Unified Library Management System (ULMS) Migration: FAQ

In 2015, the California State University system contracted with [Ex Libris](), a provider of library software, as the next-generation system for library resource management for all 23 campuses in the CSU. The project to migrate all CSUs to the same library software is known as the Unified Library Management System (ULMS). Our migration to Ex Libris' Alma and Primo systems will be completed in June 2017.

What does the ULMS migration mean for CSUN library users?

- **Library Catalog and OneSearch Interface Changes**

  After June 2017, the library catalog (http://suncat.csun.edu) and our current library discovery system OneSearch will be replaced by a new interface. The underlying functionality is the same - you'll be able to search for library materials, including books and ebooks, articles, journals, and databases, as well as view your checked-out materials and renew materials online, but the system will have a different look and feel. A preview of the new interface will be released in Spring 2017.

  Permanent links to the old systems (any links beginning with suncat.csun.edu or library.calstate.edu) will no longer work, so if you are linking to library materials in our courses, you will need to update them. Instructions and assistance for updating these links will be provided in Spring 2017.

- **My Saved Records**

  If you use 'My Saved Records' in our current OneSearch system, those saved records will still be available to you, though you will need to migrate your saved content to the new system, and instructions and help for this process will be provided.

- **ASRS Online Requesting Temporarily Unavailable**

  Some features in our current systems might not be available right away (for example, online requesting materials from the Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS)) but we will be

working on completing those integrations as quickly as possible, and you'll still be able to request material from the ASRS from the Guest Services desk on the main floor.

- **For Faculty: Library New Materials Acquisitions**

  For faculty, library purchase requests for books and other materials will not be available between February and June 2017. In order to migrate our data to the new system, we will temporarily need to freeze processing of new materials in our current system. Interlibrary loan of materials from other libraries will continue to be available throughout the migration with no expected interruptions in service. Please contact your library subject specialist if you have any questions or concerns.

Why are you doing this?

Our current library software system is aging, and was not originally designed for today's digital information architecture. Our new system will enable us to process ebooks and other electronic resources more effectively, analyze our collections in new ways, build useful integrations with Canvas, work more collaboratively with other CSU libraries, and save money.

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions about the ULMS migration, please contact Chris Bulock, CSUN ULMS Project Manager, at 818-677-6302 or christopher.bulock@csun.edu.

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