





# Rialto in Reality





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# Introduction

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# Ben-Gurion University of the Negev















# Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



6 faculties, over 80 departments, 4 campuses.



The Aranne Central Library covers nearly 50 departments.



Aranne Central Library hosts 4 primary collections and 12 Subject Librarians.







# **Aranne Library Acquisitions at a Glance**



13,330 Items Purchased 2018-2022



10,809 Print Books



2,521
Electronic Books



# **Acquisition Practice Prior to Rialto**

The liaison emails a list of purchase requests as a DOC or PDF file.

**Department** 

#### Subject Librarian

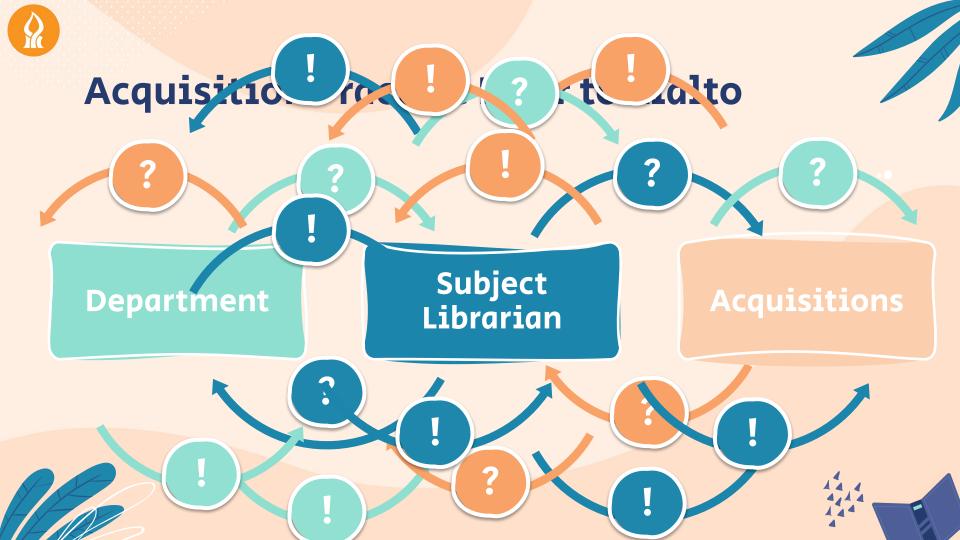
The librarian checks the catalogue against the list, updates it if necessary, and passes it to Acquisitions.

The Acquisitions officer
works with multiple
platforms and vendors,
before purchasing an item.

Acquisitions











# **Acquisition Process Pain Points**



Subject Librarians served as mediators.



Information about funds, order status, licenses and platforms required constant back and forth.



item left a digital "paper trail" of emails, external files, etc.



Multiple vendors on multiple platforms had to be compared.



Bibliographic records and PO-Lines were created manually by the Acquisitions Department.



Activation of electronic books occurred manually.





# **Result:**











#### What is Rialto?



#### **Familiar**

Rialto is an academic marketplace operating online.

#### **Flexible**

Search, select, and purchase from a variety of vendors and platforms.

#### Fully Integrated.

Created on the *Ex Libris* Higher-Ed cloud platform, it provides real-time access to the catalogue and funds.







# **Expectations before Rialto**

#### The Good

Catalogue cross-reference



- Increase transparency
- Improve budget use
- Simplify communication
- Reduce the "paper trail"









# 02

# Implementation

Implementation Team, Timeline, Testing







# Implementation Team



#### Library

- 2 Subject Librarians
- ☐ Head of Public Services
- ☐ Head of Technical Services
- ☐ Acquisitions Coordinator
- ☐ Electronic Resource Coordinator





