How to Create an RSS Feed in Alma

WHAT THIS IS: ALLOWS YOU TO CREATE A LIST OF THE MOST RECENT PHYSICAL ITEMS ADDED IN ALMA, BASED ON PARAMETERS OF YOUR CHOOSING. THIS COULD BE ITEMS ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR LOCATION, CALL NUMBER RANGE, SUBJECT, OR WITH PARTICULAR KEYWORD TERMS, ETC.

THE RSS FEED CAN BE POPULATED INTO A LIBGUIDE. FEEDS CAN ALSO BE SET UP FOR INDIVIDUALS (SUCH AS FACULTY MEMBERS) TO SUBSCRIBE TO THROUGH OUTLOOK OR ANOTHER RSS READER.

1. Set up a “set” with the desired parameters
   a. Do this by performing an Advanced Search with the parameters you want and getting a list of results
   b. For example, search in “Physical Titles” and limit the “Permanent Physical Location” to a particular location code:

   - Another good option is to use “Current Location” and limit to “New Books Display”
   - You can, of course, also search on Subject terms or call number ranges
   c. Once you have your list of results, click on the “Save Query” button
   d. Give your set a name and a description, if you desire
      a. It must be a logical set and active for use with RSS feeds
      b. It is fine for it to be private or public

2. Once you have created your set, go to the “Resources” drop-down and choose “Publishing Profiles”
   a. Click “Add a Profile” and choose RSS
   b. Create a name for your new Profile, you may want it to be the same as the name of your set, i.e. “Law Library New Books Display” etc. Remember the list of profiles is shared with the main USD library, so including LAW or Law Library in the name is important.
   c. Status should be active
   d. For scheduling, choose either every day or once a week for the feed to check for updates
You also need to give the RSS feed both a name and a title. The RSS feed title field is VERY PERSNICKETTY. I have had good luck with ALL CAPS and no spaces and using the underscore if needed. I think this is because it becomes incorporated later into the URL for the RSS feed.

Under “Select Population”, choose the set that you want to be tied to your RSS feed – it is easiest to search for it.

Max number of days ago will set how far back in time the feed pulls data. The highest value you can use is 90. So it will only pull items added to the collection in the last 90 days, at a maximum. Keep this in mind if you are putting a feed in a LibGuide – if there are no books added in the last 90 days, the feed, and therefore your box in the LibGuide will show as “blank” or “no data.”

Once you have completed all these fields, click “Add.”

3. Running your Profile and getting the link to the RSS feed
   a. You should now be returned to the link of all the profiles.
   b. Click the 3 dots next to the profile you are interested in and select “Run”:

   ![Publishing Profiles](image)

   c. Next, go to the 3 dots again, and this time select “History”
   d. You should hopefully see that your job ran successfully. Now, click the 3 dots next to your job name and choose “Report”:

   ![Job Report](image)

   e. Now you will see a URL for your RSS feed that you can copy (highlight and CTRL-C):

   ![RSS URL](image)
4. Preparing your link for use in a LibGuide
   a. There is a known issue with the Alma link and libguides. It is suggested to reroute the Alma link through Feedburner if you wish to post in libguides.
   b. Go to: https://feedburner.google.com
   c. You will have to sign in with a Google account
   d. Paste the URL from Alma into the box and then click Next:

   ![Welcome to FeedBurner, sarah.e.kammer@gmail.com.]

   ![Looking for feeds you used to have at feedburner.com? Claim your feeds now »]
   – OR –
   ![Burn a feed right this instant. Type your blog or feed address here:]

   ![Welcome! Let us burn a feed for you.]

   e. This will now give you a more Friendly URL set up through the service that you can use going forward, or you can edit it as desired. Then click Next again:
f. Now you can copy your link:

![FeedBurner Congrats! Your FeedBurner feed is now live. Want to dress it up a little?](image)

Subscribe to your feed (and share with others!) at:

http://feeds.feedburner.com/LawLibraryNewBooksDisplay

g. If you click Next again, you will be taken to stat-tracking options, which are completely optional to use.

5. Using an RSS feed in a LibGuide:

How to add, reuse, and edit RSS Feed assets [https://ask.springshare.com/libguides/faq/963](https://ask.springshare.com/libguides/faq/963)

**Law Library New Books Display - Recent Titles: Home**

This guide shows new titles added to the Law Library's New Books Display within the last 90 days.

**Last Updated:** Apr 26, 2019 9:40 AM  
**Type:** General Purpose  
**URL:** [https://libguides.law.usd.edu/newbooksdis](https://libguides.law.usd.edu/newbooksdis)

**Subjects:** [none]  
**Tags:** [none]

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**Books Added to the Display in Last 90 Days**

- [Add / Reorder](#)
  - ADD
  - Rich Text/HTML
  - Database
  - Link
  - Media / Widget
  - Book from the Catalog
  - Document / File
  - RSS Feed
  - Guide List
This is what your feed will look like in a LibGuide: [https://libguides.law.usd.edu/newbooksdisplay](https://libguides.law.usd.edu/newbooksdisplay)

Note that it will provide a link to the Primo record automatically.

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6. Subscribing to an RSS feed via Outlook

   a. Here are the instructions on how to do it, that you can use or provide to a faculty member, etc.:

   [https://support.office.com/en-us/article/What-are-RSS-feeds-e8aaebc3-a0a7-40cd-9e10-88f9c1e74b97](https://support.office.com/en-us/article/What-are-RSS-feeds-e8aaebc3-a0a7-40cd-9e10-88f9c1e74b97)