Planning and Implementing Resource Discovery Tools in Academic Libraries

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“Resource discovery” has many meanings, and it is now beginning to be defined as a description for library research software that allows a library user to search multiple Web-based resources simultaneously and bring back usable search results.

Planning and Implementing Resource Discovery Tools in Academic Libraries addresses the many new resource discovery tools and products in existence as well as their potential uses and applications. This timely publication will be invaluable to librarians and administrators seeking information on how to evaluate, choose, and ultimately implement a resource discover product for their library's collection.

Topics Covered:
• Areas of concern in use of the discovery tool
• How college students, faculty members, or other researchers find information
• How the digital consumer experience influences online research
• Integrating local digital collections and non-mainstream resources into discovery tools
• Issues in implementing a discovery tool
• Representative examples of discovery tools in use
• Selecting a discovery tool
• User behavior and expectations for library websites and finding tools
• User testing and user-centered design in implementing discovery solutions
• What libraries have learned from federated search


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