New Direction area name: Library’s Role in Discovery

Starting point 1: Create a “Discovery” team of public services, systems, technical services, and user interaction design specialists to implement next generation discovery tools, to ensure cataloging processes and outsourcing support new discovery methods, to assess usability of discovery tools, and to imagine and work with partners to implement continuous improvements to discovery.

- Redesign library websites as subject portals focused on discovery.
- Provide a single search interface, based on user preferences, to simple and adequately meet the majority of research needs.
- Continue to support more advanced researchers who recognize the subject brand and value-added features of core databases. Advocate for value-added features.
- Include social networking in library outreach (i.e. tagging)

- **Benefits:**
  - Responsive to users needs
  - Engage users and staff in the development
  - Create an interactive dialogue between users and the Library

- **Risks/Concerns:**
  - Resources intensive
  - Authority to make changes and be able to fail and learn from failing to achieve success.
  - Ability to keep up with technological change