Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Digital Discoverability of Library Resources & Services

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LIBRARIAN FUTURES

Charting the future of the librarian-patron relationship.

- The library 'in the life of the user'
- Key data points:
 - Survey of 4,000 librarians and patrons across 1,500 institutions
 - Interviews with librarians and other stakeholders
 - Contributions from Springshare, scite, OCLC and other Lean
 Library partners
 - Data from Lean Library on user workflows
 - Student studies conducted for Lean Library at Pearson College London

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Modern patron workflows begin outside the library...

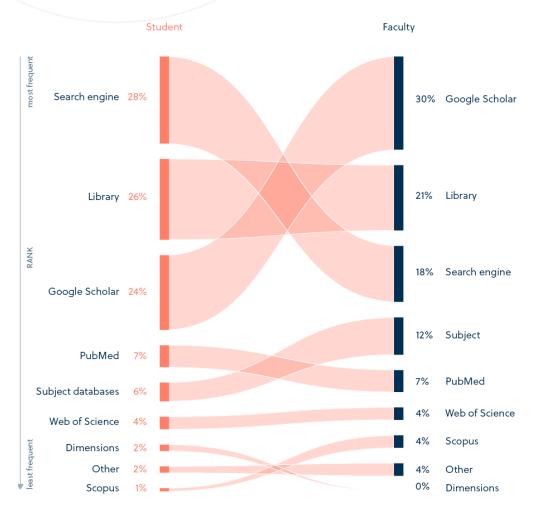
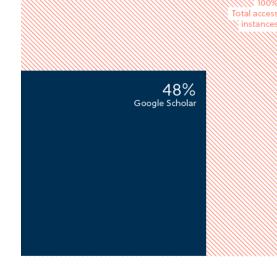


Fig 1. Where do patrons begin discovery?

- → 79% of faculty and 74% of students begin discovery outside of the library.
- → 30% of faculty and 28% of students begin discovery on Google
 Scholar

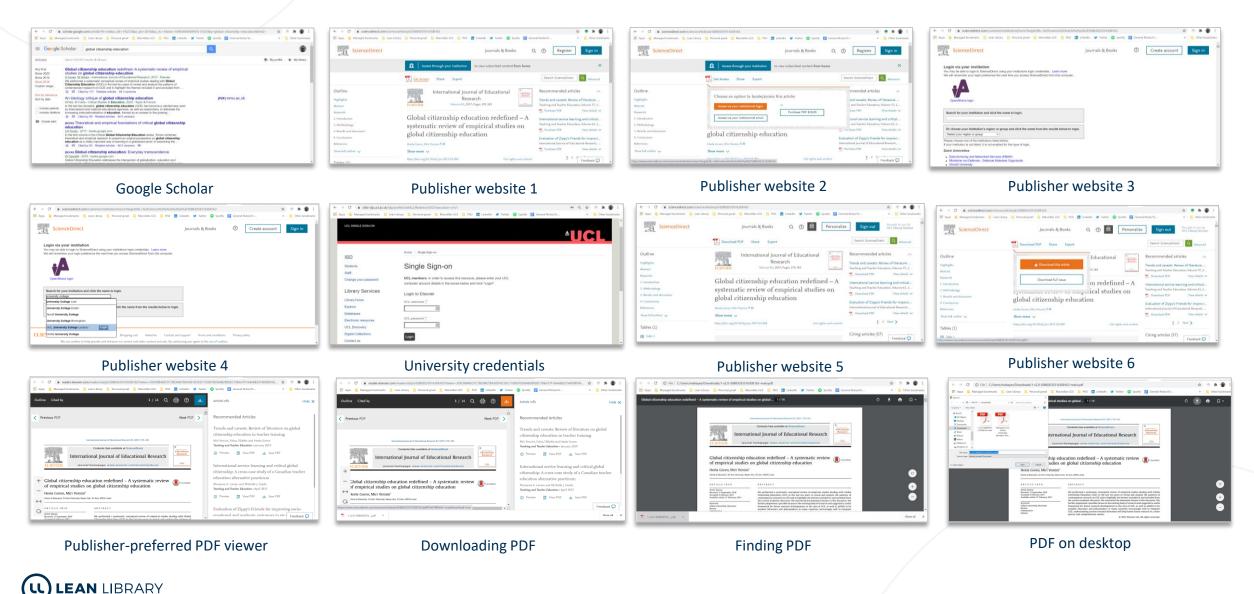
Fig 2. % of Lean Library users beginning their discovery process on Google Scholar



← Lean Library data shows 48% of patrons begin on Google Scholar

... where the user experience is painful...

