



### Your route to free discovery

#### Benefits for your customers:

- Free access to a diverse range of public and academic library holdings ensures customers' unusual requests can be fulfilled
- An intuitive, web-based interface ensures staff can start searching from day one
- Streamlined resource discovery and interloan processes ensures library staff can devote more time to customer facing services

#### Benefits for your library:

- Free access to the bibliographic and holdings information of one of the UK's largest union catalogues
- A completely free inter-library lending service, with no charges for discovering or contributing data
- Promotes your library to a wider range of libraries and users
- Works with your preferred request management tool, regardless of your LMS

#### Background

The barriers that have restricted resource sharing and interlending across academic and public libraries are well documented. Many institutions find themselves locked into using proprietary LMS or request management tools, or are discouraged from fulfilling customers interlending requests as a result of complicated workflows or prohibitive charges.

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Source is a free resource sharing and inter-library loan service which uses one of the largest UK Union Catalogues - comprising more than 26 million catalogue items and 55 million holdings. Every library is entitled to participate - you don't need to be part of a particular membership, or be located in a specific geographical area. With Source you can access bibliographic and location information about items held at over 200 institutions across the UK and Ireland, as well as the wide-ranging catalogues of the British Library.

## ILL reach - regardless of your LMS

Regardless of your existing LMS, Source can streamline resource discovery and interloan processes within your institution. Source is already being used with diverse Library Management Systems including Axiell, Dynix Classic, Ex Libris ALEPH®, IS Oxford Heritage, Infor Vubis Smart, Innovative Millennium, Ramesys Genesis and SirsiDynix Unicorn. And those libraries wishing to use an alternative request management application to Source can use their preferred tool to access the same holdings.

“Source encompasses the holdings from a great number of libraries including Public, HE and FE. With such a variety of holdings, Source is often the only tool which is able to find some items. This empowers us to fulfil those unusual requests.”

Danielle Hughes, Assistant Librarian from  
The Open University

## Optimising your stock

In addition to supporting resource discovery and interlending, Source helps libraries to promote their own stock more widely. Source relies on 'library contributions', a process in which institutions provide Capita with a copy of their catalogue holdings. By doing this, libraries not only benefit from free access to the one of the UK's largest national union of catalogues, but they also share diverse and unusual stock with the library community.

“Allowing us to contribute our holdings easily, and at no cost, means we can make our collection accessible to a wider range of libraries and users.”

Nina Whitcombe, Information Systems Assistant,  
Swansea University

## Powerful interlending workflows

With Source's intuitive web interface, it's easy for library users to find the resources they need. For those institutions using the interlending option, customers can pass item details to library staff, who can then complete the ILL details with a few mouse clicks. In addition, Source also provides you with the facility to set a rota for your request, so you can specify the institutions to which you want to send your request. Alternatively, you can use Source to request from the BLDS using the ARTEmail format.

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