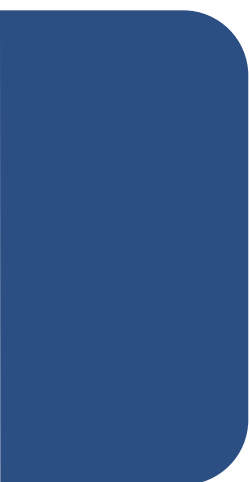
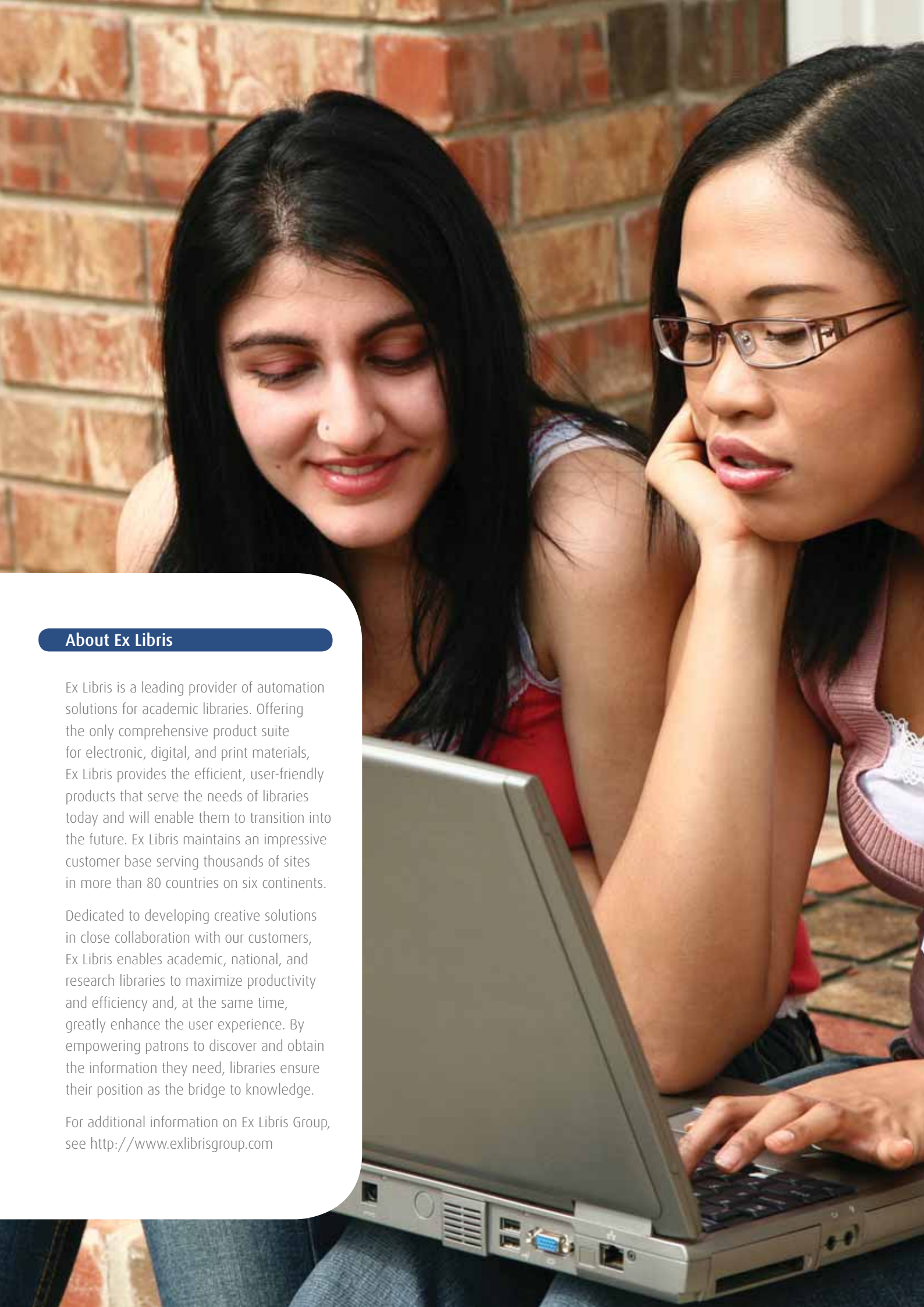


ExLibris Alma



Unified Resource Management



About Ex Libris

Ex Libris is a leading provider of automation solutions for academic libraries. Offering the only comprehensive product suite for electronic, digital, and print materials, Ex Libris provides the efficient, user-friendly products that serve the needs of libraries today and will enable them to transition into the future. Ex Libris maintains an impressive customer base serving thousands of sites in more than 80 countries on six continents.

Dedicated to developing creative solutions in close collaboration with our customers, Ex Libris enables academic, national, and research libraries to maximize productivity and efficiency and, at the same time, greatly enhance the user experience. By empowering patrons to discover and obtain the information they need, libraries ensure their position as the bridge to knowledge.

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To meet the evolving needs of users in the rapidly changing research and learning environments, and to achieve greater efficiency in a time of economic and financial pressure, libraries are increasingly looking for new paradigms to deliver improved and completely new services to users.

The Next-Generation Library Services Framework

Recognizing libraries' present and future needs, and in collaboration with diverse global partners, Ex Libris has developed its next generation library management service to consolidate, optimize and extend the range of library services.

