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### Triangle Research Libraries Network Launches “Search TRLN”

Chapel Hill, NC -- The Triangle Research Libraries Network ([TRLN](#)) has launched [Search TRLN](#), a single-interface discovery tool that searches across the collections of the four member institutions: Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Using the “faceted searching” and browsing capabilities of [Endeca](#) software, and building on the strengths of TRLN’s existing cooperative collecting and interlibrary delivery services, Search TRLN provides a single search and request environment for faculty and students on each campus.

While TRLN pioneered the nation’s first consortial online catalog as early as the 1980s, Search TRLN adds next-generation search capabilities to the consortium’s combined collection of 16 million volumes. Endeca’s approach to information retrieval mimics the human discovery process by integrating the two most common means of finding information online – searching and browsing – allowing people to adapt and refine their search based on their own determinations of relevancy. Users can browse their results along facets such as subject, format, location, and availability, and can sort them by publication date, title, author, call number, and popularity.

Search TRLN further enriches the search experience by incorporating not only traditional bibliographic records but also bonus descriptive information provided by Bowker’s [Syndetic Solutions](#), including cover images, summaries, track listings, audiovisual reviews, and first chapters/excerpts, whenever available. The TRLN libraries have also licensed searchable table of contents data from Syndetic Solutions ICE service for books published since 1984. Users of the system can now search the collections by chapter title and chapter author. One faculty member testing Search TRLN said, “What I

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especially like is having the searchable table of contents. In my field, I am always looking for book chapters and they're really hard to find.”

One-stop access to the entire body of TRLN’s collections is especially useful to the faculty and students at the four universities because there is relatively little duplication among their collections. TRLN is one of the oldest consortia in the country, and has been highly successful in the area of cooperative collection development. A recent analysis of collection overlap demonstrated that 71 percent of the titles were unique to a single TRLN institution, and only 2% of our collections are duplicated on all four campuses.

Items from the shared collections are made available to eligible users – TRLN students, faculty and staff – through reciprocal borrowing arrangements and electronic/hard-copy document delivery. The request functionality has been built into Search TRLN. A graduate student noted, “I love that you can easily request things from the other universities - that's really useful.”

In implementing Endeca, TRLN has built on [the experience of the NCSU Libraries](#), which in January 2006 was the first academic library in the world to deploy the popular e-commerce software. By launching Search TRLN, the consortium has demonstrated that it is uniquely suited to [lead in the creation of innovative digital collections and services for the twenty-first century](#).

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