

**Dal Libraries Discovery Layer Team  
Annual Report to Library Council 2014/2015**

The Discovery Layer Team had 3 meetings between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015: November 7, 2014; March 5, 2015; April 27, 2015.

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:

- December 2014: launched Primo/New Novanet at the Dalhousie Libraries
- Members of the Dal Libraries' Discovery Layer Team participated in the Novanet Implementation Group's functional teams responsible for various areas of implementation: Training/Instruction (Gwendolyn MacNairn); User Interface (Margaret Vail); Marketing (Ian Colford); Fulfillment/Patron Services (Joe Wickens); Course Reserves (Jan Pelley); Central Index (Geoff Brown, Allison Fulford).
- Various aspects of Primo functionality were tweaked to improve performance of the discovery layer following the Novanet Implementation Group's direction (winter and spring/summer of 2015)
- The Libraries' Discovery Intern, hired in April 2015, completed user testing of the Books+ and Articles+ tabs incorporated into the Dal Libraries' Primo interface. Following results of the testing, these tabs will be removed when the new Primo interface is implemented.

Future Plans/In Progress:

- To complete the WorldCat integration with Primo
- To plan for and implement the new Primo interface coming in late spring 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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Discovery Layer Team Chair