polaris 6.7 (December 2020)

Leap Accessibility Audit and
VPAT

🔍 0



Bibliographic Bulk Change: Leap

🔍 7



Holds: Multiple Patrons, One Title



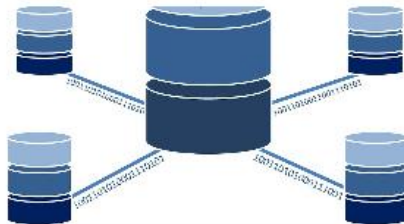
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Update Database Synchronization
Job

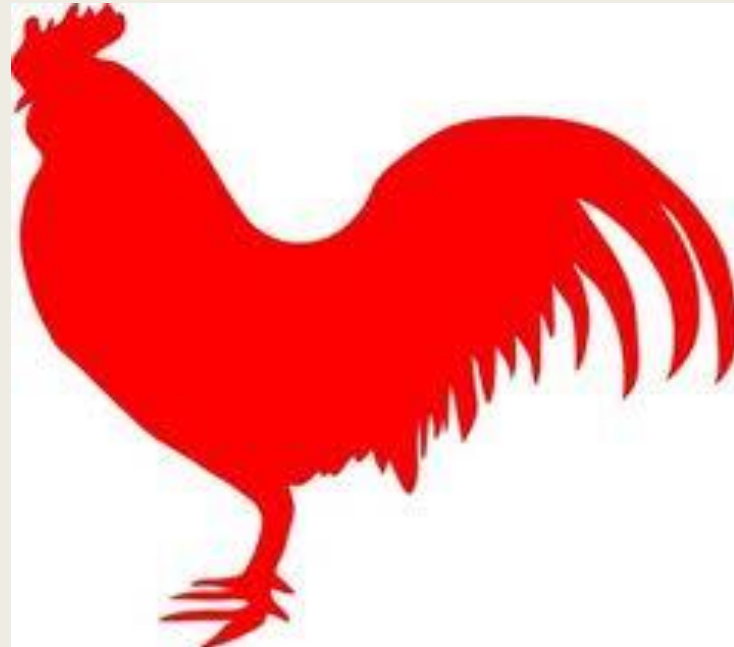


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Copy Cataloging: Leap

🔍 5



MARC Cataloging in Leap

3



MARC Record Import in Leap

0



Address Update Without Staff Verification

2



Spine Label Printing in Leap

0



Address Update Without Staff Verification

2



Bulk Update Due Date from Record Set

0



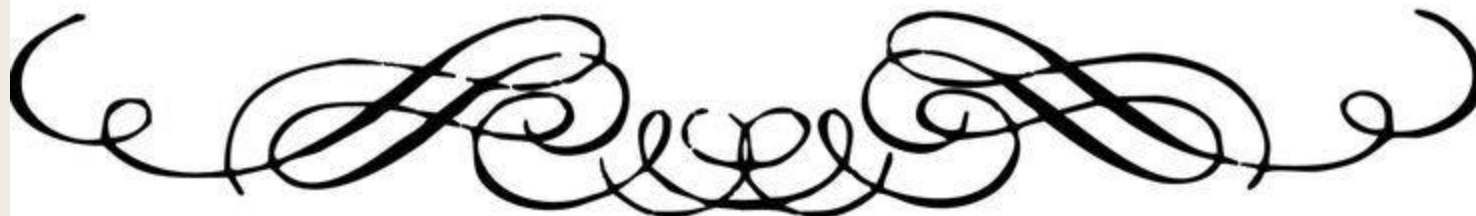
Add Date Ranges to Dates Closed Table

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ALMA



IDEA Exchange

- Statistics
 - **292 Ideas** from Almaland users have already been **Completed**
 - **69 Ideas** have the status **Planned**
 - **20+ Ideas** are being considered and have the status **Under Review**.
 - **700+** people interacted with Alma on [Idea Exchange](#) in the last 30 days
- Be sure to send in your great idea(s) and ODIN staff will submit them to the IDEA Exchange
- Other great ideas are in the IDEA Exchange and periodically we'll send out to you for your input as to whether ODINland wants to support the effort
- IDEA Exchange FAQ - <https://ideas.exlibrisgroup.com/knowledgebase/articles/690945-ex-libris-idea-exchange-faq>

GUIDE ME



Ex Libris' GuideMe provides additional support to Alma users no matter where they are located, bringing just-in-time, step-by-step guidance on important workflows in Alma.



More than 20 “GuideMe” walkthroughs are currently available (depending on role and permissions) covering topics such as fiscal period management, normalizing bib records, and exporting and importing records for cleanup.



