Making Summon Search Available from More Spaces

What is it?
This toolkit is designed to provide you with best practice resources to optimize the visibility of your Summon discovery layer.

Who should use this toolkit?
This toolkit is a good resource if your library would like to:

• Make Summon Search available from more spaces on your website.

• Provide greater access to your library’s Summon service via custom search boxes and search widgets that allow your library to post scoped or open Summon access on any webpage.

What To Do Before You Start

• Confirm you currently have EJP 2.0 activated and have integrated Summon with this service (E-Journal Portal 2.0).

• A pre-scoped search box or widget may help focus search results to the exact discipline/subject/time/format that would benefit your patrons most. Your library may want to work with a subject matter expert, or the instructor on which filters and facets to apply to a scoped search.

How To Set Up More Summon Search Points

• First, make sure your library already has an easily accessible search box on the main library webpage. Preferably above the ‘fold’ or at the top, right below the masthead.

• Then, determine if there are any obvious places on your website that might benefit from a search box or widget.

• Evaluate other webpages and web access points that might benefit from the inclusion of a Summon search box. Some areas to consider: Libguides, Course websites, main university website.

• Once you have reviewed some spaces that would benefit from a search box or widget, review the following documentation on how to create a search box or widget:

  ◦ Summon: Search Boxes and Search Widgets
  ◦ Summon: Create a Search Box or Search Widget
Further Information

For more information please refer to the following articles:

- Ex Libris Knowledge Center
- Product Documentation