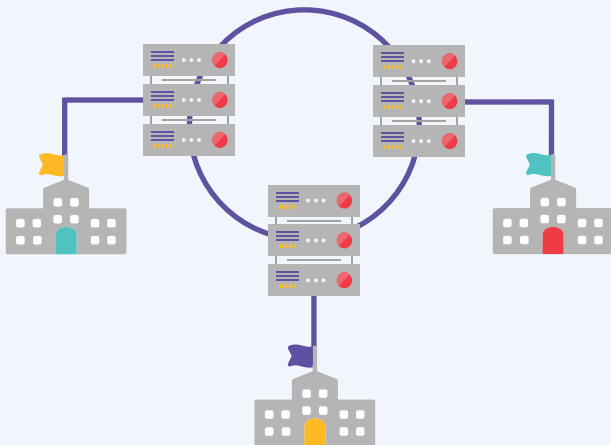# DISTRIBUTED VS. CENTRAL CATALOGS

Alexandria gives you the choice between our two catalog set-up options. Because every library is different, we want to create the experience that works best for your daily functions.
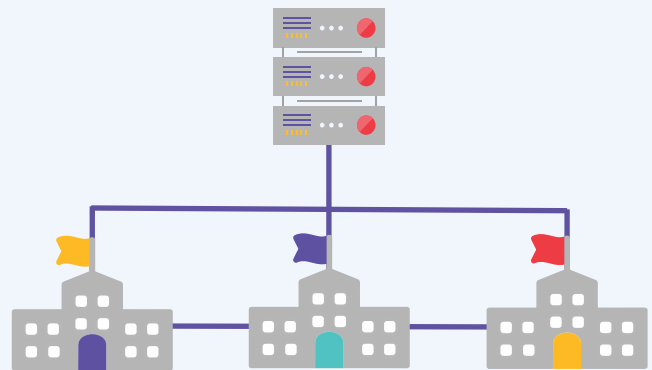
DISTRIBUTED CATALOG

Alexandria's Distributed Catalog is for single sites, or a district that would like their schools to maintain their own collections with greater autonomy.

Benefits:

- Libraries maintain control and autonomy
- Each library will run their own archives and utilities
- Simplified forecasting of overdue items, holds and reservations
- Individual databases can be stored and maintained on one server with a Controller license.
- Ability to search individual schools, group of schools, or the district
- Searching is simplified for patrons

CENTRAL CATALOG

Alexandria's Centralized Catalog is for a District that wants to consolidate multiple libraries into one database to share one catalog.

Benefits:

- Inter-library loans to give materials exposure
- Quick reporting for all libraries
- Meant for one person to control ALL sites and standardize setup
- Central office will run all archives and utilities
- Patrons & Catalogers can quickly toggle between sites

Whether you prefer to manage all of your libraries from one centralized location, or give each individual librarian their own control, Alexandria has a solution for you.