What's New in Alexandria 7.17.8?

We're off to a great New Year with Alexandria version 7.17.8, bringing some reimagined interfaces with never-before-seen features. Stay tuned for sneak peeks of Scout, Slideshow, MARC editors, aaaaaand more!

First, this public service announcement for Centralized Catalogs: If you have more sites than you are licensed for, contact our Sales team immediately at 1 (800) 347-6439. You can check this in Sites Management; the number of total sites *plus* the Union Site shows at the top, and the number you have licensed is at the bottom. In other words, this (top) number should never be more than 1 site larger than this (bottom) number.

Now on to the fun things:

1 - Slideshow

Introducing Layouts and Transitions to Slideshow! Choose between two layouts with large cover art, and set the Transition type you like for that slideshow.
You can even name your Slideshow for your site.

Slideshow also can now be viewed on Mobile, although Layout and Transition are fixed on Mobile.

Remember, you can turn any list or search into a Slideshow by manipulating the URL, for example:

https://cudemo.goalexandria.com/slideshow?site=JES&speed=1&search=((smart::cat))&layout=preview&transition=fade

Going along with this, Alexandria now will store larger cover art images.

Just for fun, we've created a demonstration slideshow of books recently read by COMPanion employees. Go to demo.goalexandria.com/slideshow to see the list!

2 - Scout 2

Upcoming—a new Scout. It doesn't just look pretty—it's had a technological upgrade, and now can be used on Mobile.
New features of the new Scout are the ability to Log In, Place Holds, 'Grow' and 'Shrink' the cover art, and change the Style.

For now, this is a beta accessed at /scout2. Take a look and let us know what you think!

Scout 2 will replace Scout in upcoming versions.

And—you will see a host of other improvements….

3 - In Items:

In Item Management, switch to MARC View. This interface has been updated to be more reliable and easy to use. It works just like the new title, author, and subject editors, where you double-click an entry in order to edit it. More of a keyboard person? No worries. Use the arrow keys to navigate, <enter> to edit a tag, tab through the subfields, and <enter> to submit the changes to this tag.

There's also a new mini editor for Genre, and another for Series! This makes it easier for you to add multiples of those tags.

And you will notice a new look for Terms and Award Notes. These Marc tags are now easily identified as such, and this also allows them to support autofill from Authority Control terms.

The Subjects tab once more supports Subject tags other than 650: 600, 610, 611, 630, and 651 to be exact.

You've always been able to reorder your links using the MARC record, but… why not do it without needing to switch to MARC View? You can now, using these

arrows, just like in other mini editors. The first link will show up in Search and Explore search results; to see the rest, click the title.

The Move Copy utility, accessed in Item Management through the Actions menu, has always been intended for a single, wayward copy that gets added under the wrong title or a duplicate title. However, we've heard requests for this to support multiple copies, and we listened. You can now choose between a barcode list, for one or more copies, and a barcode range, when moving copies to this title.

4 - In Circulation:

You might quickly notice the new Researcher icon. It used to be a magnifying glass, very similar to the Search icon—now you can distinguish the two!

You now have a scannable barcode in patron details, so if you've printed Details for the patron and they bring that paper by, you can scan their barcode.

Note that Renewals no longer count as 'checkouts' as far as your statistics are concerned. This will more accurately reflect your library usage.

If a lost book was paid for, then returned, a popup message will now show alerting you of this fact, so you can track down the payment and issue a refund.

5 - In Reports

In Reports, for Centralized Catalogs, you only see the Saved Reports of the site you are logged in to. Well now you can now Switch Sites, to quickly access other Saved Reports you have access to.

We've also added a Patron Policies report, which shows policy configurations in one handy-dandy report. There's also an Item Policies and a Policy Exceptions report.

6 - And more

In Sites Management, when you remove a site, you will reassign all of its records to another site. This defaults to the Union Site.

You might notice a tiny icon change in your browser. The 'favicon' is now our infinity symbol.

Remember you can download any of our logos from our website, under Downloads & Printables: http://www.goalexandria.com/resources/

Those are most of the visible changes.
See the Release Notes and the Support Center for more!

Questions? Feedback? Contact Support at any time.
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