Consortium of Icelandic Libraries
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The Consortium of Icelandic Libraries (CIL) is a public limited-liability company. The company is jointly owned by the municipalities and the state of Iceland. Number of CIL staff is nine. Since June this year, CIL is operating Alma and Primo VE from Ex Libris. These system replaced older library systems, also from Ex Libris. CIL continues to use former brands, thus Alma is branded **Gegnir** and Primo VE branded **Leitir**.

In addition to servicing libraries, CIL operates **Sarpur**, a cataloging system for museums and cultural heritage institutions in Iceland.
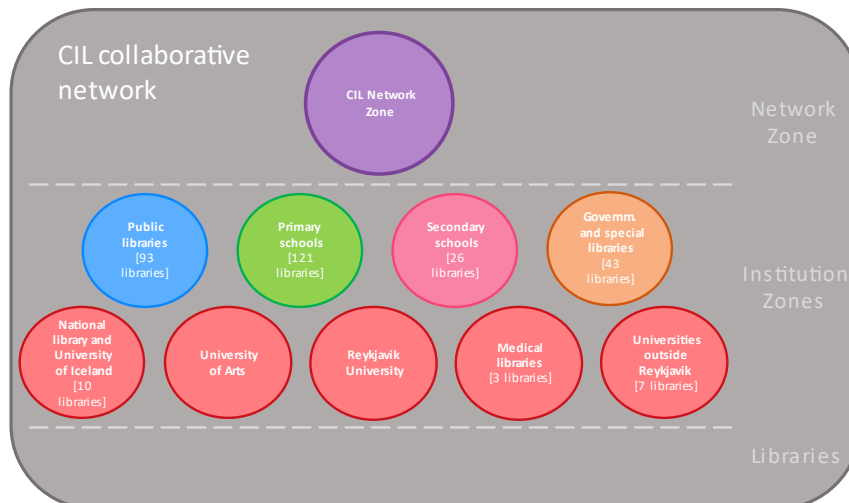
The Icelandic User Group for the Aleph libraries Alefli has not been attending Igelu.

Gegnir – The National Library System of Iceland

Gegnir is a national library system for Iceland. Among the member institutions are the National and University Library of Iceland, several smaller universities, public libraries, primary- and secondary school libraries as well as research and special libraries, in total close to 300 libraries.

During the Onboarding process of Alma and Primo VE a topology consisting of a Network Zone and nine Institution Zones was selected for the libraries in Iceland. Public libraries are grouped together in one IZ, primary school libraries make up another IZ, secondary school libraries share the third IZ, administrative and specialty libraries the fourth but most universities have their own IZ. The decision on the university libraries was based on a recommendation from Ex Libris with management of electronic resources in mind. In essence CIL now has ten "systems" to maintain.

Topology: 1 Network Zone, 9 Alma/Primo Institutions

Leitir.is - A National Discovery Portal

Leitir.is, https://leitir.is/ is a National Discovery Portal for Iceland. It provides access from a single location to the diverse collections of Icelandic libraries, electronic subscriptions, museums and other institutions. In addition to leitir.is, all libraries now have the option to have their own Primo website (view).

Sarpur – A National Cataloging System for Museums

"Sarpur", https://sarpur.is/ is an Icelandic designed cultural database. It is used to catalog and record artifacts, pictures, archaeological sites, historic buildings, place names and cultural history, and is used by museums and cultural heritage institutions around Iceland.

Acquiring and implementing a new library system

In the spring of 2018, the Consortium of Icelandic Libraries issued an invitation to tender on EEA for a new library system, including a search and discovery platform. The form of the bidding procedure was a competitive procurement. Final bids were received in November that year, one from Innovative Interfaces, another from Ex Libris. After formal evaluation of both bids the one from Innovative was accepted resulting in contract in May 2019. Implementation of the new systems was immediately started. Half a year later Ex Libris announced the acquisition of Innovative Interfaces. With that the implementation project came to a standstill for a year. In November 2020 it was agreed that Ex Libris would take over the Innovative contract. As part of that process Ex Libris agreed to carry out enhancements for changes to circulation and data privacy in Alma and Primo VE in the following areas: managing circulation activities by circulation staff, user record management, patron notifications, patron registration, user API and patron library card. Many of those later surfaced as "Library Independence" Theme in the Alma 2022 Roadmap. In total, CIL lost a year and a half due to the unforeseen events described above.

Onboarding of Alma and Primo VE was carried out from November 2020 to March 2021. Implementation including data migration from older systems was started right after and resulted in an official Go-Live of Alma on 13 June and Primo VE on 14 June 2022. The public libraries as well as the National and University Library started using the new systems at that time. Various school libraries followed suit in August and September. **The implementation is still ongoing and has proven to be challenging.**