The massive transition to distance learning places a significant burden on universities and colleges worldwide. In these times of uncertainty and budget pressures, libraries are focusing acquisition on resources to directly support teaching and learning needs, and away from “just-in-case” collection development.

Libraries have a key role to play in delivering course resources efficiently and supporting faculty in the creation and revision of course resource lists for online learning so have shifted purchasing to focus on course material needs and faculty and student requests. These requests flow into the library from reading list tools (ex. Leganto, Talis Aspire), discovery systems (ex. Primo), web forms, and email. It is now essential for libraries to fulfill requests efficiently to meet the new level of demand.

Currently the workflow for purchase requests is inefficient as libraries must:

- Leave Alma to search and order titles on purchase requests;
- Clean up duplicated data from order system imports; and
- Manually enter data to update a purchase request with order information.

**Why Rialto is essential now**

Only Rialto is embedded in Alma to create a new efficient workflow. The efficiencies Rialto provides allows libraries to scale up to meet the increasing need to support teaching and learning through automated workflows for provisioning course materials.

No matter what software or tools the library is using to support faculty and student requests for content, Rialto makes the entire acquisition process flow efficiently and automatically from request to fulfillment because it removes so much manual work.
Purchase requests enable librarians using Alma (or instructors or patrons using Primo or Leganto) to ask for the purchase of a resource. The request is then sent for review by acquisitions.

Rialto creates an efficient request workflow because its marketplace is embedded in Alma’s purchase request process.

**Rialto powers the Alma purchase request**

Rialto displays the essential information from the purchase request for quick review while reviewing offers in the marketplace.

Rialto adds automation to the workflow as a selected offer is instantly linked to its purchase request.

Rialto offers additional benefits for libraries using Ex Libris Leganto and Alma reading lists and course reserves.

Rialto searches directly from information on purchase request created through the reading list.

Course information is displayed alongside search results to help acquisitions to view citation tags, determine best format, license and number of copies needed.

Leganto makes it easy to see the status of a Rialto order as information is automatically updated in real-time.