Intota
The University Library and ProQuest:
On the Cutting Edge as Beta Partners

There is a change in store for the EMU library, and it’s good news for all the library users out there! The main software that runs the library’s circulation, cataloging, and material acquisitions systems, is moving in the direction of a cloud-based Software as a Service (SaaS) model over the next few years.

The EMU Library accepted the invitation of the well-known information vendor, ProQuest, to serve as one of its four beta partners in the development of their new SaaS product, Intota. Intota is software that will cohesively manage the entire lifecycle of both print and electronic library resources. In addition, its emphasis on assessment will assist in decision-making and its consolidation of both internal and external workflows will improve efficiency. Over the next two years, EMU Library faculty and staff will begin testing parts of the system and providing ProQuest with feedback that will assist future customers with the implementation and training for the product.

Because the EMU Library has had a historically strong relationship with the Ann Arbor-based firm for many years, it was selected as a beta partner in this endeavor. ProQuest recognized the talents of the library’s faculty and staff, and were confident in their ability to provide the kind of in-depth analysis they are seeking from beta partners.

The migration from the current library system to Intota will take place gradually over the next two years as Intota becomes integrally linked to Esearch. Esearch (http://emich.summon.serialssolutions.com/) simultaneously searches the catalog, databases and other resources. The biggest change users will encounter will be with Esearch’s interface as it will eventually become the online catalog, and the source for renewing books and handling other circulation features. The library will be updating the Esearch interface in mid-2014, so stay tuned for more information on these future enhancements!

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