

Linked Open Data

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Overview

Alma is bringing linked open data into the library ecosystem, allowing customers to move gradually at their own pace to linked data formats and further capabilities.

For information on our Linked Open Data theme, see [Linked Open Data](#).

For documentation on Linked data capabilities already available in Alma see [BIBFRAME support](#).

Roadmap

2024 H2	2025 H1	2025 H2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataloging via Sinopia - General Availability • Info Cards in All Titles Staff Search • Info Cards in Metadata Editor • Permanent Enrichment of URIs to MARC Records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Search • Support VIAF for Local Authorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person Entity Page - Supporting Additional Vocabularies • Form Editor - Early Access

2024 H2

Cataloging via Sinopia - General Availability

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
The cataloger will be able to create BIBFRAME records in Sinopia and add them to the Alma catalog.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cataloger will be able to create a Linked Open Data record using Sinopia. The cataloger will be able to enrich their records using Linked Open Data sources, such as the Library of Congress, Wikidata, and Getty. This will extend Alma's support for multi-formats. 	The cataloger will be able to perform catalog maintenance tasks more accurately with less effort.

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Info Cards in All Titles Staff Search

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
Librarians will be able to see info cards with additional information about contributors in All Titles staff search results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The All Titles staff search will present short info cards regarding contributors based on local authority data and Wikidata. 	The staff and cataloger will enjoy a linked open data experience while quickly accessing external information from within Alma.

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Info Cards in Metadata Editor

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
Cataloger will be able to see info cards in the metadata editor with additional information about contributors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While linking authorities in the Metadata Editor, Alma will present additional information from external resources other than the authorities to assist with the linking. 	The staff and cataloger will enjoy a linked data experience while quickly accessing external information from within Alma.

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Permanent Enrichment of URIs to MARC Records

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
The cataloger will be able to add URIs of linked authorities to records as part of the cataloging process in the metadata editor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding the linked data enrichment process to the cataloging workflow from existing authorities. Allowing adding URIs permanently to the records. The process will be configurable to match each institution's needs. 	The cataloger will enjoy a seamless workflow for adding URIs to relevant subfields automatically, creating a basis for continuous work based on IDs of the authorities.

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Work Search

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
Searching for Linked Open Data Work records and view related information in Alma's catalog.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will be possible to search for Linked Open Data Work records by the record's metadata. The search will display all Instance records linked to the Work record. 	The cataloger will have a simpler and quicker process for identifying Work records and the Instances linked to them.

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Support VIAF for Local Authorities

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
Local authorities can be linked to other authorities using VIAF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding configurations to map local authorities in VIAF clusters. Enhancing linked data functionalities for local authorities, such as displaying info cards and contributor pages. 	Librarians can map local authorities to VIAF and experience linked data enhancements.

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Person Entity Page - Supporting Additional Vocabularies

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
Librarians will be able to view the person page showing additional information and relations in the All Titles staff search results and in the MDE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide the ability to view a person page that includes information from additional authority records and Wikidata.	The librarian will enjoy a linked data experience while viewing relevant external information regarding the entity and the relations that are held within the catalog.

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Form Editor - Early Access

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What's New	Highlights	Impact
Librarians will be able to create BIBFRAME templates and records (work and instance) in a new form editor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fully integrated linked open data editor as part of Alma and Alma workflows.• Creation of templates based on ontology.• Metadata creation in a form-based interface.	Libraries can create BIBFRAME work and Instances as part of the metadata creation workflow inside Alma.

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