Creating Better Discovery: Analysis of User Feedback on a Web-scale Discovery Service

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Project Background

In the summer of 2011, the George A. Smathers’ Libraries was awarded a Student Technology Fee funding grant to pay for a one-year pilot of a “Next-Generation Search and Discovery Service.”

“...web-scale discovery service to provide a seamless, Google-like single search service with access to library resources. This interface will provide users with access to UF’s collection (both print and electronic) via a single entry point, creating a comprehensive, fast and familiar experience.”

Fragmentation of Resources

Complexity of Access

User Demand
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The library evaluated and compared leading search and discovery services.
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Time Line

August 2011: Implementation team was assembled to launch the service.

October 2011: Beta-testing of the service was launched with the OneSearch box below the UF Catalog search.

January 2012: OneSearch replaced UF Catalog search on the main page.

March 2012: A team of evaluators from all branches of the libraries was assembled to assess and review the effectiveness and benefit of the Summon/OneSearch discovery service.
OneSearch

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