

GOBI Library Solutions from EBSCO

Alma-related capabilities

Orders:

Types of GOBI Library Solutions records that are supported by Alma:

- GobiAPI data
- Electronic order confirmation records
- GobiExport records
- GOBI Library Solutions records
- GOBI-OCLC Plus records
- OCLC WorldShare Collection Manager (formerly WCP or PromptCat) records
- SkyRiver records
- EDIFACT invoicing

Plus EDIFACT purchase orders output from Alma

Possible order workflows:

- A. GOBI Ordering/GobiAPI (Alma Real-Time Acquisitions)
 1. Selection by collection development or acquisitions on GOBI (optional)
 2. Orders placed on GOBI
 3. Bibliographic and order data output automatically from GOBI and loaded to Alma to create bibliographic records (or match to existing records via ISBN or OCLC number) and order records; GOBI Order Key is loaded as match point for later bib record overlay and electronic invoicing.
 4. Alma POL returned to GOBI Library Solutions automatically and loaded to GOBI order
 5. At point of receipt, GOBI Library Solutions, OCLC, or SkyRiver-supplied cataloging can overlay brief record, matching on GOBI Order Key or Alma POL.
 5. Library loads EDIFACT invoice, which matches on GOBI Order Key or Alma POL.

B. GOBI ordering/load EOCRs:

1. Selection by collection development or acquisitions on GOBI (optional)
2. Orders placed on GOBI; MARC-formatted electronic order confirmation records output the next day.
3. Order confirmations ftped & loaded into Alma via the Import Profile to create brief bibliographic record, order record, and encumber funds; GOBI Order Key is loaded as match point for later bib record overlay and electronic invoicing.
4. At point of receipt, GOBI Library Solutions, OCLC, or SkyRiver-supplied cataloging can overlay brief record, matching on GOBI Order Key.
5. Library loads EDIFACT invoice, which matches on GOBI Order Key.

C. EDIFACT ordering

1. Create bibliographic record in Alma (download from GOBI as a GobiExport record, or import from OCLC or other utility, or key).
2. Create purchase order in Alma and transmit to GOBI Library Solutions as an EDIFACT order.
3. At point of receipt, library can load GOBI Library Solutions, OCLC, or SkyRiver-supplied cataloging records to overlay acquisitions bib records.
4. Library loads EDIFACT invoice, which matches on Alma PO number.

Approval Plans:

Types of MARC records that are supported by Alma:

- GobiShip shipping records
- GOBI Library Solutions cataloging records
- OCLC Cataloging Plus records
- OCLC WorldShare Collection Manager (formerly WCP or PromptCat) cataloging records
- SkyRiver cataloging records

Possible approval workflow:

1. GOBI Library Solutions outputs brief shipping records, cataloging records, or facilitates the production of OCLC WorldShare Collection Manager or SkyRiver records.

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2. Library loads records to Alma using the Import Profile to create brief (if shipping records) or full (if cataloging records) bibliographic records, purchase order records, and encumbrances. GOBI Order Key is loaded to the order record as a vendor reference number to serve as a matchpoint for electronic invoicing. Fund code and/or location code can be defaulted in the loader or supplied by GOBI Library Solutions for each item, based on pre-determined approval profile mappings. If shipments are physically processed, barcode numbers can also be loaded into the item records automatically.
3. Library reviews the purchase orders, and receives the items.
4. Library finishes the cataloging process (by overlaying the brief bibliographic record with a full cataloging record, or by reviewing the full cataloging record).
5. Library creates electronic invoicing via EDIFACT invoices, matching on GOBI Order Key.

Other Alma Electronic Services Supported by GOBI Library Solutions

Electronic Order Responses (a.k.a. Electronic Status Reports)

GOBI Library Solutions can output EDIFACT order responses to load to Alma and update open orders with current status information.

Electronic Serials Invoicing

GOBI Library Solutions can supply EDIFACT serials invoices to load to Alma, matching on Alma PO number. These invoices carry piece-level identifying information (volume number, year, or lacking either of those, the ISBN), so that the library can determine which piece the particular payment represents.

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