

22.1 Release Notes

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New & Improved

25 June 2022

Highlights

Copy Notes are a great way to keep not just information about the copy, but reminders for yourself 'to do' something with that copy. But how do you find all the copies that have notes? Introducing the new **Copy Notes report!** Now you can see all your notes in one place.

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Title	Barcode	Notes
National Audubon Society field gu...	10228	<u>Copy:</u> Reported lost on Feb 10, 2015 by 1014 Jose...
Your travel guide to colonial America	10672	<u>Copy:</u> Reported lost on Feb 10, 2015 by 1044 Kevin...
Just listen : a novel	11378	<u>Copy:</u> Reported lost on Feb 10, 2015 by 1034 Mic...
The royal ranger	11463	<u>Copy:</u> Reported lost on Feb 10, 2015 by 1024 Kare...

4 total copies

Check Out

Selections

Options

Check out selected textbook copies to the patron specified under the Options tab. Check out:

Copies at Site

WHS - Washington High School

Copies with a Status of

Any

Copies with a Policy of

Any Policy

Copies from

Copy Location

From

Through

Copies added

From MM/DD/YYYY

Through MM/DD/YYYY

Copies last used between

From MM/DD/YYYY

Through MM/DD/YYYY

Copies Last Inventoried Between

From MM/DD/YYYY

Through MM/DD/YYYY

Copies from Title

Copies in Barcode Range

From

Through

Copies with Barcodes

Show Additional Selections

Create Saved Utility

Run

Do you need to check out a bunch of textbooks to a teacher? Yeah, you can scan them all in Circulation. And you might be able to speed things up using a barcode range (RG). But now you can just quickly run the **Check Out utility** in Textbook Tracker!

Also, for Check Out and Check In utilities, you can now select by **Copy Last Inventoried Date**. That means you can do things like bookdrop items requested by patrons, but wait to check them out until you've actually handed them to the patrons (e.g. for curbside holds, or getting books to a classroom).

Important

- Don't expire unexpectedly! 75 days before your license expires, we'll send you a renewal notice. 60 days before your license expires, we'll start letting you know, first in the Circulation Log, then with a little dialog.
- If you have saved reports, in order to see new changes to a report, you will need to re-create your saved report with the updated Quick report. We know it's not fun, and are working on a solution.
- Are you still on version 6? If you haven't already, it's time to schedule your conversion, as version 6 will no longer be supported after summer 2022. Call us today at 1.800.347.6439 to discuss your options.
- Due to the popularity of our SIS Integration with GG4L, almost all customers have converted from the old SIF standard to the new service. Thus, COMPanion will be discontinuing SIF support as of version 22.1 so all our users can enjoy the many benefits SIS Integration has over SIF.

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Did you get our notice about your Email? If you are using Gmail for your SMTP with Alexandria, you'll have to authenticate. [Read more.](#)

New & Improved

Researcher/ Activity/ Self-Service

- We've updated how you reset your password, also fixed Researcher logins so the Demo information won't show to your patrons.



Makeover

- New Preference for Default Reservation Period—the preference can be set in the Makeover only, but all current Search (and Circulation) interfaces will respect that preference.

Reports

- Go to Sites to run your Site Record Counts report. The report now includes information on the number of titles and copies for your various sites. This useful tool for district librarians was requested (indirectly) by our friend Angie from Alpine. Thanks Angie!

Site Name: Jefferson Elementary School

Library Titles: 2269
Library Copies: 2337
Textbook Titles: 0
Textbook Copies: 0
Patrons: 218
Library Circulation Records: 145
Textbook Circulation: 0
Subscriptions: 3
Site Code: JES
Record ID: 2

Site Name: Adams Middle School

Library Titles: 2193
Library Copies: 2264
Textbook Titles: 30
Textbook Copies: 15000
Patrons: 160
Library Circulation Records: 152
Textbook Circulation: 1057
Subscriptions: 3
Site Code: AMS
Record ID: 3

Site Name: Washington High School

Library Titles: 2379
Library Copies: 2547
Textbook Titles: 30
Textbook Copies: 15000
Patrons: 212
Library Circulation Records: 165
Textbook Circulation: 1400
Subscriptions: 4
Site Code: WHS
Record ID: 4
#####

- If you are about to run the [Remove Patrons](#) utility, it's always a good idea to run the [Patron Information](#) report first, to make sure you know exactly which patrons will be removed. For those of you removing graduated patrons, that might mean selecting by Graduation Date. So now the Patron Information report has a selection for 'optional date' (usually Graduation Date).
- [Copies Usage Reports](#) have been renamed to help differentiate them and describe what they actually do. They've also all been moved to the Statistics / Usage category.
Current name >> new name
 - Copy Usage Details >> Usage Totals per Copy -- also now includes title
 - Copy Monthly Usage >> Copy Monthly Checkout Count
 - Copy Monthly Usage Detailed >> Monthly Checkouts per Copy
- Some little changes to these [Overdue Items](#) reports, including renames (Current name >> new name).
 - Overdue Items and Unpaid Charges Information >> Overdue Items or Unpaid Charges Information -- because it will give you info on both things.
 - Overdue Items or Unpaid Charges Notice >> Overdue Items or Unpaid Charges Notice -- And we've simplified the Letter format, and will sort the email to start with items that are still checked out (then ones that have been returned).
 - In the Overdue Items Notice report, we added the option "Show Replacement Cost" to the email format, and cleaned up the Letter format.
 - In the Unpaid Charges Notice report, we tidied up Letter format.

