



ELUNA learns Practical Applications Session Q & A

Does "enabled" actually do anything to a fiscal year?

Kristen Fredericksen: No. The documentation says, "You cannot activate or deactivate fiscal periods using the sliders, and you cannot add or delete fiscal periods. These form elements in this table have no effect."

For a subscription's Renewal Date, should we put the last day of the subscription period or the first day of next year's renewal?

Kristen Fredericksen: I usually put the first day of next year's renewal, but the last day of the subscription period would be fine.

Hello Kristen, do you have a handy list of useful browsers extensions you use?

Kristen Fredericksen: I have the following browser extensions: 1Password, AdGuard, Tampermonkey, UpNote Web Clipper, and Userscripts.

How do we get the browser extension info?

Kristen Fredericksen: Instructions: <https://cuny-ols.libanswers.com/faq/430604>

How do you arrange an order of display of holdings records if they are several holdings in the library?

Kristen Fredericksen: It depends on whether you're asking about Alma or Primo VE. For Alma, you can only customize the order of items at Configuration > Resources > General > Physical Items Sort Routine. For Primo VE, you can customize the order of items like in Alma but you can also customize the order of holdings at Configuration > Fulfillment > Discovery Interface Display Logic > Locations Ordering Profile.

If an item record (or holding, etc.) is withdrawn, does it always and forever remain searchable in analytics? Is there a case where it would not remain accessible in analytics?

Kristen Fredericksen: A withdrawn item or holdings record will remain searchable in Analytics for 30 years. Deleted holdings with no items are not visible in Analytics, by default. To have reports take into account deleted holdings with no items, contact Ex Libris Support.

If you create an item set of barcodes and withdrawn can you retrieve the withdrawn set from an excel sheet?

Kristen Fredericksen: You can upload an Excel or text file of barcodes to create a set. You can export the contents of a set to Excel. You cannot retrieve the original file you uploaded.

The subscription to date closing the PO, is that just for automatic renewals? or does it impact manual renewals as well?

Kristen Fredericksen: That is only for automatic renewals.

What browser is the extension used in?

I use the Safari browser, but our FAQ has instructions for Chrome, Edge, and Firefox.

Are you finding that new materials purchased by the library as part of this project are being used as expected?

We haven't looked a lot at the usage data on the items purchased, but it would be interesting to track that. We do have Leganto analytics and Google analytics enabled.

Did you have a price cap on the items you required? We've seen some e-textbooks with price tags of thousands of dollars.

No official price cap, and it depends on the item and the course. We are planning to purchase some expensive chemistry items, and we are cost sharing with another library fund code. The chemistry department also offered to contribute if needed. Generally, price hasn't been an issue yet b/c we focus on unlimited license e-texts. Any 1-3 user license book would be purchased from selector funds, and they typically don't purchase items more than a few hundred dollars.

Do you ever incorporate 1U or 3U ebook models then deal w/ turnaways / adding copies, or only Unlimited access models?

Yes, we purchase 1-3user ebooks when the course enrollment is low. We might purchase multiple copies to have enough for all students in the class.

Do you have an estimate for how many staff hours this project takes?

Not a good estimate. Communication is the biggest time investment. Both communicating for recruitment and then conversations with instructors about their course material options. Two people managed the course material notifications. The whole project might have been 40 hours of work.

Do you have an external vendor for your Bookstore?

We have Barnes & Noble as ours. Did this program implementation impact your relationship with your bookstore vendor? (Apologies if you addressed this already, I had to step away) Yes, we have Follett bookstore. Our bookstore provided Inclusive Access options to us. We could only provide 16% of materials for the pilot, which means the bookstore would still need to provide a significant amount.

We're trying to collaborate with our bookstore more on this project, but developing the relationship is slow going.

Do you have plans to expand the number of courses/instructors you work with?

Yes, we're hoping to work with as many classes as possible. Right now, we're doing outreach in the College of Engineering, which is a growth area for us.

Do you try to purchase ebooks that are NOT unlimited versions?

We try not to if we know they are for a course. We do have some that are used for courses b/c we see the ebook turn away reports. Unfortunately, if we don't have them in Leganto we don't know which course/instructor the material is for. We increase the license whenever possible.

How accurate do you find the AI Syllabus uploader in Leganto to be?

It's great for getting a list created in Leganto. For items with ISBNs, DOIs, or other clear identifiers it's pretty accurate in English.

How are you handling the issues of frequent new editions and when different sections of the same course use different editions of the same text?

Most titles that have frequent new editions aren't items we can purchase as unlimited license e-texts. However, in situations where there are different editions we have a conversation with the instructor. Some instructors focus more on a specific edition than others. If needed, we would purchase multiple editions.

How far in advance to set your textbook adoption date from the start of semester?

We align with the campus bookstore. For spring courses, the adoption date is around the end of October and for the summer/fall it is the end of February. We accept course material information at any time, but if instructors want things in place for the start of the semester we encourage as soon as possible.

How many reserve items does the library provide access to per semester?

Around 2500 citations per semester.

Ideally, how many weeks before the semester begins is needed to thoroughly search and acquire titles?

We know some professors are away for the summer and wait until the last minute to submit syllabi. Ideally a couple of weeks before the start of the semester, but we do receive course material lists even several weeks into the semester. We do what we can.

If an e-resource was too much to purchase, would a physical copy be purchased instead and put on reserve?

That is an option we consider. We still have some print reserves either b/c something is too expensive or it's not available for us to purchase as an e-copy at all. This could be major publisher textbooks or popular fiction/non-fiction titles.

If there was a limited user copy (e.g. 3-user) but not an unlimited/concurrent/nonlinear copy available, was the book considered not purchasable for the purposes of this project?

That is correct, it was not purchasable for the pilot, but we may have purchased it, especially if an instructor only wanted a few chapters from the book.

What an amazing project! Does digitization fit into your course reserve workflow at all? Either for any course materials that do not exist online or in ebooks, or for accessibility for a screen reader?

Yes, we digitize articles, chapters, and films for courses for materials that don't exist online or that we don't subscribe or have access to.

When you did your pilot, how far in advance were you recruiting faculty participants, in order to be able to get through the library workflow?

We started recruiting participants in February and recruited through the end of April, which was to the very end of our Spring semester.