

21.1 Release Notes

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Highlights

We've got more on Researcher statistics, Reports, and Textbook Tracker. Take a look at what's new!

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Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total		
search, access	3022	3600	3487	3104	3003	498	378	900	3022	3602	3489	3102	31507		
search, query	5543	6490	6426	6101	5959	530	480	1010	5543	6495	6431	5959	58107		
explore, access	1207	1302	1299	1222	1186	202	196	718	1207	1303	1297	1223	12272		
explore, query	2259	2123	2104	2089	2108	216	88	808	2259	2126	2108	2089	20270		
scout, access	789	740	788	749	730	89	32	289	789	739	768	742	7294		
scout, query	811	799	808	788	789	64	58	302	811	786	808	777	7842		
browse, access	623	688	644	599	508	77	61	209	623	688	641	586	5947		
browse, query	784	801	778	695	557	63	78	289	784	781	771	688	7360		
hub, access	4054	6190	6300	6021	5099	508	200	900	5900	6049	6300	6004	55495		
bulletins, access	423	388	398	375	298	19	18	47	423	381	398	362	3598		
bulletins, query	123	165	144	142	101	12	8	32	126	162	148	140	1299		
status, access	3100	3002	2908	2800	2402	122	15	35	2703	2655	3204	3089	26033		
Total	24655	26206	26070	24662	21808	2457	1518	5519	24107	25797	26457	24818	234074		

Are patrons actually checking Bulletins? How much was Search used in September vs. October? Answer these questions and more with the new *Researcher Monthly Usage* report!


See our [Researcher Statistics](#) article for information on using this report and the *Researcher Queries* export.

Thanks to Holly from Churchill Co. High School for this idea!

[Copy List](#) is now in Textbook Tracker. See a comprehensive list of each textbook's copies, including their statuses, locations, and more.

Copy List - Textbook Tracker - Adams Middle School

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Campbell Biology

Urry, Lisa A. and Cain, Michael L. and Wasserman, Steven A. and Minorsky, Peter V. and Reece, Jane B.

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Copies

Available

Copies from AMS


Title ID/Barcode	Status	Details	Copy Location/Copy Shelving
SC1004	Available		AMS
201997			
SC1004	Lost	(2011) Jairam Matthews	AMS
201930		Since: 06/25/2021	
SC1004	Checked out	(2048) Sara Greenberg	AMS
201998		Expires: 12/24/2021	
SC1004	OVERDUE	(2096) Heidi Vantassel	AMS
201999		Due: 06/02/2021	

Off-site Copies

Title ID/Barcode	Status	Details	Site
SC1004	Available		WHS
101998			
SC1004	On Request	(1)	WHS

Cancel

Print

Natalie Camacho,	
The following items require your attention. Please contact the library as soon as possible.	
	
Title: Claudette Colvin	
Barcode: 20482	
Date Due: Apr 22, 2021	
Date Returned: Not Returned	
Replacement Cost: \$20.00	
Fine: \$0.50	

Now you can include cover art in the *Overdue Items Notice* report's email format! This will help patrons and parents more easily identify those items. (Librarian only)

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We've got more helpful Reports updates for you! Take a look below for details. You can expect more helpful changes in the next few releases.



We've added a lot of cool new features over the year.

[Tell us how the Mitinet integration and Researcher statistics \(and more\) are working for you!](#)

New & Improved

Import/Export

- Removed Copy ID from imports and exports.

Items

- Added ebook accession statistics! When patrons click ebook links in Researcher, those now get recorded as title statistics. You can see those stats in **Items > Actions menu > Title statistics**, and in future releases the numbers will be included in reports.

Preferences

- Added [Gumdrop Books](#) to our Services Preferences. In the future, you'll be able to automatically import Gumdrop Books.
- Updated [Security Preferences](#) to match the new and renamed Reports categories.

Reports

Most of these changes apply to both Alexandria Librarian and Alexandria Textbooks.

- Updated to the [Overdue Items Notice report](#), [Overdue Items and Unpaid Charges Notice report](#), and [Unpaid Charges Notice report](#):
 - Shows patron location by default.
 - Letter to Parents format is now a checkbox option for the Letter format (Address to %Additional Contact%).
 - Removed Letters with Summary and Self Mailer formats.
 - Cleaned up the 2 Per Page and 4 Per Page formats.
 - Integrated the [Lost Items Charge Notice report](#) into the [Unpaid Charges Notice report](#) by adding options for what kind of charges to include. Because of this, the [Lost Items Charge Notice report](#) has been moved to the Legacy category and will eventually be phased out.
- Improved the [Temporary Items Information report](#):
 - The 1 Line Landscape format is now a Landscape checkbox option for the 1 Line format.
 - Integrated the Complete format into the Detailed format since they are very similar.
 - For the 1 Line format, we removed the call number since it isn't relevant.
 - Renamed Barcode column to Patron Barcode and Copy Barcode.
 - Updated formatting for the Detailed format, including replacing call number with location.
- Added a new [Charges and Overdue Fines report](#), which is a combination of the old Complete, Charges Only, and Fines Only reports. Here are some things to note:
 - It can be found in the Charges / Payments category.
 - Use options to see only charges, only fines, or both.
 - The [Charges and Overdue Fines – Complete](#), [Charges and Overdue Fines – Charges Only](#), and [Charges and Overdue Fines – Fines Only](#) reports have now been moved to the [Legacy](#) category, meaning they will be phased out in the future. If you currently use any of those reports, we recommend creating a new [Charges and Overdue Fines](#) report using the options to indicate what you want to see.



