Policy on activation of Community Zone collection for Alliance Ebrary Academic Complete subscription

It is Alliance policy that all libraries activate the Ebrary Academic Complete collection in Alma’s Community Zone (CZ). In order to achieve efficient maintenance of this consortial resource, libraries should activate the CZ collection, which will then receive updates as the collection is improved.

Some libraries have loaded Ebrary records to the IZ, and some have loaded them to the NZ. Libraries may also maintain OCLC holdings on this collection in WorldCat or the OCLC Knowledgebase, and this triggers the delivery of MARC records to the NZ. Duplicate records in the NZ cause Primo display problems for all Alliance members.

Because it is important, particularly for a shared collection such as this, that we share practices in our shared environment, CTST-Cataloging has determined that the CZ activation approach is the best choice. The other alternatives (loading records to the IZ, loading records to the NZ) considered would involve too much labor-intensive management at the institution level. Before requiring this level of commitment from all member libraries, the Alliance has decided to try CZ activation as our initial approach.

Concern: Low quality of metadata for the Ebrary Academic Complete CZ collection
A high-priority Alliance-wide case (#00116796) has been opened, requesting that Ex Libris update this collection in the CZ. Ex Libris and ProQuest are working together on this issue now.

Action Item: Cleanup of existing NZ records for this collection
Libraries with inventory on IZ or NZ bibs for the Ebrary Academic Complete need to first activate the CZ collection, and then identify their IZ or NZ bibs and portfolios. Delete the portfolios and choose the option “delete bib”. During this cleanup process, libraries should delete their OCLC holdings on these records, if they have been set in WorldCat or in the OCLC Knowledgebase.

Please contact Maria Wagner, maria.wagner@pcc.edu, or Kathi Carlisle Fountain, kfountain@orbiscascade.org to coordinate the removal of these bibs from the IZ or NZ, and removal of OCLC holdings.