



Streamlining Acquisitions at St. Edward's University



On a hilltop in Austin, Texas, St. Edward's University Munday Library is run by a small team of librarians. The team of six cover all the responsibilities and work of running a busy library, with each wearing many hats during a given day.

Bonnie Hauser, Collection Management Librarian, Munday Library, joined the St. Edward's University library team in February 2021. She handles all Technical Services for the library. Soon after starting, she viewed a demonstration of Rialto and immediately recognized an opportunity to streamline her work.

"There are a lot of clicks to ordering through Alma," said Hauser. "I could see that Rialto would save me a lot of time. I needed to streamline my work because it's only me doing all the ordering."

Even though Bonnie was new to using Alma, it wasn't difficult for her to learn to use Rialto.

” Rialto is probably the most intuitive piece of anything Alma-related that I have encountered so far.”



Revolutionizing ebook buying

In the fall of 2020, the Munday Library permanently removed the print collection from circulation, choosing instead to adopt an electronic only collection. While this change met many needs, including providing space for growing departments, it still upset some faculty.

The decision to move to all electronic resources had already been made when Bonnie joined St. Edward's so she could see an opportunity to improve relationships with faculty.

Along with the time savings from workflow efficiencies, Rialto offers near instant fulfillment of ebooks ordered through a growing list of platforms. Bonnie is smartly using this functionality to repair relationships with faculty who previously relied on print.

"The beauty of Rialto is that I can respond to a request for an ebook title in minutes, instead of days."

And where print was one user at a time, ebooks are purchased, when the budget allows, as unlimited users providing simultaneous access to all students in a class. I've been able to go from request of a title to sending a link to the ebook in minutes. That's gone a long way toward rebuilding some relationships with faculty."



About St. Edward's University

St. Edward's University is a private, liberal arts university in the Catholic, Holy Cross tradition with approximately 4,000 students. Located in Austin, Texas, it is one of the top universities in Texas and offers more than 50 undergraduate and 10 graduate programs. With a network of partner universities around the world, St. Edward's delivers a premier, highly personalized education that helps students explore their own transformational pathways to knowledge, experience, understanding and success. St. Edward's has been recognized for 18 consecutive years as one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report and holds the #8 spot among Best Regional Universities in the West in the U.S. News 2020 and 2021 rankings.

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About Rialto

Rialto serves as a comprehensive selection and acquisition tool, helping over 500 libraries manage their collections more efficiently.

When it comes to purchasing ebooks, we know choice is essential. With Rialto, your library can search, select, and order from more than 20 leading publisher and aggregator platforms within a single, easy-to-use marketplace. Rialto eliminates the need to purchase separately from individual platforms to simplify invoicing and other workflows.

Rialto is expanding to support informed fulfillment powered by analytics and AI, with a holistic approach that incorporates resource sharing networks and open access. It is also evolving to include collection analysis workflows that help libraries better understand and develop their collections. For more information, visit our Rialto webpage.