Summon Implementation at IMSA:

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The Summon Decision

- IMSA environment
  - High school; college-level research
  - 70 databases (35 vendors)

- Federated search vs. discovery system
  - Webfeat → 360Search → Summon

- Literature reviews; CARLI Discovery Forum

- Unified index
  - Coverage analysis by Serials Solutions

- Decision-making at a small library

Related Decisions & Implementations

- Proxy Server
- Link Resolver
- Library website facelift

Implementing Summon

- Summer 2012; ready for Fall Semester

- Major Tasks
  - Database/Vendor records in Client Center
  - Voyager Catalog Records
  - Search Box

Reactions to Summon

- Library staff: mixed reviews

- Students, staff & faculty: mostly positive

- Good place to start most searches

- Support from Serials Solutions

Next Steps (eventually)

- Ask Summon to re-do the coverage analysis

- Test searches between Summon and individual databases

- Usability testing

- Customization options

- Usage statistics

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