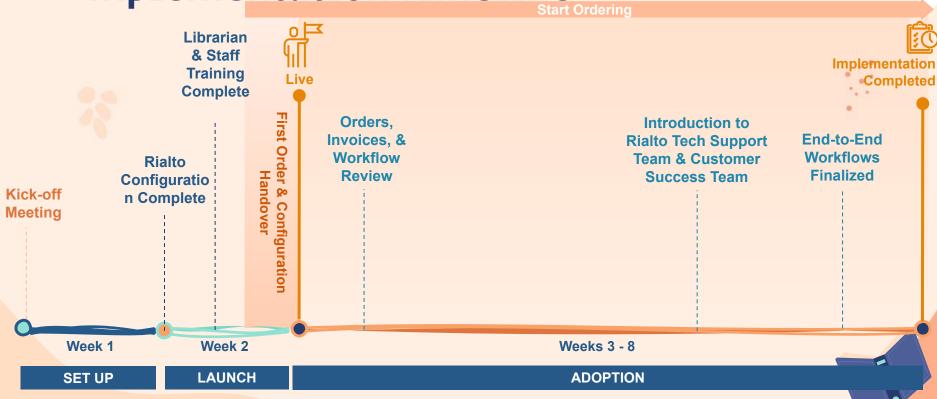
#### Rialto

- Technical Implementation Representative
- Content & WorkflowStrategies Consultant
- Technical Support Representative





#### Implementation Timeline









#### Selector = Subject Librarian

- Marketplace search engine
- Library catalogue correlation
- Additional features



- Bibliographic record and POL
- Community Zone integration
- Item activation
- Customer Support







# **Demonstration**

How it Works (Briefly)

