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# What is Encore?

- An enhanced search interface for the library catalog
- It is best used for research discovery and exploration
- Results are sorted by relevancy ranking
- Can refine search using facets and tags

# Development Partners

- BU is a development partner with Innovative Interfaces Inc.
- BU is the only Aleph site
- There are 18 development partners
- BU Encore Implementation Task Force consisted of 8 members

# Features of Encore

- Faceted searching: format, collection, language, pub. date, and your search found in subject, title and author
- Tag clouds
- Recently added
- “Did you mean”
- Grokker integration
- Feedback link

# Promoting Encore

- Posters, table tents, and a library exhibit
- Announcement in the daily campus news email, library blog, and through department liaisons
- Library Research Only computers
- Reference services
- Via library web pages
  - On library homepage – [Binghamton University](#)
  - Animation – [Westerville Public Library](#)
  - Teaser Link – [University of Queensland](#)
  - Library catalog page – [Scottsdale Public Library](#)

# Usability & Surveys

- Usability Study
  - 5 tasks, 5 student volunteers
  - Quotes:
    - “Very easy to use, easier then what we have right now”
    - “Kind-of a cool search engine”
- Survey forms in paper and online
  - 3 question survey

# What does Encore Look Like?

[Encore](#)

<http://1bing-mt.iii.com/iii/encore/app>





# Future Plans with Encore at BU

- Encore 2.0
  - My Account feature
  - Community tags
- Article integration through federated searching
  - metaLIB
  - Research Pro



**Questions or Comments?**