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## **University of Calgary and BMJ Sign On for the Summon™ Unified Discovery Service**

*Calgary will integrate museum archives and library collections in single search  
box*

May 4, 2009 (SEATTLE) – Serials Solutions, a business unit of ProQuest, has added University of Calgary as a beta development partner for the Summon™ unified discovery service. A variety of new content providers, including BMJ, an international peer-reviewed medical journal and subsidiary of the British Medical Association have also signed onto the Summon™ service. BMJ joins nearly 100 content providers along with key partners ProQuest and Gale – aggregators representing more than 4,700 publishers.

The Summon™ service is a pioneer in creating Google-like searching of the full breadth of content found in library collections. In the case of University of Calgary, library archives and museum collections will be integrated too, enabling users to find books and videos, e-resources at the article level, as well as manuscripts and artifacts, all from a simple, obvious starting point.

“We are a unique cultural institution supporting research, a museum, a university press, along with archives and special collections,” said Tom Hickerson, Vice Provost and University Librarian, Libraries and Cultural Resources, at University of Calgary. “We’ve been actively searching for ways to provide integrated access to the diversity of our resources, enhancing discovery of an entirely new spectrum of information. I’m optimistic that the Summon service is the mechanism that can do that.”

The goal of the Summon™ service is to not only bring the user back to the library as the starting place for research, but to also provide a channel for greater return on the library’s content investment. The role of the beta partners is to ensure the service is tracking against those goals, providing feedback from the field. University of Calgary librarians, archivists and curators will initially test and use the Summon™ service. Then, they will move it to an open beta in May, getting feedback from faculty and student users. Other partners who are already testing include Dartmouth College, Oklahoma State University, University of Sydney, University of Liverpool and Western Michigan University.

The Summon™ service produces fast, relevancy-ranked, results through a single search against pre-harvested content. While the massive aggregated databases of ProQuest and Gale form a cornerstone for the Summon™ service’s content, new contributors are consistently being added to provide the most accurate reflection of the breadth of content available in any library – whether print or electronic.

“The University of Calgary is pleased to be able to test these services and excited about the value these enhancements will add for university faculty and students, and our larger community,” said Mr. Hickerson.

The Summon™ unified discovery service will move from beta to commercial launch in July. The hosted service is built with an open API that will allow it to be used with existing library Web sites, next-generation catalogs or campus systems with low impact on staff. To learn more about the Summon™ unified discovery service, visit <http://www.serialssolutions.com/summon>.

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Founded by a librarian for librarians in 2000, Serials Solutions is the global leader in E-Resource Access and Management Services (ERAMS) that serves more than 2,000 libraries of all sizes and types. Serials Solutions® KnowledgeWorks, the authoritative e-resource knowledgebase, is the foundation for Serials Solutions® 360, the only complete and integrated e-resource access and management solution. Serials Solutions recently introduced the Summon™ unified discovery service, a revolutionary discovery tool that provides instant access to the full breadth of the library's collection through a single search.

Serials Solutions also is the exclusive source for Ulrichs™ Global Serials Intelligence and represents the AquaBrowser Library® unified discovery interface in the academic market in North America. The WebFeat® federated search service recently acquired by ProQuest soon will be incorporated into the Serials Solutions family of access and discovery services.

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