

**Dal Libraries Discovery Layer Team  
Annual Report to Library Council 2015/2016**

Membership:

- Margaret Vail (Chair & LITS Systems Developer)
- Sarah Stevenson (Website Advisory Committee Rep)
- Geoff Brown (Digital Scholarship Librarian)
- Gwendolyn MacNairn (Public Services Rep)
- Alice Stover (Manager, Acquisitions & Metadata)
- Joe Wickens (Document Delivery)
- Ian Colford (Sexton Library Rep)
- Jan Pelley (Kellogg Library Rep)
- Jennifer MacIsaac (MacRae Rep)
- Jennifer Adams (Law Library Rep)
- Allison Fulford (AUL Discovery)

\*\* Gail Fraser, Manager eResources, Access and Maintenance and Heather MacFadyen, Collections Strategy Librarian, are not formal members of the Discovery Layer Team, but offer invaluable assistance maintaining Dalhousie's instance of Primo Central and the SFX Link Resolver.

Key Activities Completed:

- It was a year of tweaking for the Dal Libraries' discovery layer following a busy year of implementation. The biggest innovation was the integration of WorldCat Local and Google Scholar searches within the Primo interface.
- It is surprising how many users missed the WorldCat catalogue when Primo was first introduced. It is now available with our Document Delivery service seamlessly built-in. Through WorldCat, Google Scholar, and Primo's own 'Expand beyond my Library' option, users are provided with many more thousands of options for scholarly material than are available within the Primo central index alone.
- Coincident with the July launch of the new Dalhousie Libraries website, the Books+ and Articles+ tabs were removed from the website's Search box. The default search is now the Novanet Basic Search. Testing revealed that users were not using the Books+ and Articles+ tabs but choosing the Basic Search instead.
- Course Reserves has been integrated into Primo, eliminating the need for users to access Course Reserves via Novanet Classic. Searches are possible by Course Instructor, Course Number, and Course Name.

Future Plans

- To work with the Novanet Discovery Operations Group (DOG) on implementation of the new Primo interface planned for some time in 2017.
- A working group of the Discovery Team has just been formed to update and revise the SFX Menu used in Primo and elsewhere, to resolve to electronic full text, Document Delivery, and to other options. Changes made would go towards making the information in the Menu box more user-friendly and better organized. The interface would be updated, not SFX content, responsibility for which lies with the Resources eResources team.

Respectfully submitted,

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