Increasing the Visibility of Open Access Content
You can enhance resource discovery by making freely available Open Access content, outside of your own collection, more accessible and visible through a series of user interface enhancements. These improvements, with more than 200 million items identified as Open Access available through Summon, help libraries deliver a superior research experience and support scholarship.

The Summon user interface makes it easy for users to find and identify the Open Access content that you choose to make discoverable through Summon. You can use an icon to indicate Open Access content appearing on the Summon results page, activate a new filter for Open Access content, and offer an Open Access search option on the Advanced Search form.

Activating these features enables your users to be more efficient in their research endeavors, putting them in a better position to use publicly available content and improve their research outcomes.

User Experience and Open Access Content

Open Access features in Summon allow libraries to enhance the research experience.

Researchers can perform searches in Summon and easily identify which content is Open Access through an icon next to the relevant record. They can also take advantage of a tool to easily narrow the results displayed to only those identified as being Open Access.

Additionally, libraries can enhance the Advanced Search form by including the Open Access search option.
Easy for Administrators to Activate

Activating these features is easy through the Summon Administration Console. With three simple clicks, you can incorporate the Open Access icons and filter in the Summon results page, as well as the filtering option on the Advanced Search page.

Deployment of this feature set is flexible, depending on your needs. You can choose to activate these features independently from each other or all at the same time.

More Details and Information

Open Access resources in the Summon index represent a variety of content types (books, journal articles, images, technical reports, etc.) from across a variety of sources, such as entirely open content repositories, open access journals and subscription databases, which may contain a “hybrid” of open and non-open content.

You can learn more about these features, how we have defined Open Access to date, and access a list of content sources that are flagged as Open Access by reviewing our documentation in the Customer Knowledge Center.

If you have questions about the Summon Open Access capabilities please contact our support team at support@exlibrisgroup.com.

About Ex Libris

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