



California
Community
Colleges

Library Services
Platform

Fact Sheet: California Community Colleges Library Services Platform (LSP)

The California Community Colleges (CCC) is implementing a cloud-based, systemwide Library Services Platform (LSP) that will more effectively connect all students with the most useful, high quality resources in a collection. The LSP will replace the various library systems currently used by participating community colleges in the state.

Student Equity and Systemwide Benefits

- Colleges with limited staff will be better able to meet students' needs.
- By implementing the LSP, students will have equal access to technology that is not currently available across the system.
- Student benefits include expanded search ability, check-outs, overdues, interlibrary loans, and reserves.
- The selected platform is also used by all of the CSU libraries and the majority of the UC libraries. The familiarity of the platform assists students as they progress through their college career and transfer to our CSU and UC systems.
- Staff benefits include systemwide patron records acquisitions, materials processing, licensing, electronic resource management, cataloging, inventory, analytics, interlibrary loans, and reserves.
- Adjunct faculty who teach at multiple institutions will be able to use the same tools to locate quality resources, regardless of the host college.

College Participation

- 110 out of 115 California community colleges -- 97% -- are participating in the current systemwide implementation.
- Diversity ranges from colleges with fewer than 800 FTEs and a single librarian to colleges with more than 13,000 FTEs and seven full-time librarians.
- Participation spans the length of the state, from our northernmost college, College of the Siskiyous, to our southernmost college, Southwestern College.

Project, Timeline and Funding

- The LSP is a project of the CCC Chancellor's Office and the CCC Technology Center, in close partnership with the Council of Chief Librarians for the California Community Colleges (CCL).
- After a lengthy review process, the Ex Libris Alma and Primo products were selected to serve as the systemwide LSP. The software supports enhanced discovery, integrated workflow, improved maintenance, robust analytics, and an improved user experience.
- 11 vanguard colleges completed a pre-implementation phase of training, data migration, network zone building, system configuration and initial workflow planning.
- The single implementation for all participating libraries began in February 2019.
- All participants will go live on the system between December 2019 and January 2020.
- The implementation fee and 2020-21 subscription costs were funded by the LSP project for all participating institutions.
- Ongoing funding for the project was approved by the CCC Board of Governors in September 2019 and is now progressing through the budget and legislative request process. Stakeholders are hopeful that the significant savings and increased benefits to the CCC system will encourage inclusion of ongoing funding for the LSP project in the 2020-21 budget.