Alma Collaborative Networks Update

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Agenda

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
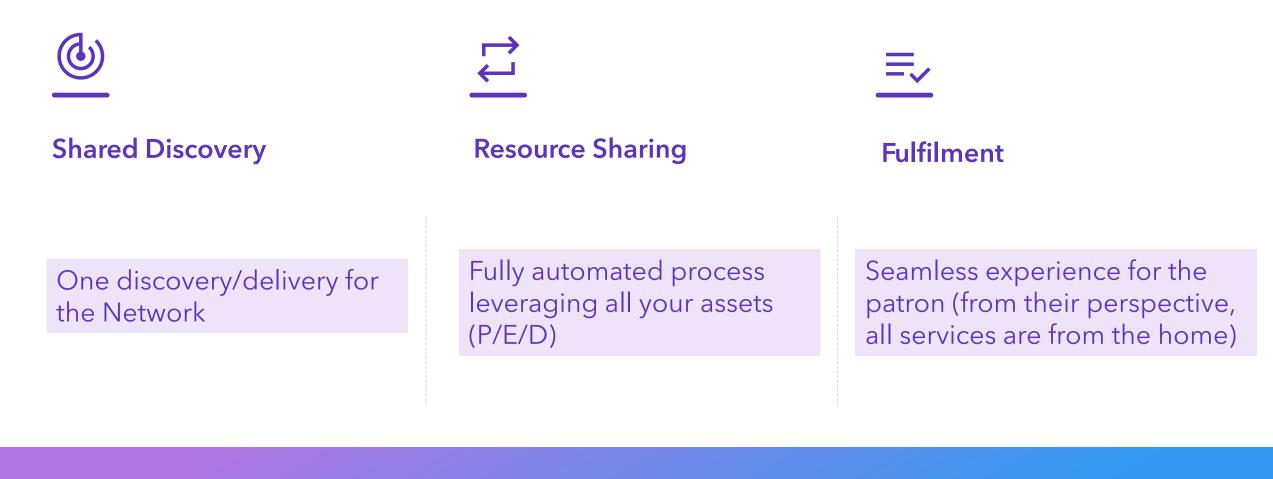- Joint Acquisitions
- Analytics
- Administration

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

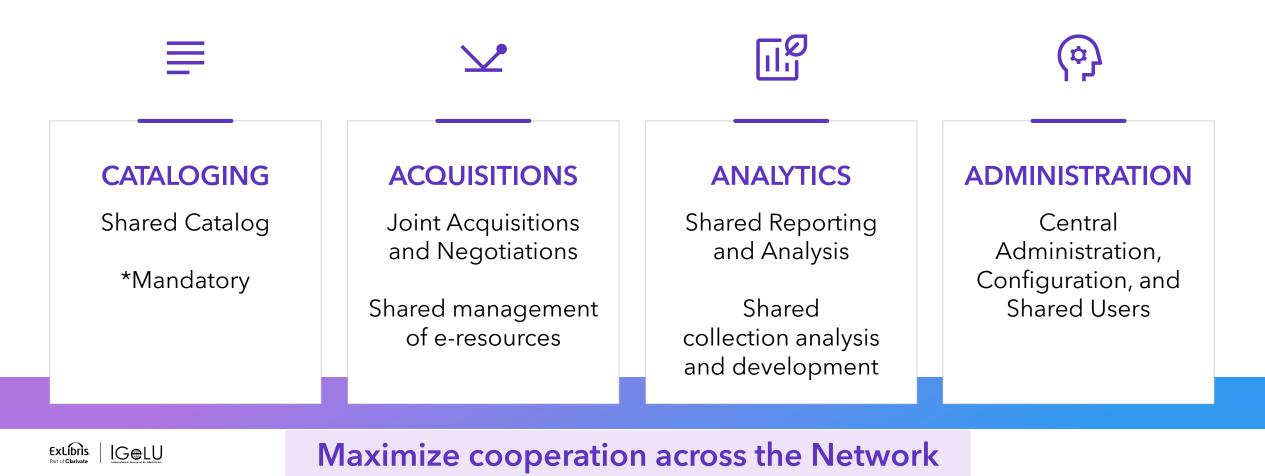# Collaboration for Patron Services

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)

Collaboration for Technical Services

49 Consortia with NZ

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

Maximize cooperation across the Network

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

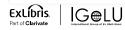Efficient and centralized management of configurations across consortia members

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

One stop shop to manage consortia configurations

We Value Our Collaboration with the Community

- CUNY – Imposed

- KU Leuven (Libis) – Imposed

- CALSTATE – Hybrid

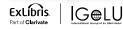- SLSP – Hybrid

- OBVSG (ACC) – Proposed

Thank you for the feedback!

The New Dashboard - Look Ahead

○ Add additional configurations based on focus group prioritization

○ Check/View NZ configuration from within a specific member

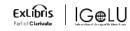○ Add an option for the member to request the release of an Imposed mode configuration

○ And more ...

Discovery Configurations in the New Dashboard

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

Authority Control Task List – New Actions

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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

Consortia
Authority
Control Task
List

Central
Configuration
Dashboard –
Phase II

Central
Configuration
Dashboard –
Phase III

Central
Configuration
Dashboard –
Phase IV

Network Zone
manage
electronic
resources –
library/campus
level

Real-time update
of linked accounts

Blocks across a
Network

User groups in a
Fulfillment Network

Add Network Zone
titles to Alma
Collections

Add Network Zone
title to Course
Reserve

Support services
by Central Office

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

Yes 6.11%
No 93.89%

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

Yes 7.26%
No 92.74%

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.
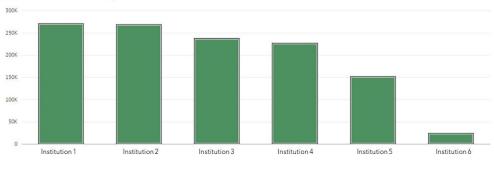
Total number of titles
11,460,979

Total number of distinct titles
8,101,809

Titles in more than 3 institutions by institution

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

Overview | Unique Title Details | Limited Title Details | Multiple Title Details | Multiple Title Aggregated Usage

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?

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Improved Documentation

Evolution of the Collaborative Networks documentation:
- Systematically tagging the Release Notes when relevant for Network environment

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- 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

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

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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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