

## What's New in Alexandria 7.16.3?

It's time for some awesome new features and useful improvements.

### 1- Imports

I won't cover all the ways Item Imports have changed, but here is the revised interface. Notice you have several different radio buttons to choose from, depending on if you are importing titles or copies, or both, if you are adding or updating, or if you are only importing title records but want to automatically add a copy.

The Options have been divided between Title and Copy options, so it's clear what the options are for, and so you can set defaults for both separately. Sometimes, some of the options are disabled—this means they don't matter for the import type you've chosen.

What does this mean for you? More accurate and reliable imports, and a clearer import setup. It also means you *need to re-configure your Saved imports...* Anything you have scheduled has been STOPPED; until you go in, set how you want this import to behave, and turn the schedule back on.

Learn how to set Imports using our Support Center information (Use-Case Scenarios). These show common import situations and the settings we recommend for those situations.

### 2 - Advanced Search

Following many requests for an Advanced or Boolean Search in Researcher, we have added \*drumroll\* the Advanced Search. In Search, click the little flag to the left of the search bar, and it shifts, oh so smoothly, to an Advanced interface with

multiple fields and Boolean options. Note that some of the search options, such as Publication Year, support ranges right in the field.

Get searching!

### **3 - Item Management Editors**

Not every Alexandria user is MARC-savvy. We understand. Now instead of needing to switch to the long and complicated complete MARC editor to edit multiple authors for example, you can use the Author Editor. Unlock, click the edit (pencil) icon at the end of the Author field. There is also a new Title Editor, and Subjects can now be modified right from under the Subjects tab. Double click!

### **4 - Cover Art**

Alexandria looks for cover art automatically, for items that don't have cover art. Improvements to this service means it's more likely for cover art to be retrieved. You'll also see a bit of info above your cover art in Item Management, that shows the next time Alexandria will look for artwork for this title. You can trigger a new check by coming to the Actions menu and selecting Queue for Cover Art Update.

### **5 - Reports**

In Reports > Copies > Labels, we have renamed these reports to make it easier to choose the report for your label type or your purpose. Every single one of these label reports also now has advanced customization.

Because of these changes, you may find some of your Saved label reports moved to the Legacy subcategory. We encourage you to set up label reports with the new templates!

The System > Unused Barcode report is reorganized to offer clearer options, for a range of unused barcodes or to print labels; to allow leaders; to specify how

many barcodes you need; and to allow that same advanced customization of the label layout.

Then there are various other new reports and selections, see the release notes for details...

## **6 - Inventory Options**

There are new inventory options so you can run your inventory sessions not only by Call #, but by Policy or Copy Location (if you use Copy Location)! You've already finished inventory, you say? We're too late? Never! They've arrived in plenty of time for *next year's* inventory season.

## **7 - Colors**

Have you noticed? The last major change is the colors——ok so maybe that's just a little change, but it's everywhere! The new royal blue is similar to our logo, and the light-blue coloring in Circulation pay homage to previous versions of Alexandria.

## **8 - Misc**

On to the miscellaneous small changes that are the most awesome!

First, changes to Librarian modules.

1 - Notice your site name shows in Circulation, alongside of the site code. No, this improvement isn't the most awesome, it just happens to be first. NEXT is awesome:

2 - You can pay multiple charges at the same time! Select them using your system shortcut (command or control or shift click) and click Make Payment. Each charge will print its own receipt, and once you're done, you will see separate transactions in History for each of those charges.

3 - In Item Management, on that starting screen, there is a link to do a quick search.

4 - Look, we've added a dedicated Series Volume field!

5 - In Item search (under the barcodes dropdown menu), you can search for Serial Number and Copy Status and Vendor.

6 - Did you notice the Copies barcode filter that slipped in? Well now it's better, because it filters more than just barcode. Give it a try. Also be aware, there is a Site dropdown in copies now! It will default to YOUR site, so if you aren't seeing everything you are used to, that's why.

7 - Set your Default Z39.50 Set, for Title Assistant, in Item Defaults; this is a Site-based preference.

Now, moving on to the **Patron** interfaces.

8 - In Search, when you are logged in, your name will appear at the top. So if that's not your name, Log Out!

9 - In your lists, you know you can select items and come to the list menu to Remove them. Now you can also use your keyboard and simply *Delete*.

10 - Clicking the cover art in results, you can drag and drop items to the list icon at the top. Doing so will add it to your Temp List. Remember, the Temp list clears after each session.

11 - 'Share' in the Researcher has expanded—you now have 2 choices: Copy the URL, like before, to share with your friends; OR, copy the *Search String* to use in Slideshow or Explore buttons!

12 - Speaking of Explore, you can now view your lists in Explore using the list menu.

That's... not quite all! A few more little things that you might find interesting.

13 - Bid farewell to the blue and pink patron images. We have NEW default patron pictures that we really like... But if you prefer the old ones, that's ok. Grab them from the Support Center ([http://www.goalexandria.com/v7Docs/index.php/Preferences:\\_Management:\\_Patrons:\\_Patron\\_Pictures](http://www.goalexandria.com/v7Docs/index.php/Preferences:_Management:_Patrons:_Patron_Pictures)), and update them in Preferences > Patrons > Patron Pictures.

14 - You can now export serial numbers in Circulation exports and copy exports.

15 - We've added a Change Patron Status utility. That's for when you somehow find yourself with a bunch of Inactive patrons and need to change them all back to Active.

16 - And there's a utility to create a genre entry (655\_a) from subjects (650). You know. If you like genres.

17 - Finally, under the Support tab in Circulation, when you want to send us an idea, you can still send a message from right here, or you can fill out our pretty ideas@ form. We listen! I personally guarantee it. Because I'm the one reading them, and I LOVE to know what really matters to *you*!

So, that's everything—no it's not. There's even more that I'm not going to talk about here. Plus a MILLION BUG FIXES!!! You'll never know they were even there.

Take a look at the Release Notes to get a better idea of all the new things and all the fixes, and visit the Support Center pages for the new features to learn more about them.

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