

# PALS UPDATE



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## SCHEDULE

### April:

21 (9 am to noon) – Library Leadership Annual meeting

21 (1 pm) – Web Community of Interest

28 (1 pm) – RIPL (Reference & Instruction Discussion Group)

### May:

03 (2:30 pm) – MnPALS Consortium Board

05 (2 pm) – Discovery Community of Interest

11 (2 pm) – Meeting of the Minds

12 (10 am) – Circulation Community of Interest

12 (10 am) – Cataloging Community of Interest

16 (2:30 pm) – ILL Community of Interest

19 (1 pm) – Web Community of Interest

26 (1 pm) – RIPL (Reference & Instruction Discussion Group)

## Alma and Primo VE May 2022 Release Highlights

*A reminder that Alma will move to a quarterly new release schedule after the May release, but bug fixes will continue monthly.*

**Acquisition** – From the Alma Idea Exchange, ‘Note to vendor’ was added to the Excel export file for PO Lines’ “Export all fields” option.

**Analytics** – The title measure now includes the number of titles linked to CZ, the number of titles linked to NZ, and the number of titles linked to CZ or NZ.

**Course Reserves** – You can now use the ‘Course Bulk Update’ job to update the course year.

**ERM** – The ability to batch update electronic collections using a job comes from a NERS enhancement. Please see Ex Libris’s demo [video](#).

**Fulfillment** – Courtesy letters now include the date and time of the loan. The feature came from an Idea Exchange idea.

**General** – Alma now supports the export of Portfolios or Bibliographic record sets that include combined IZ and NZ records. This functionality came from another NERS enhancement.

**Primo** – Added a ‘Feedback Tool’ giving patrons the ability to report broken links, search issues, or other issues.

**Resource Management** – From a NERS request, you get the ability to create indication rules with a form. Find it at Metadata Editor -> Rules -> Indication -> New -> Indication -> choose type Form. Please see Ex Libris’s demo [video](#).

[Alma Release Notes](#)

[Primo Release Notes](#)

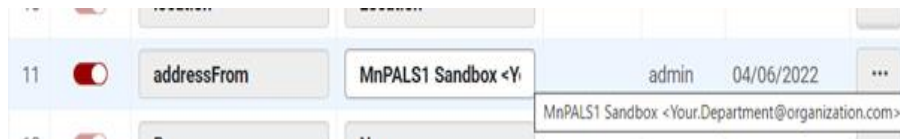
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## From Etta's Desk

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This month we're highlighting a few features related to your email notices.

- Update the addressFrom label to configure the Sender Info or the email's display name for the related notice. Fill in the text you want to be displayed and encompass the email address with angle brackets, as seen in the example below.



- Do you have items sitting on your hold shelf? Consider configuring the Hold Shelf Reminders Job. Enabling the job and notice sends your patrons a follow-up email, reminding them their materials are available to be picked up.
- Alma now allows aggregated notices to be sent out by the library for institutions with multiple libraries. The affected letters are the Borrowing Activity Letter, the Courtesy Letter, the Requests Report Letter, & the Overdue and Lost Notification letters. Further library-specific messaging is achieved through customization of the XSL. Once enabled, patrons with interactions or items at multiple libraries will receive multiple notices as each library sends the notice covering their items and interactions.
- April's release added the ability to configure a reply-to address on the library. This feature overwrites the addressFrom labels for all the associated library's notices when configured.

If you are interested in configuring these features or functionality, [submit a ticket to PALS for assistance](#).

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## Member Highlight

**Kate Rolfe, Lake Superior College, Duluth**



**What is your current position, and how long have you been in your position?** *I'm a librarian at Erickson Library, Lake Superior College in Duluth, MN. I began as a part-time librarian in 2010. I became a full-time librarian in 2013.*

**Share one thing you are excited about that is happening in your library?** *We have a display front and center in the library celebrating National Poetry Month. We just had a Wolf Fair and Art Show featuring five organizations, including the International Wolf Center, the Wildlife Science Center, Wildwoods, Timber Wolf Alliance, GLIFWC, and the Wolfflow artists Angie and Stephanie. It was an event promoting advocacy of the gray wolf and wildlife. We had a good turnout, and it was a great day overall doing outreach, education, and bringing art and science together!*

**What is a regular campus activity you missed last year?** *That's a hard one as I was on sabbatical last year!*

**What are you currently reading or listening to?** *I'm reading The Big Book of Barry Ween, Boy Genius By Judd Winick.*

**What is your favorite snack?** *I love ice cream.*

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## Consortium Board/Network Zone Representatives for the term beginning September 1, 2022

### Two Year Institutions (4 representatives for two-year terms)

- ✚ Deanna Munson – Anoka Technical College
- ✚ Adam Bezdicek – Hennepin Technical College
- ✚ Sara Carman – Pine Technical & Community College
- ✚ Michael Kirby – Dakota County Technical College

### Four Year Institutions (4 representatives for two-year terms)

- ✚ Emily Asch – St. Catherine University
- ✚ Carmen Aslesen – University of St. Thomas
- ✚ Jon Neilson – Concordia University, St. Paul
- ✚ Lyndi Fabbrini – Bethel University

### Special/State Institutions (2 representatives for two-year terms)

- ✚ Erica Nutzman – Minnesota State Law Library
- ✚ Vacant

## Policy Group Chairs

### Cataloging

 DeeDee Narum – Bemidji State University

### Circulation

 Erin Balerud – Minnesota State University Moorhead

### Resource Sharing

 Barb Bergman – Minnesota State University, Mankato

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## 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 discuss workflow scenarios and use of the software to its full potential, functionality, or follow-up on a ticket.

### Book a session:

[Perry](#) – Primo VE

[Etta](#) - Course Reserves or Fulfillment

[Carrie](#) - Acquisitions, Serials, and ERM

[Dani](#) - Resource Management

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