

Prism

The power of discovery



Benefits for your customers:

- Increases the success rate of searches, driving library stock use and reducing pressure on library staff
- Real-time linking to the library system for availability data and borrower transactions
- Flexible design allowing integration into your library and corporate web presence
- Software as a Service reduces the need for system administration and hardware maintenance, provides automatic and seamless upgrades and high availability
- Inclusive: user-choice of display language, and DDA compliance.

Benefits for your library:

- Intuitive, effective searching of the library's resources
- Relevance-ranked results and facets to refine your search
- Visually engaging and clear displays, with enriched content including cover images, tables of contents and summaries
- Clear, informative availability information including links to electronic resources
- Full borrower services: view and renew loans and place requests online, view and manage your account.

Today's library users expect an attractive, intuitive search experience in line with search engines, social networking sites and online retailers. The search should often give the right result immediately, or else provide helpful guidance and options for exploration.

Powerful discovery

Prism reaches out to users with very specific requirements - and to those who are less sure about what they want (or how to find it). Prism's attractive search interface offers a Google-style search box, with powerful search refinement tools that enhance information retrieval. These include faceted browsing giving users an at-a-glance map of their results, re-sorting options and suggestions for alternative spellings if there are no results from the initial query.

Flexible design and DDA compliance

Prism is designed to support a high level of compliance to accessibility standards and it also offers configurable display languages; with a single click, users can switch to the language of their choice. Through a simple configuration interface, you have control over how search results and navigation options are presented. Detailed item descriptions allow the user to easily check that it is what they want and to see how to get it, including linking directly to electronic resources.

"The new Prism library catalogue is excellent... it's simple to navigate and delivers accurate results"

Students at the University of Bolton

Rich services through integration

Updates from the local system are synchronised frequently and dynamic links provide real-time availability information. Borrower services, dynamically integrated with the local system, provide users with online self-service options such as viewing and renewing their loans, placing requests and managing their account including changing their PIN.

Enriched content

With Prism, the descriptive information in the catalogue can be enriched with cover images and extended information such as tables of contents, summaries, reviews, author biographies and awards.

Software as a Service

Prism is delivered as a service on the web. This model reduces the need for system administration and hardware maintenance. It ensures that the latest version of the software is in use without any local deployment effort, and it provides high levels of security, service performance and availability.