The top 3 walkthroughs, based on usage data across Almaland:

Rollover Ledgers – the first step in the fiscal-period close process

Rollover PO Lines – the second step in the fiscal-period close process

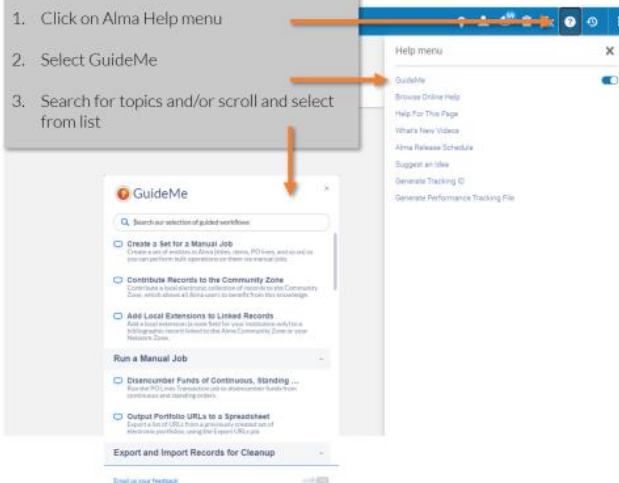
Rollover Resource Sharing Requests – the final step in fiscal-period close process



Read more about GuideMe in the GuideMe blog @
<https://exlibrisgroup.com/blog/alma-guideme-help-when-you-need-it/>

Access GuideMe Menu

1. Click on Alma Help menu
2. Select GuideMe
3. Search for topics and/or scroll and select from list



Accessing GuideMe in Alma

GuideMe

Search our selection of guided workflows

- Create a Set for a Manual Job**
Create a set of entities in Alma (titles, items, PO lines, and so on) so you can perform bulk operations on them via manual jobs.
- Contribute Records to the Community Zone**
Contribute a local electronic collection of records to the Community Zone, which allows all Alma users to benefit from this knowledge.
- Restore a Deleted Bibliographic Record**
Restore one or more accidentally deleted bib records. This is also necessary for canceling outstanding physical item requests related to the record.
- Add Local Extensions to Linked Records**
Add a local extension (a note field for your institution only) to a bibliographic record linked to the Alma Community Zone or your Network Zone.

Run a Manual Job

- Disencumber Funds of Continuous, Standing ...**
Run the PO Lines Transaction job to disencumber funds from continuous and standing orders.
- Output Portfolio URLs to a Spreadsheet**

Email us your feedback

walkme

DARA – Data Analysis Recommendation Assistant



- Widely used across all Alma institutions.
- **6628** recommendations have been implemented by 714 institutions
- The top 3 most popular recommendations are:
 - **50,000+** *link local electronic collection to CZ*
 - **45,000+** *unavailable portfolios*
 - **25,000+** *link standalone portfolio to CZ*

CLOUD APPS –

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D_fARn8CUo
- an open framework which allows developers to write apps that **run *inside*** Ex Libris higher education products.
- **Cloud Apps**
 - *can add new features beyond core Ex Libris functionality*
 - *can integrate with other systems*
 - *can provide shortcuts and efficiencies for institution-specific workflows*

INFORMATION BYTES

Alma What's New ----

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLHMGFok32k8-K5yoy8UC9_dwZWAwwgtR

Polaris What's New ----

<https://innovative.libguides.com/polaris>

POLARIS

- Polaris, LEAP versions updated to 6.6 – Nov 3
- Added serials functionality to LEAP in the area of check-in.
- Added add'l circulation functionality where staff are able to generate and post circulation notices directly from Leap.
- Continuing to find ways to cut away from staff client.

2020 - 2021

ALMA

- NEW layout only – January 2021
- NEW MD Editor only – March 2021
- Range operators <, >, <=, >= were added to advanced search when searching for Titles
- **Mapping Tables Import**
 - *You can now import Excel files into Alma to update the contents of mapping tables, eliminating need to enter rows into Alma manually, which is time-consuming and sometimes introduces typos.*

Timeline

Release	Area	Update
March 2021	MD Editor	★ 7.3.2021 - New MD Editor - only option - old editor removed
February 2020	MD Editor	
January 2021	New layout	★ 10.1.2021 - New Layout - only option - old layout removed
	New MD Editor	★ 10.1.2021 - New MD Editor - Opt out - default in Production

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



NDUS: Open Educational Resource Conference

March 2 & March 3, 2021

Bismarck State College | National Energy Center of Excellence | 4th Floor

Full conference details will be available in December.

December 2 - What's the Buzz? An EBSCO FOLIO Project Update

8:00 AM | 1:00 PM | 8:00 PM

<https://more.ebsco.com/Buzz-FOLIO-Update-Dec-ET-registration-lp.html>



**NORTH AMERICAN
VIRTUAL REFERENCE
ONLINE CONFERENCE**



The North American Virtual Reference Online Conference (NAVROC)

February 23 - 25, 2021

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emails to all ODIN Office Staff)
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- ODIN HELP DESK TICKET –
- <https://www.odin.nodak.edu/helpticket>

Happy
Holidays





THANK YOU !

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