

Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service announces its new search discovery tool *SUNSearch*

The Library and Information Service is harnessing the next generation of online tools to provide cutting-edge access to our entire collection of information resources.

As information providers we understand that finding information and materials for your research and studies is becoming *increasingly* difficult with the hundreds of databases, websites, collections and repositories available out there. The Library alone provides the University community with access to over 51 000 online journals!

With our new discovery portal, **SUNSearch**, our clients will have seamless access to local and global content through a single, intuitive interface. Clients will be able to search multiple, online journal databases and many other scholarly resources to obtain one seamless results list of print and online materials. SUNSearch is being developed further to incorporate retrieval of books, theses and dissertations. The searches are lightning-fast and easy to conduct.

SUNSearch has an array of tools which make searching and finding of relevant information easier and faster. It has a built-in recommender service that displays recommendations of what similar clients are searching and selecting during their searches. Clients are linked to fulltext where possible and according to institutional access rights.

Highlights of SUNsearch:

Intuitive - The easy interface does not require additional training and has been designed to make the entire search process more streamlined.

Efficient - SUNSearch is fast, delivering highly relevant results. Deduplication of data serves to streamline the discovery process.

Personalised - Users can save search results, set preferences and alerts, and move library materials into their personal research space within SUNSearch or in third-party products such as RefWorks.

Use everywhere - The search functionality can be integrated into institutional portals, course management systems, or other third-party software, enabling users to find and get information whenever they need it and wherever they are.

Satisfying – Clients find relevant, scholarly information superior to that offered by conventional search engines.

SUNSearch uses state-of –the-art ‘cloud computing’ and ‘services in a cloud’ technology that has been developed by a company called [ExLibris](#).

To use a **Beta** version of SUNsearch go to (URL): <http://library.sun.ac.za/SUNSearch>

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