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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

Records from universities and colleges merged into one Sierra database

Ow!

Books received at UCF main campus

Circulation data for colleges not accessible in university Aleph system

Need to contact other library to block non-UCF patrons

Items at regional campuses have limited rights
2 accounts needed

Can’t put holds on items at regional joint-use facilities (GCCL ILL needed)

Cataloged in university Aleph with UCF barcode

Books sent to regional campus

Recataloged in college Aleph
Second barcode attached

Item is cataloged once

Holds can be placed on any item

Items cataloged and available for checkout

One circulation system accessible from all locations

One Sierrasystem

One patron database, also accessible from all locations

Records from universities and colleges merged into one Sierra database

"Extra" item record deleted
Overwriting information added to other item record

For newly cataloged items, use college barcode & enter UCF ownership information into the item record

Item cataloged and available for checkout

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Cataloging and Acquisitions

Circulation and ILL

UCF Main Campus, Orlando

Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa

Seminole State College, Altamonte Springs

Daytona State College, Daytona Beach

Lake-Sumter State College, Clermont

Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg

College of Central Florida, Ocala

Eastern Florida State College, Palm Bay

Seminole State College, Sanford/Lake Mary

Valencia College Osceola Campus, Kissimmee

Valencia College West Campus, Orlando

Ow!

YES!