THE SUMMON DISCOVERY TOOL @ FVSU
About Us

 FVSU
  • 1890 Land Grant
  • HBCU

 Hunt Memorial Library
  • Collection
    ○ 152,000+ volumes
    ○ Approximately 84 True Databases (GALILEO + Independently Purchased)
    ○ Ebrary, NetLibrary and IEEE ebooks

 Three Sites
  ○ Main Library
  ○ Curriculum Materials Center
  ○ Warner Robins Center
Why the Discovery Tool?

- Multiple information resources
- Varied platforms

Old Way
- Purchase it and hope they will find it

New Way
- Make it easy for them to find
Why the Discovery Tool?

- ROI
- User Expectations
- User Experience
  - Too many “clicks”
  - Too many open windows
  - “Where am I?”
  - “How do I get back to where I was?”
About Summon

- Hosted Serials Solutions Product
- Pre-Harvested Content
- Catalog Records + E-resources
  - Books and e-books
  - Journal Articles
  - Media
  - LibGuides
About Summon

- Publisher vs. Database specific
- Covers over 90% of our full-text scholarly content
- Nightly updates from the catalog via cron job
- Next day updates for e-resources via Client Center
Summon Features

- Single-search box
- Faceted refinements
- RSS feeds
- Citation-formatting
- Results folder
- “Did you mean?” suggestions
- Database recommender
- Mobile and tablet friendly
Implementation

- Phases
  - GIL Export
  - 360 Core Configuration
- Tweaking, Tweaking, Tweaking!
- Soft Launch
Student/Professor Quotes

- "The process is a lot easier than how I conducted research during my first semester..." - ENG 1102 Student
- “I like this way much better!” – ENG 3343 Student
- “How long have y’all had this?!?” – ENG 1102 Student
- “I like it. I will be encouraging my students to use it.” – English Professor
Demonstration
Summon @ FVSU Action Plan

- Marketed to first and second year students
- Best for discovery searches vs. exact searches
- Databases will still be taught!
  - Summon at the 1000-2000 level
  - Summon + subject-specific databases at the 3000 – 4000 level
- Enhancement of not a replacement for GIL and GALILEO
Looking Ahead

- Integration of institutional repository
- Customizing the Link Resolver Page
- Exploring the API
- Integration with other resources
  - LibGuides
  - BlackBoard
- HathiTrust integration
  - Indexing of some full-text should enhance searching of print books