

# Alma for E-Resource Management

## Harness the Power of Electronic Resources

### E-RESOURCES LIKE TO DO THEIR OWN THING

Managing electronic resources has its own special challenges for libraries, due to the unique nature of the assets involved. In traditional library management solutions, workflows for e-resource selection, acquisition, delivery and collaboration are not managed within the same environment as digital and print materials, nor is there integration with external systems, databases, or knowledgebases. This means libraries using such solutions need to synchronize data and workflows across disparate systems, which is often costly in terms of time and resources, and may require external support. E-resource collection development can also be more challenging for them than print or digital equivalents, as patron use data is often incomplete and inconsistent.

### TAKE CONTROL WITH ALMA E-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Alma is the only library services platform in the world that manages electronic, print and digital resources within a unified system, using a single interface.
- End-to-end functionality for managing e-resources, from purchasing to delivery, in a completely cloud-based service.
- Acquisition, activation, and link resolution workflows are tightly integrated with a Central Knowledgebase of vendor offerings, with no need for manual local synchronization of records.
- Alma's advanced analytics incorporate all data on e-resource activity, including cost-per-use metrics, overlap analysis, and much more.

### THE ALMA IMPACT ON E-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Increased efficiency with e-resource management fully integrated into a unified, end-to-end library services solution.
- High-quality collection development with comprehensive analytics.
- Dramatic reduction in unnecessary expenses with in-depth and accurate e-resource use analysis.
- Electronic Resource Librarians are more productive and engaged with greater automation and integration of management workflows.



## Alma E-Resource Management: Main Features

- Acquisition - Workflows that streamline a variety of purchasing models for electronic journals and electronic books, within the same environment as physical and digital resource management.
- Activation - Acquired e-resources are made available for discovery, with the option to directly edit resource information and test access beforehand.
- Link Resolution - An embedded standard functionality providing context-sensitive, configurable services confirming resource availability and license status.
- Analytics - Provides actionable information on cross-institutional usage, budget trends and expenses, circulation, and bibliographic data, as well as overlap analysis for e-resources that includes comparing the content of electronic collections.
- Community Zone KnowledgeBase - A managed catalog of vendor offerings in a data services environment where packages can be activated and library inventories automatically updated.

### Electronic Resource Activation Task List

Assigned to Me | Unassigned | Assigned to Others

1 - 9 of 9 | Title | Search | Change Status | Print | Refresh

Status: Opened Tasks | PO Line Owner: All | Expected Activation Date: All | Filter orders with interested users: No | Clear all

|   | Title   | Type              | Status           | Status Date | PO Line Owner | Order Line | Rush | Interested Users | Notes |
|---|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | Bacon Taylor&Francis Couperin Medical-Backfiles-And-Frontlist | Selective package | Check Access     | 12/23/2018  | -             | -          |      |                  | ...   |
| 2 | RSC eBook Collection 2018                                     | Selective package | Access Confirmed | 10/03/2018  | -             | -          |      |                  | ...   |
| 3 | Revue canadienne de psycho-éducation.                         | Portfolio         | Check Access     | 09/17/2018  | Main Library  | POL-46651  |      | ✓                | ...   |
| 4 | 01 informatique.  | Journal           | Check Access     | 09/16/2018  | Main Library  | POL-45407  |      | ✓                | ...   |



## More about Alma E-Resource Management

- [The conceptual background \(a brief video intro\)](#)