



Alma Collaborative Networks Update



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Collaborative networks in Alma: how to gain efficiency and collaborate better?

Introducing new consortia features

Which new features will enhance your consortia experience tomorrow?

Types of Collaborative Networks



Collaboration for Patron Services

- Shared Discovery
- Resource Sharing
- Fulfillment



Collaboration for Technical Services

- Shared Catalog
- Joint Acquisitions
- Analytics
- Administration



Benefits:

- Efficiencies in operations
- Less duplication of effort/data
- Increased consistency
- Unified user experience

Collaboration for Patron Services

20 Discovery Networks



Shared Discovery

One discovery/delivery for the Network



Resource Sharing

Fully automated process leveraging all your assets (P/E/D)



Fulfilment

Seamless experience for the patron (from their perspective, all services are from the home)

Network Zone



CATALOGING

Shared Catalog

*Mandatory



ACQUISITIONS

Joint Acquisitions
and Negotiations

Shared management
of e-resources



ANALYTICS

Shared Reporting
and Analysis

Shared
collection analysis
and development



ADMINISTRATION

Central
Administration,
Configuration, and
Shared Users

Operating a Network Zone



- Use of a Network Zone requires a network/consortia central office
- Establish and maintain the shared catalog
- Maintain the Network Zone configurations
- Develop relevant procedures and workflows
- Manage members' staff access to Network Zone
- Provide additional value-added services



Benefits:

- Unified configuration
- Centralized decision making
- consortia-level-top-down initiatives

One stop shop to manage consortia workflows and configurations

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2024 New Consortia Features

- New consortia central configurations dashboard
- Enhanced authority control task list for the consortia use



New Consortia Central Configurations Dashboard

Efficient
and centralized
management of
configurations
across consortia
members



**Easy access to all
members
configurations**



**Real time
distribution**



**Selective
distribution**



Distribution mode



**Row-level vs.
table-level
inheritance**



**Management of
configurations
on 3 levels**

Code Tables, Mapping Tables and Rules

Consortia Central Configuration Dashboard UI

The screenshot displays the 'Consortia Configuration Management' interface. The left sidebar contains navigation icons for Alma QA, Acquisitions, Resources, Discovery, Fulfillment, User Management, General, and Analytics. The main area is titled 'Consortia Configuration Management' and shows the 'Currency Subset' configuration. A purple box highlights the 'Managed in Network' status, which is set to 'Yes'. Below this, a table lists the configured currencies.

Managed in Network Yes

Enabled	Currency Name	Default	Updated By	Last Updated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	US Dollar	True	exl_impl	09/04/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Euro	False	exl_impl	09/04/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pound Sterling	False	exl_impl	09/04/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian Dollar	False	exl_impl	09/04/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Zealand Dollar	False	exl_impl	09/04/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Canadian Dollar	False	exl_impl	09/04/2024

One stop shop to manage consortia configurations



We Value Our Collaboration with the Community

- CUNY - Imposed
- KU Leuven (Libis) - Imposed
- CALSTATE - Hybrid
- SLSP - Hybrid
- OBVSG (ACC) - Proposed

Thank you for the feedback!

The New Dashboard - Look Ahead

Planned Developments

- Add additional configurations based on focus group prioritization

- Check/View NZ configuration from within a specific member

- Add an option for the member to request the release of an Imposed mode configuration

- And more ...

Discovery Configurations in the New Dashboard

The screenshot displays the 'Consortia Configuration Management' page in the Alma dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation icons for Alma, Acquisitions, Resources, Discovery, Fulfillment, User Management, General, Analytics, and Network Zone. The main content area is titled 'Consortia Configuration Management' and lists several configuration categories: Analytics, Discovery, Authentication, Restricted User Groups (Central Index / Ebsco), Display Configuration, Hypertext Linking Definitions, Labels, Personal Details Configuration, Loading External Data Sources, Dublin Core type to Discovery Type mapping, Other, Captcha configuration, Custom linking for Central Index databases, Customer Settings, Exclude Process Types from Discovery Indexing, Fulfillment, General, and Resources. A large blue and purple gradient box is overlaid on the 'Discovery' section with the text: 'Which Discovery configuration options should we add next?'. The 'Discovery' option in the left sidebar is highlighted with a purple border.