Consolidate: unify the disparate systems today's libraries manage for print, electronic and digital resources

Optimize: optimize workflows through shared data and collaborative services as well as a cloud-based infrastructure

Extend: re-direct resources to focus on extending library services within and outside their institutions in direct support of teaching and research goals

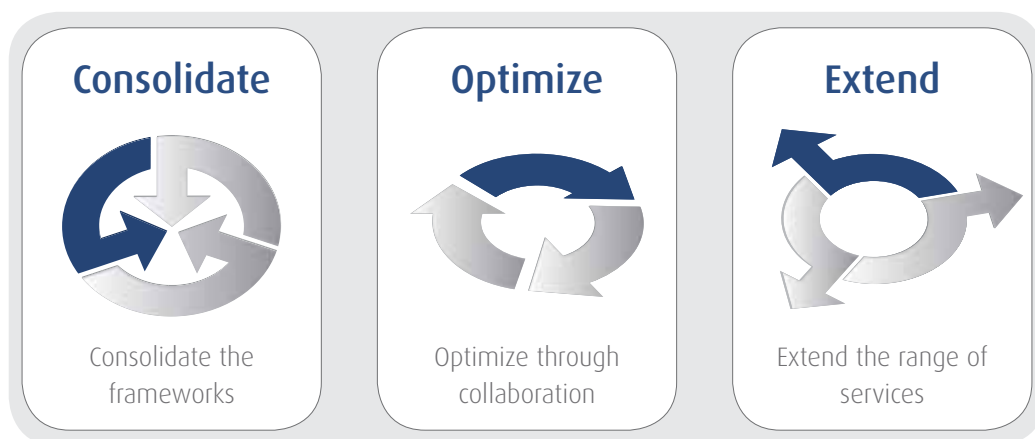
Ex Libris Alma utilizes a Unified Resource Management (URM) framework that supports the entire suite of library operations—selection, acquisition, metadata management, digitization, and fulfillment—for the full spectrum of library materials, regardless of format or location.

An integral part of the Ex Libris URM framework, Alma complements and seamlessly integrates with the Primo discovery and delivery solution to provide a streamlined service for library staff and end-users, from resource management to discovery.

The URM Vision

Designed not only to improve systems, but to support totally new services and initiatives, Alma and the wider URM framework deliver: improved analytics that tie the value of the library and its services more closely to important institutional outcomes; expansion of metadata management and curation beyond traditional content to include research data sets; and support for joint collection development models that allow libraries to truly collaborate and thereby maximize the investment in their collections

By centralizing data services in a cloud environment, Alma supports flexible models for collaboration across the functional spectrum—from cooperative collection development to more seamless sharing of metadata and resources with peer libraries. In this new network environment, libraries can join forces to optimize technical support, purchasing power, collections, and staff knowledge and resources.



Highlights for Libraries

Unified resource management: Alma supports the entire suite of library operations for print, electronic, and digital resources

Collaborative Metadata Management: Alma brings high-quality, shared metadata into the resource management environment in a unique, hybrid model that balances global sharing with local needs

Smart Fulfillment: Alma provides fulfillment services to users in terms that are easy to understand, while using unified workflows and analytics capabilities to streamline and optimize fulfillment workflows

Optimized resources and data: Alma simplifies library workflows by using a unique automated business processes and shared data

Cloud-based solution: Offered as a cloud service to increase the return on investment and reduce the total cost of ownership of the library's infrastructure, and to provide access to shared data and services

Intelligent collection development: Alma allows you to maximize your collection development budget with selection, acquisitions, and evaluation processes informed by usage information, cost per use, and the holdings of peer collections.

Ex Libris open platform: Using web-based, open interfaces, Alma can be integrated seamlessly with other systems including external campus systems, and libraries can develop adapters and plug-ins to meet their institutions' unique needs

Benefits for Libraries

Enhance efficiency: Alma significantly reduces the time spent working with discrete systems, streamline workflows and facilitates collaboration between colleagues and across networks

Lower the total cost of ownership: By unifying management and workflows across diverse collections and locations, Alma generates cost savings for institutions and consortia

Extend the range of services: Libraries can offer a wider range of services—such as user-driven collection development, active support of researchers, and preservation of digital resources—to extend the role of the library within its institution

Augment the library's value: Alma increases the library's value to the institution's research and learning missions by providing accurate and easy-to-use information resources in a single system, covering all resources types

Reduce IT costs: Alma's cloud platform frees local staff members from technical burdens

Optimizing collection usage and value: Alma's focus on actionable intelligence allows libraries to create demand-driven collection development—from user-driven acquisitions to usage-based evaluation

Increase Collaboration: Accelerate collaboration between institutions and wider networks through shared metadata, resources and collaborative workflows

Enable long-term preservation: Unlike other cloud-based services, Alma is preservation ready and allows your institution to carry out comprehensive preservation of digital assets using the Rosetta digital preservation system

In tandem with **Primo** for unified discovery of library resources, and **Rosetta** for long term preservation of digital assets, **Alma** provides libraries a platform for transforming the collection-focused library into an integral, **service-focused** unit of the institution

Alma connects the entire suite of library operations for the full spectrum of library materials



- User-driven collection development
- Cross-format selection
- Combined acquisition and activation
- Multi-format metadata management
- Digitization on demand
- Usage-driven evaluation & renewal
- Overlap analysis – print, electronic & digital
- Unified fulfillment – print, electronic & digital
- Legal deposit of digital materials
- Course reserves management

Ex Libris Alma facilitates unified management of all resource types, drives **collaboration** across institutions and accelerates the delivery of new **value-added services**

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