WHELF SHARED LMS HIGHLIGHTS 2024

The 9 Welsh higher education libraries, the National Library of Wales and NHS Wales libraries completed the implementation of Ex Libris' Alma and Primo in 2016.

WHELF+ INTERLENDING SCHEME

WHELF+ facilitates the sharing of resources between WHELF libraries and beyond. 11 new university libraries joined, including our first non-UK member: Kingston, Durham, LSBU, Leicester, Exeter, Brandeis (USA), Newcastle, Royal Holloway, Sussex, UWE, and York, bringing us to 29 members.

11,200 requests were fulfilled for our users
£136K savings across all partners
£40K savings for just WHELF libraries

COST SAVINGS

£150K saved each year on system subscription by purchasing as a consortium.

£7200 saved each year as the National Library of Wales provide Welsh translation for all the libraries' system interfaces.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Built on previous market review work and engaged with three LMS suppliers to learn more about their products.

Reviewed and refreshed WHELF's requirements for a shared LMS and associated products.

DEVELOPMENTS

Bangor, Swansea, Cardiff worked with Ex Libris as development partners for Collection Analytics

Cardiff and Swansea carried out pre-release testing for Primo Research Assistant (GenAI Discovery). UWTSD, Cardiff and Swansea went live in Autumn 2024 and have received positive feedback.

SUPPORT NETWORK

Monthly meetings to review release notes, ask for advice and share developments

SHARED ANALYTICS

Continued to develop and automate reports to support the WHELF+ scheme

Worked with the WHELF Learning & Teaching Group to develop Reading List analytics