7.18.3 Release Notes

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Overview

What's New in Alexandria?

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Offline Mode

Alexandria now supports Offline Mode, so you can keep working in Circulation if your Alexandria server or network is down. Choose the function you want to perform—Check In, Check Out, or Inventory—then enter an item and/or patron barcode to process it. Offline Mode works great on mobile devices, which means you can process inventory on your phone!

Important

Archive Before Import is no longer an option. Here's why:

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In the past, we have suggested that users run an archive prior to importing a large set of data. This archive would act as a fallback solution in case anything went catastrophically wrong. However, Alexandria now runs daily archives as part of its normal operations, so as long as you follow our suggested Backup Procedures, you will have a backup from the day before.

Why wouldn't you want to use an Archive as a way to 'undo' a large import or utility? Because you might not be the only person working in Alexandria. Other librarians might be cataloging, patrons might be placing holds—all things that are hard to control and almost impossible to track down if you restore from an Archive and effectively erase all those transactions.

We highly encourage you to run potentially dangerous operations, like imports, during low usage periods. Choose your import options scrupulously and review the log for errors immediately following the operation!

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Version Numbering Change

As of 7.17.7, we've modified our versioning scheme to better coincide with scheduled monthly updates. We now use the following:

- 7 = Series Version; xx = Academic Year, beginning in June; yy = Month
  For example, 7.18.3 means:
    - 7 = Series version
    - 18 = 2018 academic year
    - 3 = The third monthly update

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.)

Update Notes
Updating Your Self-Hosted Application

Unknown macro: 'multiexcerpt-include-macro'

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Circulation

- Enhanced the Assign Keywords command (V) to add a genre entry (VG).
- Restored the repeat count parameter for statistics mode. For example, Y @7 counts usage as 7 instead of 1.

Export & Import

- The Last Name field is no longer required when importing data to update existing patron records. It is still required when importing new records.
- Copy Serial Number and Copy Vendor data can be imported.

Management

- Name (Author) entries in the 700 tag are now being displayed as they are cataloged. They were previously converted to always show in "First, Last" order.

⊘ Use Authority Control to fix or standardize your Author entries and many other types of data.

Reports

- Reports that include cover art will now show images that were automatically obtained from remote sources, as well as cover art images stored locally in Alexandria.
- Added an option to include fine balances on the *Unpaid Charges* and *Lost Items Notices* reports when formatted 4 per page.
- Corrected how replacement cost is displayed on the *Unpaid Charges* and *Lost Items Notice* reports.
- Fixed a bug that was preventing the *Top Circulated Titles* report from producing results.
- Corrected an issue on *Barcode Label* reports that caused some available rows to appear uneditable.

Researcher

- Added keyboard tabbing support to Patron Status.
- Added an option to create a saved list when sharing search results in Search.
- You can now select and copy from full title details and copies in Search.

System

- Improved performance and reliability throughout the system.