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**Internet Librarian International Sponsor announces
University of Salford as the first library to implement Syndetic Solutions**



Internet Librarian International Showcase Sponsor (14 & 15 October, London) **Bowker** is pleased to announce that the University of Salford has chosen Syndetic Solutions to provide catalogue enrichments within their Talis Prism 2 library catalogue making this the first Prism 2 catalogue in the UK and Ireland to have successfully implemented Syndetic Solutions.

In late 2009, Bowker sought volunteers within the Prism community to test out Syndetic Solutions for themselves. Bowker made available technical documentation and provided support throughout the testing process.

The University of Salford rose to the challenge and the results can now be seen on their online catalogue at <http://talisprism1.salford.ac.uk/TalisPrism>. They have chosen to subscribe to Cover Images, Tables of Content and Summaries/Annotations. Andy Bourne, Applications Support Analyst, Justin Wood, Library & Repository Systems Officer, and Jenny McNally, Digital Developments Officer at Salford have worked on this initiative.

Jenny said: "We wanted to refresh the look of our catalogue and add value for our users. We think adding Syndetics to Prism 2 has achieved this and are delighted with the improvement to our OPAC. "

Andy said: "Syndetics provide JavaScript code (using the jQuery library) that updates catalogue web pages on-the-fly. We used significant portions of the Syndetics code but also wrote a small amount of new code to adapt the system to work with Prism 2. The fact that the Syndetics code uses jQuery led us to use the same library in our own code and this made the work considerably easier than it would have been with older JavaScript/DOM programming techniques."

Darren Roberts, Regional Sales Manager at Bowker adds "We are always excited when Syndetic Solutions is successfully implemented in an otherwise untried library system. The staff at Salford University grabbed this opportunity with both hands and the results can now be seen. This paves the way for other libraries running Prism 2 to make use of the world's leading catalogue enrichment service".

The library will produce a document that explains how to integrate Syndetic Solutions into Prism 2. This will be available from both the library and from Bowker.

Libraries interested in a no obligation trial to Syndetic Solutions can contact Darren Roberts via darren.roberts@bowker.co.uk.

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About Syndetic Solutions

Syndetic Solutions is the catalogue enrichment service of choice being found in thousands of libraries worldwide and over 140 subscribing institutions across the UK and Ireland, including national collections, academic libraries, public libraries, health libraries and other specialist collections. Enrichment options include Cover Images, Tables of Content, Summaries, First Chapters, Author Biographies and much more - with data gathered from a variety of sources through our UK data collection centre and U.S and Australian ISBN agencies.

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The University of Salford is home to almost 20,000 students and over 2,500 employees on a green campus only a mile and a half from Manchester city centre

It offers an exceptional learning environment for students, with strong opportunities in research and enterprise and plays a key role in connecting with, and regenerating local communities.

From 2011 the University will have a presence at the MediaCityUK development at Salford Quays. Staff and students from all areas of the University will make use of this cutting-edge facility, located at the heart of five major BBC departments.