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Against the backdrop of 40 Florida state colleges and universities transitioning together from Aleph to Sierra/Encore Duet in 2017, the University of Central Florida (UCF) is planning to improve patron and librarian experience at its ten joint-use libraries across central Florida. Joint-use libraries reside at a state college where UCF classes are being taught. Collections are shared, and services are provided to patrons at both sites, but acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, collection management, and resource sharing are too complicated. Sierra to the rescue?! Learn how UCF and its partners plan to use Sierra to create seamless patron and staff interactions for all.

Problem:
- Two library databases without any communication between them
- Redundant cataloging
- Limited circulation capability
- Less than seamless user experience

Solution:
- One unified database
- One and done cataloging
- One circulation system & patron database
- One stop shopping with University Aleph
- One Sierra system

Records from universities and colleges merged into one Sierra database

UCF Main Campus, Orlando
Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa
Seminole State College, Altamonte Springs
Daytona State College, Daytona Beach
Lake-Sumter State College, Clermont
College of Central Florida, Ocala
Eastern Florida State College, Palm Bay
Seminole State College, Sanford/Lake Mary
Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg
Valencia College Osceola Campus, Kissimmee
Valencia College West Campus, Orlando

Legends:
- Ow! = Cataloging and acquisitions
- Yes! = Circulation and ILL
- Extra item record deleted
- Automatically blocks delinquent patrons
- Items cataloged and available for checkout
- Hold can be placed on any item

Two separate circulation systems
Books received @ UCF main campus
Cataloged in university Aleph with UCF barcode
Books sent to regional campus
Recataloged in college Aleph, second barcode attached
Users at regional campuses have limited rights, 2 accounts needed
Can’t put holds on items @ regional joint-use facilities (SCCLC ILL needed)

Automatic blocks on delinquent patrons
Records from universities and colleges merged into one Sierra database
One circulation system accessible from all locations
One patron database, also accessible from all locations

One Sierra system