

PALS UPDATE



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SCHEDULE

October:

- 21 – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Meeting of the Minds
- 23 – 9 am – 3 pm User Group
Discussion Day (online)
- 27 – 3 pm – 4 pm Resource
Sharing Training
- 28 – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Meeting of the Minds
- 30 – 9 am – 3 pm User Group
Business Meeting (online)

November:

- 03 – 3 pm – 4 pm
Course Reserve Training
- 04 – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Meeting of the Minds
- 05 – 10 am – 10:30 am
New MD Editor Show & Tell
- 11 – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Meeting of the Minds
- 12 – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
User Council/Executive
Committee
- 17 – 3 pm – 4 pm
Analytics Training

Alma Recent Highlights

Administration – continued roll out and improvements on the new Alma layout. The new layout will be the default with the November 2020 release.

ERM – the ability to move local administrative information between Electronic Portfolios, for example, PO-Lines, license, and notes details.

Resource Management – the new Metadata Editor, continues to see improvements. Try it out by clicking on the New MDE button. The new Metadata Editor will go-live with the January 2021 release.

Fulfillment – option to exclude the grace period when calculating fines. [Video](#)

Searching – from NERS enhancements, Alma now contains additional search query options. Electronic Portfolio and Electronic Collection search now contain operators 'Not Contains Keywords', 'Is Empty' and 'Is Not Empty.'

Analytics – Remember to save your Analytics reports by November 1. Watch the first 10 minutes from the [Meeting of Minds recording](#) to see how.

Primo VE – from the NERS enhancements process. Primo VE now has the ability to export search results to Excel.

[See the complete list of enhancements and resolved issues](#)

[Primo VE list of enhancements](#)

In-Depth

We all are doing things a little differently this year. For one, the annual Work Days meeting, generally scheduled in late March, will move to an online conference. [Flexibility in Library Services](#): Rediscovering our Work is the title of the conference, save the date for April 5 – 9, 2021. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the conference and to

review conference session proposals. [Please fill out this form to volunteer.](#) MnPALS consortium members will have first dips on entering conference session proposals. After the initial call for proposals for MnPALS members, an additional call for proposals will go out to other consortiums using Alma/Primo.

Member Highlight, Bekky Vrabel Winona State University

1. What is your current position, how long have you been at your current position? *Electronic Resources Librarian at Winona State University. It's my second year in that position, but this is my third year at WSU.*
2. What is your favorite function in Alma or Primo? Why? *This is pretty basic, but adding collections and portfolios from the Community Zone is my favorite because Ex Libris maintains those records so I can focus on other ERM issues that inevitably arise.*
3. What do you want to learn next? *I would like to dive into Analytics. Since I'm new to e-resources land, I haven't done a lot with Analytics yet.*
4. What are you currently reading or listening to? *I'm currently reading Stamped from the Beginning: A Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi.*
5. What is your favorite snack? *Dark chocolate covered almonds.*



Book a Consultation with PALS Support

Do you have Alma topics you would like to discuss? Perry, Etta, Carrie, and Dani offer consultation times to talk through workflow scenarios and use of the software to its full potential, functionality, or follow-up on a ticket.

Book a session:

New! Book some time with [Perry](#)

[Etta](#) - scroll down to Course Reserve or Fulfillment

[Carrie](#) - see Acquisition and ERM sections

[Dani](#) - let's talk about anything Resource Management related

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