Alma and Primo VE Resources for I-Share Libraries
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CARLI Resources
Refer to these often, as content will continue to grow.

CARLI Website Alma and Primo VE page
https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/alma

CARLI Weekly Alma and Primo VE Updates
https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/alma/weeklyupdates

CARLI Alma and Primo VE FAQ
https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/alma/alma-primo-faq

CARLI's Pre-Alma Data Cleanup Recommendations
https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/alma/datacleanup

Ex Libris Resources

The Ex Libris Knowledge Center
The Knowledge Center is a repository of online training and documentation materials for all
Ex Libris products. No login or IP authentication required.
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/

There is a section of the Ex Libris Knowledge Center for Alma: https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma

There is also section of the Ex Libris Knowledge Center for Primo that includes separate sections on Primo VE.
Important: Be sure you refer to materials related to Primo VE. Articles and training for Primo (without the VE suffix) are not always relevant to the newer Primo VE.
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Primo/Training/Primo_VE_Training/Intro_to_Primo_VE/Intro_to_Primo_VE_-_English
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Primo/Training/Primo_VE_Training
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Primo/Product_Documentation/020Primo_VE

Ex Libris Online Training
Ex Libris' Alma and Primo VE training is all delivered online. You may start to work through it now. These are good places to start:

Getting to Know Alma ("GTKA")
The Getting to Know Alma webinar series is designed to help you understand the functional areas of Alma, learn basic Alma vocabulary, and become familiar with day-to-day workflows in Alma before you begin implementation. There are 4 GTKA webinars that you can attend live, or watch as recordings. They sometimes reference access to the test environment that Ex Libris calls the "Sandbox". At this time, only the Vanguard libraries have Sandbox access. We anticipate extending this access to all I-Share libraries in late summer 2019. This page will take you to registration for the webinars as well as to other background materials:
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Training/Getting_to_Know_Alma_Session_Prerequisites

Alma Essentials
This is Ex Libris' primary source for online Alma training. It is available online in several languages, this will link to the English version:
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Training/Alma_Essentials/Alma_Essentials_-_English

More Technical Information

Technical Requirements for Alma and Discovery Implementation
You will want to review these materials and probably share them with your campus IT staff. In particular we suggest you look at the sections on sections on IP range access, Alma authentication, printers, and email.
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Implementation_and_Migration/Implementation_Guides/03Technical_Requirements_for_Alma_and_Discovery_Implementation

Integrations with External Systems
We also encourage you to start looking at these tutorials about integrating Alma with other services such as authentication systems, campus financial systems, self-check machines, EDI, EOD, and more:
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Implementation_and_Migration/Implementation_Tutorials/03_Alma_Integrations_with_External_Systems.

Voyager to Alma Migration Guide
CARLI and Ex Libris will work through these options with the I-Share libraries. You may wish to get a bit ahead by reading this material in advance.
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Implementation_and_Migration/Migration_Guides_and_Tutorials/Voyager_to_Alma_Migration_Guide

As always, please send any questions to CARLI at support@carli.illinois.edu.