

From Invoices to Dashboards : technical and organisational workflows with Alma and self-developed platforms

Achieving cost transparency in scholarly publishing depends on consistently recording and reporting expenditure data across institutional systems. This poster presents a practice oriented overview of how publication related costs can be managed within the cloud-based library management system Alma (Ex libris) to support auditability, reporting, and downstream reuse. We further integrate Alma with other self-developed platforms such as the MyCoRe-based university bibliography and our platforms Lib-intel and insights that comprise a range of interconnected services that build upon and extend Alma's functionality.

The open-access-module of Lib-intel enables the ingestion of Dashboard Reports and PABA invoices to create corresponding orders and invoices directly in Alma. Lib-Intel acts as a versatile data-hub that links Alma with internal systems and external sources such as Crossref and OpenAlex for metadata enrichment and identifier reconciliation (e.g., DOI, ISSN), and interfaces with the university hospital's financial systems to enable a consolidated view of expenditures across institutional boundaries.

We further show, how we plan to implement our dashboard-system insights to monitor costs and publications and how to feed our cost data into the MyCoRe-based university bibliography in order to enable OpenCost compatible reporting via the OAI interface, thus enabling FAIR publication cost reporting in alignment with emerging national and international standards. Finally, we will discuss how the implementation of Lib-intel has supported process optimization and fostered organizational development within library departments and cross-functional teams.

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