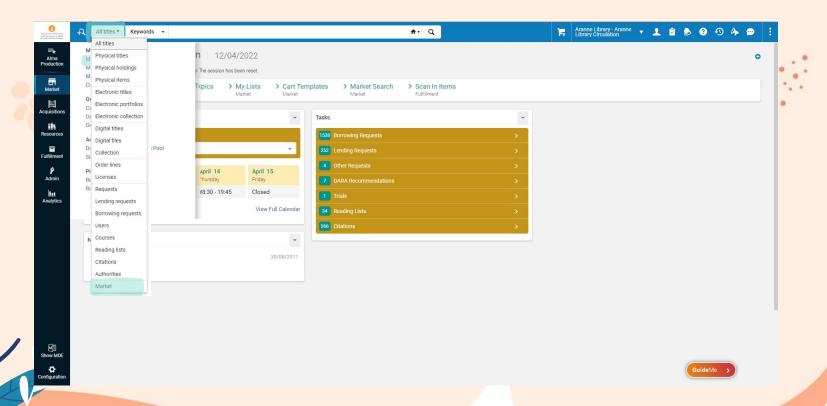






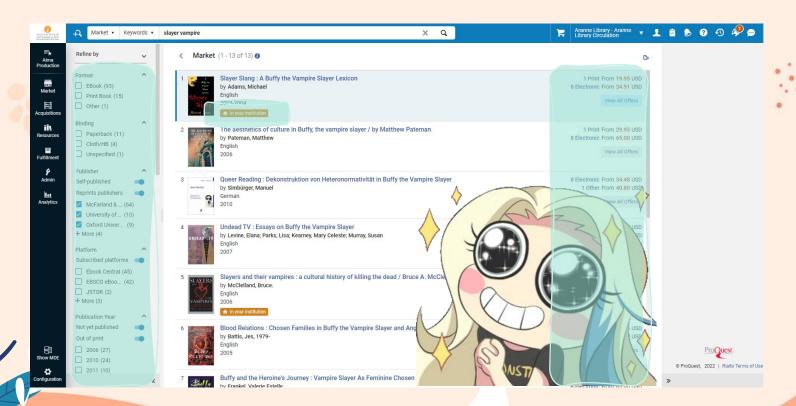


#### **Market Search**



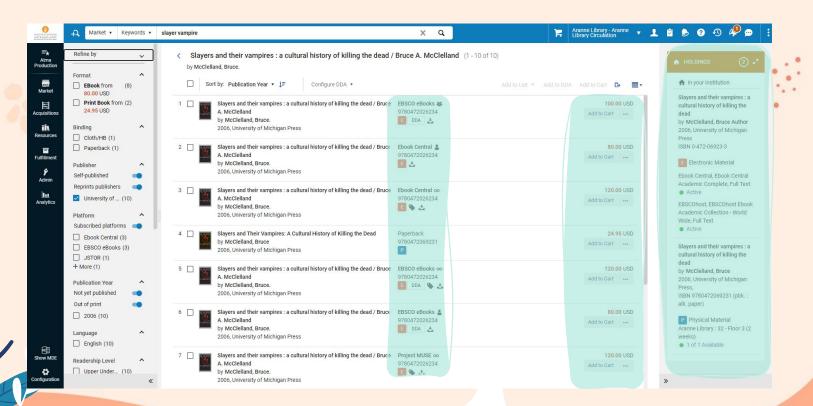


#### Results





#### **Offers**





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# Additional Features

Cart Templates, Lists, Reject Notifications





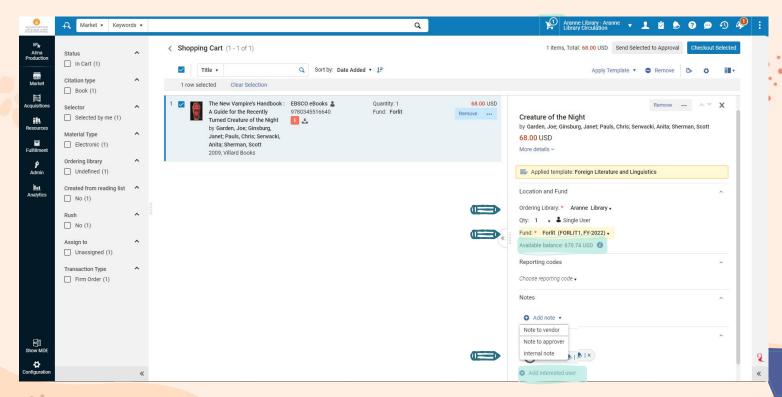


Allows to create, customize, and apply different templates to single or batch items, reducing the process time for each item.





### **Cart Templates**

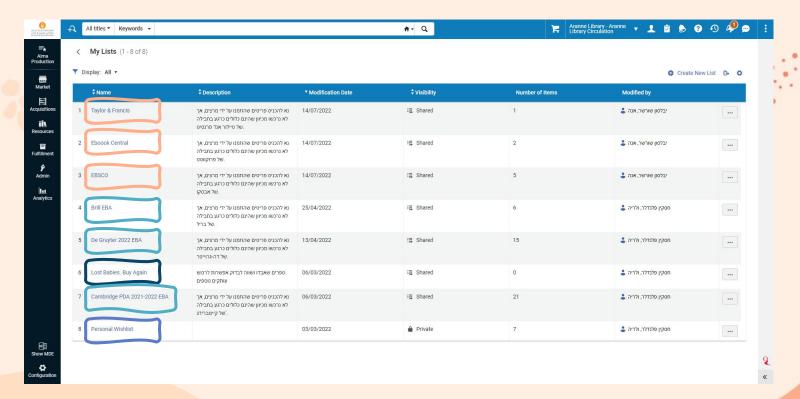








#### **Rialto Lists**







# **Reject Alerts**

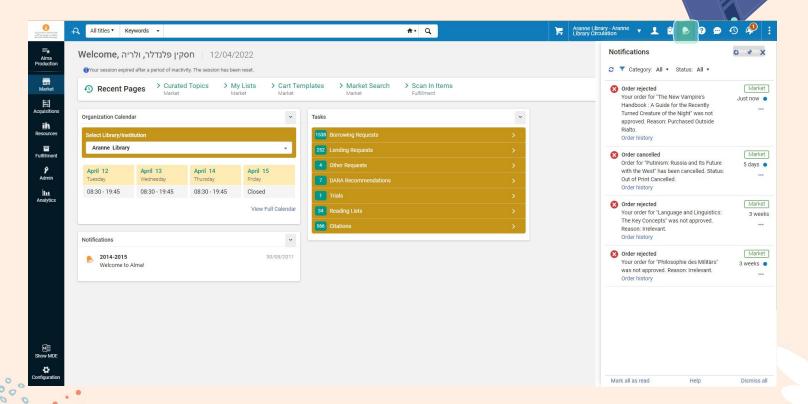
Improves the efficiency of communication between Subject Librarians and the Acquisitions department.







#### **Reject Alerts**







Weak Points and Blind Spots









#### **Current Weak Points**



#### **Holdings Box**

- Multiple editions
- Print and electronic editions
- Varied bibliographical records







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#### Rialto Support

- Customer Service
- Technical Support







#### **Current Blocks**



#### **Individual Contracts**

- EBA Packages
- Publisher Packages







#### **Current Blocks**





- Out of Print Editions
- Small Publishers



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# **Conclusions**

**Overall Impressions** 





# So, Is It Perfect?









# **But Is It Worth It?**











#### Final Thoughts





#### 90% Adoption

Out of non-semitic books purchased since May.



#### **Fund Management**

Cost transparency
Real-time fund access
Budget planning



#### "Paper Trail"

Number of emails and external files reduced



#### **Learning Period**

Short and effective inhouse implementation













# Thank You!

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