

Search TRLN

What is 'Search TRLN'?

'Search TRLN' is a Digital TRLN initiative envisioned to provide faculty and students with seamless search and request functionality across the consortium's collections. The Endeca Information Access Platform was purchased to achieve this vision. In its first phase, 'Search TRLN' will provide a single interface for searching the collections of all four TRLN institutions. 'Search TRLN' will not replace any of the existing campus ILS platforms. The new system will index the combined catalog records of Duke University Libraries, North Carolina Central University Libraries, North Carolina State University Libraries and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Libraries. The Endeca search engine will improve upon traditional keyword searching by adding faceted browse to more fully expose and exploit the rich metadata in our library catalogs. In time, the Endeca implementation will enable TRLN to facilitate new collaborative services to its patrons.

Project Timeline

2006: The TRLN Planning Committee approves the "Digital TRLN" planning document which includes a commitment to 'Search TRLN,' looking specifically at Endeca's Information Access Platform as a solution. The ability to capitalize on NCSU's expertise and prior development is a factor in this decision, as is general confidence in the Endeca platform.

2007: TRLN licenses the Endeca software and a steering committee is formed to guide the implementation. The Steering Committee for 'Search TRLN' oversees the work of task groups which include staff from each institution. The Data and Indexing Task Group's charge is to create indexes to enable effective searching, create the facets to support guided navigation, to identify methods for de-duplicating result sets, and to establish methods for exporting data from each campus ILS to the Endeca system. The User Interface Task Group's charge is to create the user interface for Search TRLN, support decisions regarding facet creation and indexing, and to conduct usability testing.

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