- There used to be a separate [Copy Status](#) report and a Copy Status Details report. ...Why? Now we have just one Copy Status report, it has useful details, and you can sort by Status. The old Copy Status report can be found in the Legacy category... but you don't want to still use that, do you? (If so, [tell us why!](#))

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Call # - Title	Copy Barcode	Status	Patron (Barcode)	Due Date	
E CAR - The very hungry cater...	11000	Available			
E CHA - Sparky's bark : El ladr...	11001	Available			
E CRO - Click, clack, moo : co...	11002	Available			
E DAN - Qué nervios! : el prime...	11003	Available			
E DEP - Pancakes for breakfast	11004	Available			
E DEP - Watch out for the chic...	11005	Available			
E DUN - Bear Noel	11006	Available			
E EHL - Eating the alphabet : f...	11007	Available			
E ESC - The three little pigs : ...	11008	Checked out	Tekippe, Terry (1030)	Jul 1, 2022	
E FEJ - Bark, George	11009	Available			
E FLE - The first day of winter	11010	Available			
E GAR - The lotus seed	11011	Available			
E GER - Bread is for eating	11012	Available			
E GER - Carolinda Clatter	11013	Available			
E GOM - My friends	11014	Available			
E GOM - Spring is here	11015	Available			
1 Out, 15 Available, 0 Lost, 0 Discarded, 0 Other					
*** 16 Total copies ***					
* Book is overdue.					

- We took a fresh look at the Cash Drawer Balance report and wondered "how am I supposed to read that"? We've added some lines and spacing to help.

Cash Drawer for WHS (414)

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4.00

Patron Barcode	Date	Description	Refunds	Payments
Cash:				
1001	06/17/2022	Fee Charged; - Paid in full		1.00
1148	06/17/2022	Fee Charged; - Charge Balance: \$1.00;		4.00
Cash Totals			0.00	5.00
Totals			0.00	5.00
Starting Balance:	0.00			
Total Payments:	5.00			
Total Cash:	5.00			
Total Refunds:	0.00			
New Balance:	5.00			
Cash Balance:	5.00			

- Moved some selections for the [Reordering Details](#) report under the 'Show Additional Selections' area.

SelectionsOptions

Get ordering information for copies that may need to be replaced or supplemented. Include records for:

Copies at Site:
WHS - Washington High School

Copies with a Status of:
Discarded

Copies with a Policy of:
Any Policy

Copies from:
Copy Location
From
Through

Copies with a Medium of:
Any Medium

Copies in Call Number Range:
From
Through

Copies added:
From MM/DD/YYYY
Through MM/DD/YYYY

Copies from Title:

Copies in Barcode Range:
From
Through

Copies with Barcodes:

Copies with Life to Date Usage of:
From
Through

Copies published between:
From
Through

Copies with a Condition of:
Any Condition

Show Additional Selections
Create Saved Report
Run

- Sort by Title in the [Lost Copies](#) report. Now you can let that teacher know about all those lost copies of the book she taught.
- When you run the Circulation > Charges > Print Charges report, you'll now get a report that's a little easier to read.

Date	Type Description	Amount	Balance Owed
Jun 17, 2022	Fee Fee Charged	1.00	1.00
*** 1 total charges ***		1.00	1.00

- Want to send emails to parents too? We added that nice option to some of our email notice reports before, and people seem to like it. So now you can choose Primary or All emails for the *Loaned Items Notice*, *Coming Due Item Notice*, *Patron Email*, and *Send Patron Details Email*.

Utilities

- We've added a selection for Discard Reason to the [Remove Discarded Copies](#) utility. This means you could, in this example, choose to remove all "weeded" items, but keep all "damaged" books in the system until fees have been paid. Thanks for this idea goes to Kamrine Finney - Rocky Mountain Classical Academy.
- We've added a Patrons with Birthdate selection to the [Change Patron Policy](#) utility, so if you are a public library you could assign policy based on age.

Fixed

Circulation

- Patron Details now shows the actual cover art when the patron also has Lost items. Hey, that's so much more helpful!

Operations

- We've taken a hard look at timezone issues, and determined that we don't actually run operations in the future (disappointing, I know). Operation Management should now show your reports (etc) as running in the time you expect. *(If it isn't, give us a call or email—our hosting team can check your Timezone settings.)*
- When you uncheck the box to Enable Email Notifications for saved reports, those notifications won't go out. (That sounds right. Don't ask what it was doing before.)
- Some reports were running... and not giving you a PDF. Wut? Well, those are working now.

Reports

- The pdf generated by the Sent Patron Details Email and the Send Email give you a list of all the patrons the email was sent to.
- The Loaned Items Notice report is once again respecting the Patron Policy selection.
- When you run the Loaned Items Information report in the format Counts Only, you can now see the total counts of the different sections for all major sorts. That means you can sort by Homeroom and see the totals for each homeroom. Cool.
- The Overdue Items Notice format 2-per-page wasn't behaving smart when the notice text is long or a patron has lots of items. It got a good talking to.

Utilities

- If you've given up on getting items back, you may run a Declare Checked Out Copies Lost utility. It was a bit weird if you didn't/did use a selection for Patron Policy and Patrons with items X Days Overdue. Now it should work right. Note that if you are using this utility, you may want to consider the [Item Policy setting](#) to do this automatically for you.

Items

- Title Assistant helps you add new titles by searching a set of z39.50 servers. It used to have this vague option 'keyword'. It's actually looking at Notes, so we relabeled it. Also, other databases don't like when you try to search using just that field, because it's too broad... so Alexandria wouldn't get any responses. Now Title Assistant will require you fill out another search parameter in order to also look for Notes. Read more about how the [Title Assistant](#) fields work.

How to Update



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

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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.

[Link](#)