Textbook Tracker only has the [Charges and Overdue Fines – Complete](#) report, which has been moved to the Charges / Payments category.

- The [Charges and Overdue Fines – Complete](#) report will now show results when sorting by grade.

Self-Service

- While in /SelfServiceInOut, patrons can once again return to the In/Out selection window by clicking on the "I'm Done" button even when no transactions have been made.

System

- As always, improved performance and reliability!

Utilities

- Added Patron Policy and Days Overdue selections to the [Declare Checked Out Copies Lost](#) utility.
- Saved reports, utilities, and exports now properly save Location/Homeroom.



Self-Hosted Notice

If you self-host on a Mac, hold off updating your servers to macOS 10.15 Catalina. Alexandria will be 64-bit compatible in a future release. We highly recommend you consider [Cloud Hosting](#).

Update Notes



This page has been moved over to <https://support.goalexandria.com/release-notes/>

All release notes 23.9 and onward are on the new Support Center.



Latest Release

[Release Notes](#)

Feb 20, 2024 • updated by [Myra](#) • [view change](#)

Cloud-Hosted Updates

When you host with us, we take care of all updates! During these updates—the second to last or last weekend every month (Saturday and Sunday)—please plan for possible downtimes with Alexandria. And if you need to contact Customer Support over the weekend, [please call us](#) (emails are only responded to during regular business hours Monday–Friday).

Self-Hosted Updates

Once all of the Cloud-Hosted servers have been updated, we will make the update available to Self-Hosted servers.



We highly recommend you consider [Cloud Hosting](#).

Not every version is able to update to the newest version, so the Available Updates window will only include those versions that meet your machine and version requirements.



Self-Hosted Notice - Mac

If you self-host on a Mac, hold off updating your servers to macOS 10.15 Catalina until you can update to Alexandria 22.8 or later (64-bit compatible releases).

If you self-host on a Mac, here's how to install the update on your Self-Hosted server:

1. [Log in to Alexandria](#).
2. Append **/admin** to the end of your Alexandria URL.
3. Click the **Actions** menu, then select **Check For Updates**.
4. Select the update version from the list, then click **Update**. Your update will now download.
5. The update screen will close automatically and you will be redirected to the login window.



Self-Hosted Notice - Windows

As of 2023 our self-hosted update process has changed.

If you self-host on a Windows machine and are on Alexandria 22.6 or earlier: [Contact us](#) for instructions and assistance updating to the latest version.

If you self-host on a Windows machine and are on Alexandria 22.12 or later, here's how to install the update on your Self-Hosted server:

1. [Log in to Alexandria](#).
2. Append **/admin** to the end of your Alexandria URL.
3. Click the **Actions** menu, then select **Check For Updates**.
4. Select the update version from the list, then click **Update**. Your update will download to the Updates folder in your Alexandria Support folder.
 - a. The download may take several minutes.
5. The update screen will close automatically and you will be redirected to the login window.
6. Once the installer has downloaded, and not before, quit Alexandria.
7. Remove your existing Alexandria application using **Add or Remove Programs** in System Settings.
8. Run the newly-downloaded Alexandria Installer.

Important Information

Version Numbering Change

As of 20.1, we've simplified our versioning scheme by dropping the series version. We now use the following:

- xx = academic year, beginning in June; yy = month

For example, 20.1 means:

- 20 = 2020 academic year
- 1 = The first monthly update (June)



Centralized Catalogs

If you have more sites than you are licensed for, contact our Sales team immediately at 1-800-347-6439. You can check this in Sites Management; the number of total sites plus the Union Site shows at the top, and the number you have licensed is at the bottom. The Union Site does not require an additional license.

Data Conversion



These Data Conversion notes are for Self Hosted users updating from v7 and switching from v6. If you are cloud-hosted or moving to cloud-hosted, we do everything for you!

Data conversions from older versions may not be supported. Before updating, please check the version you're currently running.

Updating from v7

If you're already running 7.17.12 or newer, you can update to the latest version. But if you're running an older version, you'll need to update a few times.

- **Running 7.16.3?** Update to 7.17.12 before updating to the latest version.
- **Running 7.16.2?** Update to 7.16.3, then to 7.17.12, before updating to the latest version.
- **Running an even older version?** Contact COMPanion Support for assistance. Depending on your current version, your upgrade path may go through one or more of the following: 7.15.3 7.16.2.6 7.16.3 7.17.12 Current Version

Upgrading from v6

The process to update from 6.23.1 to v7 is quite a bit different than updating from a more recent version. Check out our [v6 to v7 Conversion Guide](#) for more information.

- **Running 6.22.9 or older?** Update to 6.23.1, then to 7.17.12, before updating to the latest version.



Data conversion can take up to 10 minutes for a single database of average size or longer for larger collections and Centralized Catalogs, during which time the program will be inaccessible in your browser. Do not fear; it's still working. If you're concerned, check your server logs for a progress update.

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