Last week, CARLI made available the new separate I-Share Union Catalog. You can access it at: [https://i-share-network.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CARLI_NETWORK:IShare_UNION](https://i-share-network.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CARLI_NETWORK:IShare_UNION)

This version of the I-Share Union Catalog is different from the one we point to from the Library Webpage or from the Primo Library Catalog display page (see screenshot below). The I-Share Union Catalog version below is an extension of our UIUC Primo Library Catalog that extends out to the physical holdings of all 89 I-Share Libraries. We control the setup and display of this version of the I-Share Union Catalog.

![UIUC Primo I-Share Catalog](https://i-share-network.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CARLI_NETWORK:IShare_UNION)

And, here is an image of the UIUC Primo I-Share Catalog that we have all come to know:
The newly released version of the separate I-Share Union Catalog allows one to search all resources across the 89 libraries in I-Share, including physical inventory, electronic inventory, and external data sources imported into local Primo Catalogs. These external data sources include items like CARLI Digital Collections, institutional repositories, and other open access digital asset management systems, which usually are only viewable in the institutional Primo Catalog interfaces to which they were added.

This new version of the separate I-Share Union Catalog is configured differently from the I-Share Catalog the Library provides access to on the Primo landing page or the drop-down search menus. There are major differences between the two versions. The new separate Union Catalog combines and groups together various versions of the title (including different formats and/or different editions) into one display record (i.e. 25 versions found for the book Mrs. Dalloway in the screenshot below) that can be expanded out to see all versions of the title. The UIUC version of the I-Share Union Catalog is similarly configured to our Library Primo Catalog settings where each title (record) has a single display in the brief record results.

Another major difference of the two I-Share Union Catalog versions is that e-resource titles from all I-Share libraries will be searchable in this new separate I-Share Union Catalog, including some electronic resources that UIUC Library users cannot access currently. The UIUC I-Share Catalog currently available from the Primo Catalog landing page is configured to only include the 89 I-Share Libraries physical collections (including UIUC Library physical collections) and UIUC Library's electronic and digital resources.

The Library will continue to preference access to the I-Share Union Catalog at: https://i-share-uiu.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CARLI_UIU:CARLI_UIU&search_scope=Ne
wDiscoveryNetwork and not the newly released separate version but we wanted to inform of the new version of the I-Share Union Catalog and how Library users may encounter it.

Our Library users will still be able to login and request physical materials in either version of the I-Share Union Catalog.

With the release of the new I-Share Union catalog, we will highlight and discuss the new system in the Alma/Primo Open Office Hour today at 11 am. Join us for a lively discussion about both I-Share Union Catalog versions. Here is the login info for the Zoom session:

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Topic: Alma/Primo Weekly Open Office Hour

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