Request Title: Library discovery searching software

Part I. General Information
Name of requestor: Nancy Heu
Unit, Department or Program: Academic Support/Library

Part II. Resource Information
Type of request by code and description:
- OE operating equipment
- OO operating other
- PN program change request
- PW PCR - workload
- PF PCR - new facilities
- CP CIP - new facility
- CR CIP - Renovation
- CM CIP - R&M

Total: $15,000

Alignment with Strategic Plan*: Action Outcome 5.5
(* this information must be filled out, i.e., Action Outcomes 2.1, 4.3, etc.)

Part III. Narrative - Description and Rationale (do not exceed the space provided)
Descriptive Summary of the Request (provide a summary of the resource request)

$15,000 is needed for federated or discovery searching software which will enable students to easily search the library’s catalog, multiple journal databases and several reference databases with a single search. This will be a consortium purchase with other UH Libraries.

Rationale for Request (how will the request benefit the unit, department, program or institution)

Students today expect their library experience to be the same as their personal interactions with technology. They want easy searching, instant access and diverse content. They expect information on the web, on their mobile, in their virtual learning environment and are frustrated when they are unable to do so. Federated or discovery searching simplifies the searching process enabling students to retrieve books, journal articles and other material with one search. Studies have shown that besides helping students resolve the question of which database to search first, discovery searching leads to increased use of library databases and retrieval of relevant material for research papers and projects.

Documentation (in addition to the Strategic Plan what other source(s) of documentation for this request exist? provide an alignment with or connection to a supporting document, i.e., program review, annual assessment, departmental report, SLO/process outcome assessment/analysis, grant proposal, or other docs/reports)

Instruction Office Planning Goal 7: Improve student access to computer facilities, math and writing labs.

Library Action Plan Outcome 3.3.a. Users will access electronic databases to locate information.

For PBC members: provide one rating for this request based on a scale of "1" indicating the lowest rating and "5" indicating the highest rating.