

## Strategic Weeding & Collection Use in ALMA: A Practical Overview

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**Cori Holder** -> All Participants: Welcome to the session "Strategic Weeding & Collection Use in Alma." We will get started at 4:15 pm eastern.

**Cori Holder** -> All Participants: In order to hear the presentation, you will need to connect your audio by either dialing in on the phone or by connecting through your computer speakers. To connect, click "Audio" at the top and then "Audio conference." The pop up box will give you the two options to connect. Follow the instructions in the box.

**Kathy Hale** -> All Participants: You are talking over each other

**Katie Lewis** -> All Participants: yes!

**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: Yes

**Ella Shurr** -> All Participants: yes!

**Daniel Stevens** -> All Participants: Yep, I just hear you!

**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: Yes!

**Hillary Fox** -> All Participants: yes

**Jen Kirk** -> All Participants: yes, we hear you Megan

**Cathy Moloney** -> All Participants: yes

**BARBARA BREN** -> All Participants: I am only hearing you

**Sinai Wood** -> All Participants: yes

**Chris Brady** -> All Participants: I just hear you

**tina plottel (she-her)** -> All Participants: just you

**Lori Driver** -> All Participants: migrating now

**BARBARA BREN** -> All Participants: Alma here

**Heather Perez** -> All Participants: Yes (Alma)

**Sinai Wood** -> All Participants: yes, Alma

**bri hagen** -> All Participants: Alma user here

**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: Currently using

**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: Already using

**Alicia Kubas** -> All Participants: we use alma

**Carolyn Ottoson** -> All Participants: We use Alma

**Emily Boss** -> All Participants: We're migrating

**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: We have alma

**David Isaak** -> All Participants: I use Alma.

**Laurie Aycock** -> All Participants: We use Alma

**Kelly Smith** -> All Participants: in process

**Blythe Webster** -> All Participants: we are beginning to migrate

**Ellen Jones** -> All Participants: Alma here

**Jody Hewitt** -> All Participants: Currently migrating

**Sarah Cruz** -> All Participants: yes

**Nicole R Almanza** -> All Participants: Yes

**Margaret McGuire** -> All Participants: Different LMS

**Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell** -> All Participants: We recently migrated to ALMA as well!  
**Debra Spidal** -> All Participants: alma  
**Elizabeth Fox** -> All Participants: South Dakota State University uses Alma  
**Linda Anderson** -> All Participants: alma here  
**John Berg** -> All Participants: Yes from WI  
**Shelby Edwards** -> All Participants: current  
**Stephanie Shepro** -> All Participants: Yes  
**Nina Hagiwara** -> All Participants: Yes  
**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: We're using Alma here  
**Nathaniel Siqueiros** -> All Participants: Currently using.  
**Alicia Brillon** -> All Participants: using ALMA  
**gabriele hysong** -> All Participants: diff system  
**Daniel Stevens** -> All Participants: Just switched to alma a year ago  
**Carol Doyle** -> All Participants: Alma  
**Erin Henry** -> All Participants: Using Alma  
**Valerie Glenn** -> All Participants: Our consortium uses Alma  
**Louise Buckley** -> All Participants: Using  
**Katia Ibarra** -> All Participants: Current  
**Lucia Orlando** -> All Participants: UCSC is using Alma, migrated 2 years ago  
**Sarah Erekson** -> All Participants: about to migrate  
**Heather Leadingham** -> All Participants: alma here  
**Frances Lyons** -> All Participants: Not using Alma  
**Lisa Hartman** -> All Participants: different  
**Carole Chapman** -> All Participants: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo - fellow CSU!!  
**Katie Lewis** -> All Participants: On Alma  
**karina ricker** -> All Participants: u at albany  
**Kathy Hale** -> All Participants: State Library of PA ALMA  
**Deborah Mongeau** -> All Participants: Yes Alma and primo since 2015  
**Carl Olson** -> All Participants: Contract is outstanding.  
**Ronnie Joiner** -> All Participants: different  
**Stephanie Bartz** -> All Participants: Yes, Alma  
**Ella Shurr** -> All Participants: not using ALMA  
**Apryl Gilliss** -> All Participants: Not using  
**David Isaak** -> All Participants: Used Alma NZ records for my gov docs weeding project  
**Erin Henry** -> All Participants: We just migrated in 2019  
**Pamela Orme** -> All Participants: In the process!  
**Penny Lochner** -> All Participants: Not using  
**Lori Driver** -> All Participants: you sure?  
**Asteria Ndulute** -> All Participants: Not using  
**Margaret Terrell** -> All Participants: migrating soon  
**Katie Lewis** -> All Participants: yes!  
**karina ricker** -> All Participants: want to!  
**bri hagen** -> All Participants: not yet  
**Louise Buckley** -> All Participants: No

