The HTC Library is migrating to a new system software called Alma/Primo VE on January 29, 2019! It will replace the current OneSearch on the library website.

Why did the Library make this decision?

The new software incorporates many library work functions into one application, instead of spreading those functions across two or three applications that don’t interoperate. Also, the old system was built to support print books and many collections have changed to include electronic resources. This system will be used at all Minnesota State college and university libraries.

Do I need to know anything about the process?

There will be some downtime during the switch from the old system to the new system. You won’t be able to access interlibrary loan, your online library account, or see updated item availability during the period from January 24 – January 29, 2019. Library staff will still be able to help you with most services, so contact Jennie Simning at jennie.simning@hennepintech.edu or call BP Library (763-488-2929) or EP Library (952-995-1650) if you need something.

This is a big change for library staff as well as all library users, so we ask for patience as we get used to the new system.

What is OneSearch?

On January 29, OneSearch on the library site will take you to the new library resources search. It allows you to search for print and digital content as a single search, search for course textbooks available in the library, access online research guides or assignment support guides, etc. It also has an account feature that allows you to save lists of items, manage your renewals, and request items through interlibrary loan (ILL).

Do I have to log in to use it?

You don’t have to log in to search. If you want to place a hold, request an item via ILL, or manage your account, you’ll log in using your StarID.

How do I log in?

If you want to place a hold, request an item via ILL, or manage your account, you’ll log in using your StarID. There is a “Sign In” link in the top right corner of the OneSearch interface.
How is it different than what we used to use?

The interface will look different, and your search may have some different options. Otherwise, you will still have combined electronic and print results, and be able to click through to access articles. You can still search databases separately as well. You can continue to access individual databases through the “Find a Database” tab of the library website or through OneSearch (in the top navigation bar).

What do I do if I would like help learning about the new system?

Contact Jennie Simning at jennie.simning@hennepintech.edu.