Alexandria 20.12 Update

Intro

It's been a while since we've shown off cool new features and changes in Alexandria, but that doesn't mean we haven't been hard at work here at COMPanion. Sit back and relax while we review incredible new services, helpful changes that'll make your life easier, and some great new features. Also, be sure to stick around until the end of the video to learn about some cool things we've done in Alexandria's Textbook Tracker.

Mitinet BestMARC Add-On

We are so excited to tell you that we've partnered up with Mitinet to bring you the Alexandria EnhanceMARC and Alexandria BestMARC add-ons. With these incredible new services, you'll be able to analyze and enhance your MARC records quickly right from Alexandria. If you'd like additional information on purchasing these add-ons, be sure to reach out to our Sales team!

Report Help Links

While it's great there are so many report options, we understand it can be hard to find the one you need. That's why we've been diligently updating the help for each report. Click the question mark help icon in the top right corner of the screen to be taken to that report's documentation in the Support Center, where you can get information, see examples, and more.

Overdue Notices - Include Cover Art

We have made our Overdue Items Notice report even better. You can now include cover art when sending the notices in an email format, helping your patrons recognize the item and get it back to the library. If you have a saved report to send out your overdue email notices, be sure you delete and recreate the report to have the new cover art option!

Report Cleanup

We've been doing some major cleanup to our reports to make them more straightforward and easier for you to use. For example, we have consolidated all of the overdue items reports into one easy-to-use Overdue Items Information report.

You'll see changes in the category names, and associated Security settings.

For more details on all of the changes we are making with Reports, be sure to check out our release notes!

Researcher Usage Statistics - Queries Export

If you're curious about how patrons are using your Alexandria Researcher, you're not alone! We are thrilled to announce that you now have the option to export the search terms your patrons are using! Just be sure to enable the logging preference by going to Preferences then Researcher. Stay in the Researcher category and click the box to Log Search Queries. Click Save and you're all set.

And, coming soon, you'll be able to run a Researcher Monthly Usage report to see, for example, usage of Scout for May vs. June.

Be sure to review our Researcher Statistics article to learn how to enable and make use of these features once they are available!

Textbook Tracker Email Format for Overdue Notice

You can now send Overdue Email Notices in Textbook Tracker! And remember, you can always create a saved report to customize the notice text and automate the report to run on a specified schedule. Check out our Support Center for more information.

Textbook Tracker Unused Barcodes Report
You're ordering textbooks for the new year, and you need to know a range of unused barcodes. Well, now you're in luck because we've added the Unused Barcodes report to Textbook Tracker. With this report, you can specify a barcode range you'd like the program to search within and change the format to view the range information, print barcode labels, or see the barcodes in a list format. Keep in mind that this report is available in Alexandria as well!

Textbook Tracker Receipt Printing with Network Printer
Do you want to print receipts for everyday circulation transactions such as checkouts, fines, payments, and more? Well, you're in luck because you can now use the Alexandria Network Printer in Textbook Tracker!

If you're interested in purchasing the Network Printer, would like information on Mitinet services, or need assistance with your Alexandria, please don't hesitate to give us a call.