Discovery Next Steps

- Consortia Focus Group voting results:
 - Distribute NR for Display Fields
 - Labels distribution by row
 - Distribute views configurations
- POC for top-voted configurations
- 2025 roadmap will include top voted configurations



Enhanced Authority Control Task List (ACTL) for Consortia

- Allows members to work together as a group
- NZ-level reporting now reflected on IZ-level ACTL
 - New filter to group by NZ-linked records
 - New indication of each reporting line origin
- Dismissal of NZ-linked records from IZ-level ACTL
 - Dismiss Locally
 - Dismiss for Network



Authority Control Task List - New Filter and Origin

Facets >> Authority Control Task List (1 - 50 of 18,346) Cancel Back

Review All

MMS ID

Report Type: All | Linked Inventory Type: All | Brief Level: All | Suppressed from Discovery: All | Linked to: 03/06/2024 - 06/06/2024 Edit Selected Dismiss Selected Dismiss All

	Origin	Report Type	Change Date	MMS ID	Title	Field	BIB Heading	AUT Originating System ID	
1		Linking - BIB heading found no matching AUT headings	06/06/2024	991004910909702914	[The mind sees] /	655	Livres d'artistes.	-	<input type="button" value="More"/>
2		Linking - BIB heading found no matching AUT headings	06/06/2024	991004910909702914	[The mind sees] /	655	Collages (Art)	-	<input type="button" value="More"/>
3		Linking - BIB heading found no matching AUT headings	05/06/2024	991006390909702914	[An] answer to Mr. Fords booke entitled A designe for bringing a navigable river, from Rickmansworth in Hartfordshire to St. Giles in the fields.	100	Roberts, W. Sir.	-	<input type="button" value="More"/>
4		Linking - BIB heading found no matching AUT headings	04/06/2024	991002406249702914	Zwischen Galaxis und Underground. Die neue Popmusik.	650	Popular music History and criticism	-	<input type="button" value="More"/>
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Authority Control Task List - New Actions

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- Dismiss Locally
- Dismiss for Network
- Edit
- View Hidden

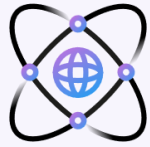
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Working Together