**Alicia Brillon** -> All Participants: no  
**Debra Spidal** -> All Participants: not yet  
**Carol Doyle** -> All Participants: nope  
**BARBARA BREN** -> All Participants: nope  
**Laurie Aycock** -> All Participants: yes  
**Ronnie Joiner** -> All Participants: Yes.  
**Blythe Webster** -> All Participants: yes  
**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: yes!  
**Apryl Gilliss** -> All Participants: No  
**Nina Hagiwara** -> All Participants: yes  
**Lucia Orlando** -> All Participants: No  
**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: not yet  
**Penny Lochner** -> All Participants: Yes  
**Carole Chapman** -> All Participants: no  
**Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell** -> All Participants: Yes!  
**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: Not yet.  
**Deborah Mongeau** -> All Participants: no  
**Stephanie Bartz** -> All Participants: Not really  
**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: Not yet, but would like to  
**David Isaak** -> All Participants: Not too often, occasionally.  
**Kelly Smith** -> All Participants: yes in millennium  
**Sarah Erikson** -> All Participants: reports, but super hard to pull  
**Sarah Cruz** -> All Participants: not for gov't docs  
**Kathy Hale** -> All Participants: not for gov docs  
**Victor Lopez** -> All Participants: yes for gov docs weeding  
**Elizabeth Fox** -> All Participants: Yes  
**BARBARA BREN** -> All Participants: yes  
**Margaret McGuire** -> All Participants: Yes  
**Carol Doyle** -> All Participants: yes  
**Penny Lochner** -> All Participants: Yes  
**bri hagen** -> All Participants: yes  
**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: We do  
**Ronnie Joiner** -> All Participants: Yes  
**Daniel Stevens** -> All Participants: yep  
**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: yes  
**Ella Shurr** -> All Participants: yes  
**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: we do.  
**Stephanie Shepro** -> All Participants: Yes  
**John Berg** -> All Participants: yes  
**Nathaniel Siqueiros** -> All Participants: Yes  
**Lucia Orlando** -> All Participants: Yes - Santa Cruz  
**Victor Lopez** -> All Participants: currently  
**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: yes  
**Debra Spidal** -> All Participants: nope

**Alicia Brillon** -> All Participants: don't know how to do that!

**Nina Hagiwara** -> All Participants: No

**Jen Kirk** -> All Participants: we track in house use

**David Isaak** -> All Participants: No

**Kathy Hale** -> All Participants: yes

**Valerie Glenn** -> All Participants: no

**Lori Driver** -> All Participants: yes

**Bernadette Johnson** -> All Participants: no

**Sarah Cruz** -> All Participants: no

**Carole Chapman** -> All Participants: not currently

**Deborah Mongeau** -> All Participants: no

**Louise Buckley** -> All Participants: Yes, generally

**Margaret Terrell** -> All Participants: yes

**Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell** -> All Participants: Plans to do it better

**Eugene Mckeiver** -> All Participants: no

**John Berg** -> All Participants: yes

**Melissa Fairfield** -> All Participants: FDLP Academy: <https://www.fdlp.gov/fdlp-academy/fdlp-academy-training-repository>

**karina ricker** -> All Participants: are "circulation reports" in Analytics?

**Daniel Stevens** -> All Participants: I love analytics in alma, I constantly create my own for the various things around circulation I do

**bri hagen** -> All Participants: Cool!

**cecilia robinson** -> All Participants: Well done!

**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: What advice do you have with trouble-shooting weird looking results? We use analytics but since we haven't had Alma very long we often get weird results.

