



# With a new library platform from September

**IMPORTANT!** Before we launch the new platform from September 2021, it is necessary to temporarily close all libraries' operation at Charles University. **The temporary shutdown will take place from 12 to 31 August 2021 inclusive.** Data from existing systems will be transferred to the new platform, the system configuration will be finalized, and we will train all CU libraries staff during this period.

## About the new library platform

After the summer holidays, you can look forward to a **new**  **look of the discovery service UKAŽ** ([ukaz.cuni.cz/en](http://ukaz.cuni.cz/en)), which will replace the current Ebsco Discovery Service. In addition to searching for printed, electronic and digital resources from Charles University's library collections, the new UKAŽ will provide users with direct access to their accounts. Therefore, it will no longer be necessary to use a separate library catalogue for tracking and renewing loans and making loan requests. Instead, everything will be newly available **in one place, under one account, with a single online registration to all CU libraries.** UKAŽ will also offer the option to save the search records for later, export citations via the citace.com manager, set alerts on interesting topics etc.

 It is not only the interface for library users that is going to change. The environment for librarians will change as well – **Alma, a modern library platform,** will replace the existing Aleph, Verde and SFX systems. From the coming academic year, Charles University libraries will be the first in the Czech Republic to provide library services from the same system that is used at Harvard, Leuven, Vienna and other

foreign universities.

**We advise all users to obtain the necessary literature before the closure of CU libraries.** We also ask those who have any outstanding debts in our libraries (books with an exceed loan period or fees and fines) to settle them.

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For more information about the launch of the new platform, please follow the Central Library's website and Facebook page. As for the opening hours and other possible limited services of a specific library, please visit our website.