Established consortia focus groups



Focus groups provided requirement consolidated document



Prioritization through voting process



Thorough analysis conducted by Ex Libris

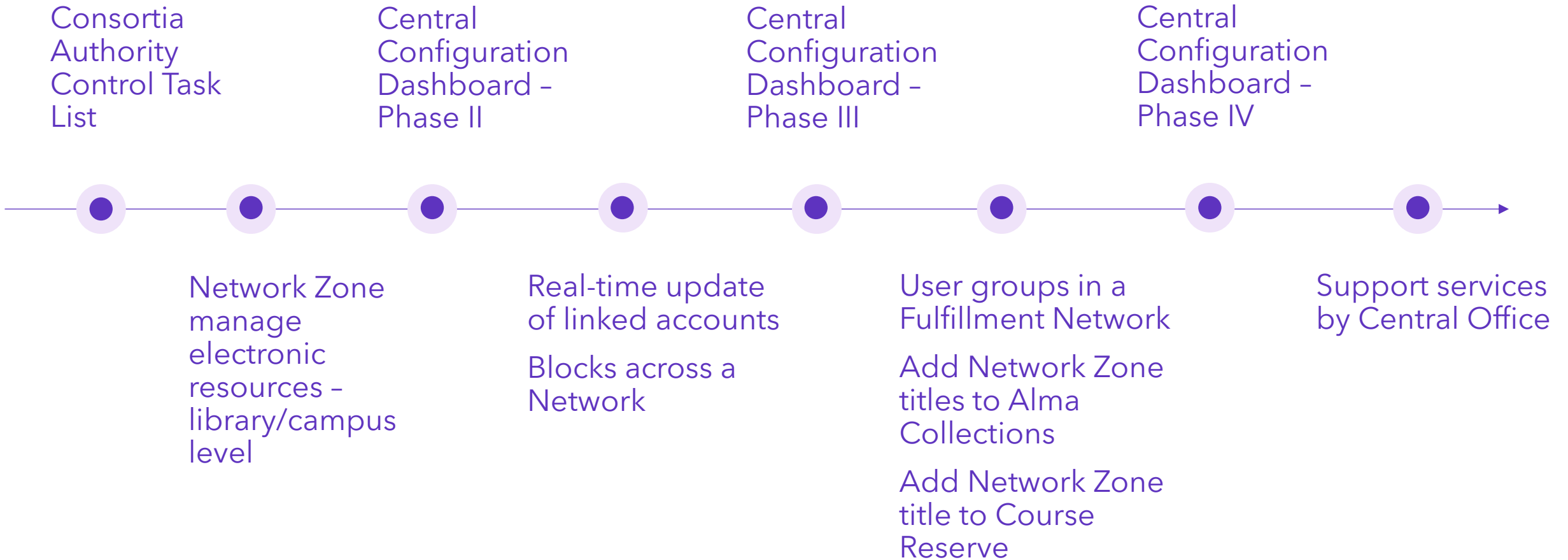


Focus areas were identified



Built consortia roadmap for 2024/2025

Collaborative Networks 2024 - 2025



Collection Development - Physical Books Unique Titles Network View

Physical Books Unique Titles Network View

Is In My Network (1) Institution Name LC Classification Dewey Classification Publication Year Has OCLC number Publisher Internal Filter - Don't Touch

Titles in my network summaries

Note: The visualizations in this row always show the full network data and are not affected by any filters.

Titles in only one institution within your network

6,008,705

Titles in only one institution within your network, marked for retention

Titles in max. 3 institutions within your network

7,822,935

Titles in max. 3 institutions within your network, marked for retention in at least one institution

Physical books network view

This dashboard is designed to provide you with an overview of the books within your consortia / shared print group.

Records included in this dashboard are those with Resource Type = Book - Physical.

Matching is based on a Clarivate proprietary algorithm. Records that do not include sufficient metadata are not in this analysis.

"Unique titles" refers to titles that are in only one institution in the network/group.

"Limited titles" refers to titles that are in maximum 3 institutions in the network/group.

Total number of titles

11,460,979

Total number of distinct titles

8,101,809

Unique titles by institution

Titles in more than 3 institutions by institution

Institution	Number of Titles
Institution 1	~270,000
Institution 2	~265,000
Institution 3	~235,000
Institution 4	~225,000
Institution 5	~150,000
Institution 6	~25,000

Unique titles by institution

Institution Name	Number of Titles
Institution 1	3,474,864
Institution 2	1,978,395
Institution 3	236,892
Institution 4	231,446
Institution 5	65,930
Institution 6	21,178

Select classification type: LC Classification

Unique titles by classification

Classification	Number of Titles	Percentage
Industries. Land use. Labor	162,563	7.61%
Spanish literature	135,924	6.36%
Fiction and juvenile belles lettres	100,472	4.7%
French literature	94,827	4.44%
Latin America. Spanish America	85,026	3.98%
History of Asia	211,332	9.89%
Languages of Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania	146,276	6.84%
Literature (General)	121,492	5.68%
Oriental philology and literature	83,104	3.89%
German literature	78,139	3.66%
Visual arts	77,352	3.62%
English literature	176,375	8.25%
American literature	139,971	6.55%
Law of the United States (Federal)	111,778	5.23%
Economic history and conditions	80,852	3.78%
Social pathology. Social and public welfare. Criminology	61,311	2.87%
Slavic. Baltic. Albanian	79,474	3.72%
Christian Denominations	63,666	2.98%
Philosophy (General)	61,162	2.86%

High Level Consortia View

Typical questions:

1. Which institutions hold the highest number of multiple titles?
2. How are certain classifications dispersed across a geographic region?
3. Which institution has the largest collection of unique titles per classification?

Improved Documentation



Evolution of the Collaborative Networks documentation:

- Systematically tagging the Release Notes when relevant for Network environment
[August 2024 Collaborative Networks](#)
- Collaborative networks folder with links to the relevant folders areas of Alma
[https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_\(English\)/100Collaborative_Networks](https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_(English)/100Collaborative_Networks)

Analysis of the actual documentation in CKC

Gathering feedback from all collaborative networks using Alma

Evaluation of AI assistant for documentation

Alma Staff users will be able to interact with the AI-powered chat, obtaining immediate and personalized assistance to efficiently accomplish workflows within Alma

Based on: Knowledge Center, online help Training videos/power points, Developer Network

Key Takeaways

- There are 2 types of collaborative networks:
 - For patron services
 - For technical services

- Collaborative network for technical services requires:
 - Shared catalog
 - Central Office

Summary





What's next?

- Participate in the Community of Practices working group to voice your needs
- Stay tuned to new feature announcements in our sneak previews and/or release notes
- Create ideas and vote on existing ideas on the Idea Exchange
- Always give us feedback



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