**David Isaak** -> All Participants: +1 on practice makes perfect with Alma Analytics. Also, take a critical eye to your initial results to make sure they are sensible and you did not filter incorrectly.

**karina ricker** -> All Participants: So, how does finding out that one of the series on this report actually did circulate help you decide whether to retain or discard? One loan means you'll keep it?

**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: How did you get the individual containers like Bibliographic Data/Holdings Data/Physical Item Details to show up as you were setting up your query?

**Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell** -> All Participants: Double yes about asking someone! We have an Alma Analytics group at U of Buffalo and we often bring each other questions. It's a mixed team of technical, circulation, liaisons, etc. and I've learned a lot from this group.

**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: How did you get the individual containers like Bibliographic Data/Holdings Data/Physical Item Details to show up as you were setting up your query?

**bri hagen** -> All Participants: Is your process for withdrawing electronic documents similar?

**Kelly Smith** -> All Participants: Sorry if I missed this...Is it possible to structure a query to see if items (e.g. titles on the CSL disposal list) are held by other libraries within your network?

**Carole Chapman** -> All Participants: Book be gone is from Cal Poly :-)

**Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell** -> All Participants: Have you dealt with weeding uncatalogued documents?

**Kelly Smith** -> All Participants: thanks!

**David Isaak** -> All Participants: I also find combining Analytics reports with the data you can get in Alma Sets to be a powerful combination. Sometime I can't find the data in Analytics, but I can get it from a set. I often combine the two results back into one dataset in Excel.

**Carole Chapman** -> All Participants: Jeremy Hobbs (who is now at UCSB) created Book be Gone for us to use when weeding physical materials.

**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: What's this Book be Gone? Sounds intriguing. Where can we find more info on that?

**Carole Chapman** -> All Participants: I think he has it listed on github now.

**bri hagen** -> All Participants: <https://developers.exlibrisgroup.com/appcenter/book-be-gone/>

**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: Thanks!

**karina ricker** -> All Participants: great presentation!

**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: Will you show it again?

**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: Ditto!

**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: The individual containers.

**David Isaak** -> All Participants: We did something similar to see if other libraries in our consortium had the same gov docs, but we use a "Network Zone" in Alma where the shared bibs live. Not all Alma installations have a network zone.

**Laura Tolliver** -> All Participants: Yes thank you so much!

**Stephanie Shepro** -> All Participants: You can create sets of items from Analytics and run that against the NetworkZone holdings.

**Jen Kirk** -> All Participants: Thanks, Megan. As always, a great presentation! Very informative!

**Jody Hewitt** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Yan Liao** -> All Participants: Thank you, Megan.

**Kelly Smith** -> All Participants: Great presentation. Thanks so much!

**Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell** -> All Participants: Thanks very much, Megan!

**Daniel Stevens** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Carolyn Ottoson** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: Thank you!!

**Katherine Chiriboga** -> All Participants: Thank you.

**Jose Torres** -> All Participants: Great program!

**Asteria Ndulute** -> All Participants: Thank you

**Nina Hagiwara** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Carolyn Frenger** -> All Participants: Yay, Megan!

**Lori Driver** -> All Participants: Thank you!!

**Pamela Orme** -> All Participants: Very good! Thank you

**BARBARA BREN** -> All Participants: Thank you!!

**Jane Mertens** -> All Participants: Great Presentation!

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