

## **ALA Annual Conference 2009**

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### **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Exhibit Hall**

TLC is a staid, clumsy offering with few to no options, even for configuration, let alone for extensibility.

Ex Libris Primo: ILS with componentized, extensible, customizable search and display interface based on the Lucene OS search engine. Indexes resources locally for fast performance, but can also add a layer for run-time federated search of non-indexed sites. Compiles results from all collections into a single set linked to specific resources. Can be hosted or installed locally, or a combination where a shared central index is combined with local resources. Technology base sounds very powerful and extensible.

Koha implemented by services firm LibLime: OS integrated lib system with extensible search using issql (??)/perl back end and html/'rich javascript' display layer. Very configurable/customizable. Can be hosted or installed, as needed. Available meta-search engine Master Key to extend search to bigger collections; currently building meta-search into the base product. 4-5K users worldwide, 500 of them LibLime's customers. Seems like a solid base for further OS development.

Summon: Meta-search service hosted and with limited customization or config options. Composes results from index of a standard resource collection, linked out in preference order to the providers specified in config in OpenURL format. Local catalog is 'overlaid' on the standard for local access. Links typically go to collections where the resource links were found, where user must click again to see results. Big fail on searches for Lewis Armstrong and Samuel Clemons! Based on OS search engine called Solar, with mods created & contributed by Serials Solutions (the publisher). Availability indicator seems to work. Nifty filtering for 'Full Text Available,' academic/peer reviewed content, date ranges, and subject keywords applied by any of the metadata sources.