Access outside the library takes an average 12 clicks & 3:49 minutes

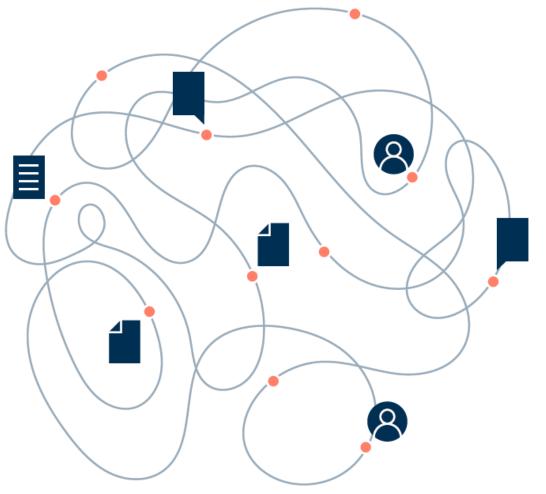


...and not oriented around the user.

Fig 1. The legacy patron workflow

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Where systems assume the library is the destination & the starting point



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Higher education is shifting because its core constituents – students – are starting to behave more like customers and are less forgiving of some of the inefficient and ineffective aspects of the academy not tailored for a strong customer experience.

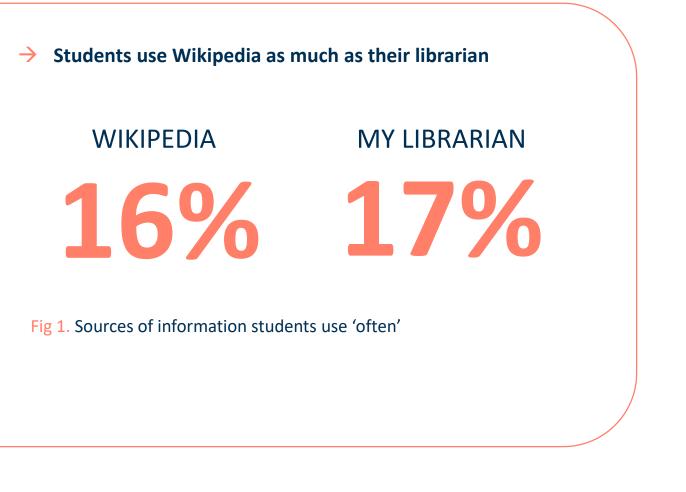
ANONYMOUS STUDENT SURVEY RESPONDENT

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For basic interactions the modern consumer now expects and prefers self-service support, including FAQs and general information, to 1:1 contact **at the-point-of-need** (Kulbytė, 2021).

KULBYTĖ, 2021, CITED IN LIBRARIAN FUTURES.

As a result, most students are unaware of the full extent of librarian support.



→ 42% of students from the UK said they 'never' use a librarian or deemed their librarian 'not relevant to me'

United States	
United Kingdom	
Canada	
Australia	
0%	100%
 Often Sometimes Not relevant to me 	■ Never □ No response

Fig 2. How often students use their librarian



Patrons would welcome the library 'in their workflow'...

Fig 1: Embedding library chat and support in patrons' digital workflows



OF LIBRARIANS consider this 'desirable'

OF PATRONS consider this 'desirable'

- → 91% of faculty
- → 96% of librarians
- → and 90% of students

said it would be desirable that

'When working online, you/your patrons can access librarian support via a single click, either through live chat or relevant lecture or study materials, without needing to pause what you're/they're doing or visit a separate website.'

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In this past year we've become increasingly aware of the importance of being able to connect to other people in a virtual environment; this kind of support for users would be extremely helpful. ANONYMOUS LIBRARIAN SURVEY RESPONDENT



...and would adopt a comprehensive digital application of their library.

Fig 3. Would patrons and librarians adopt a comprehensive digital application of their library?

82%



OF LIBRARIANS

'definitely would' or 'probably would'

OF PATRONS

'definitely would' or 'probably would' Contrary to any notions that patrons 'just want to be left alone', 88% of patrons want the library more deeply embedded in their workflow









Streamlines access. Enhances discoverability.

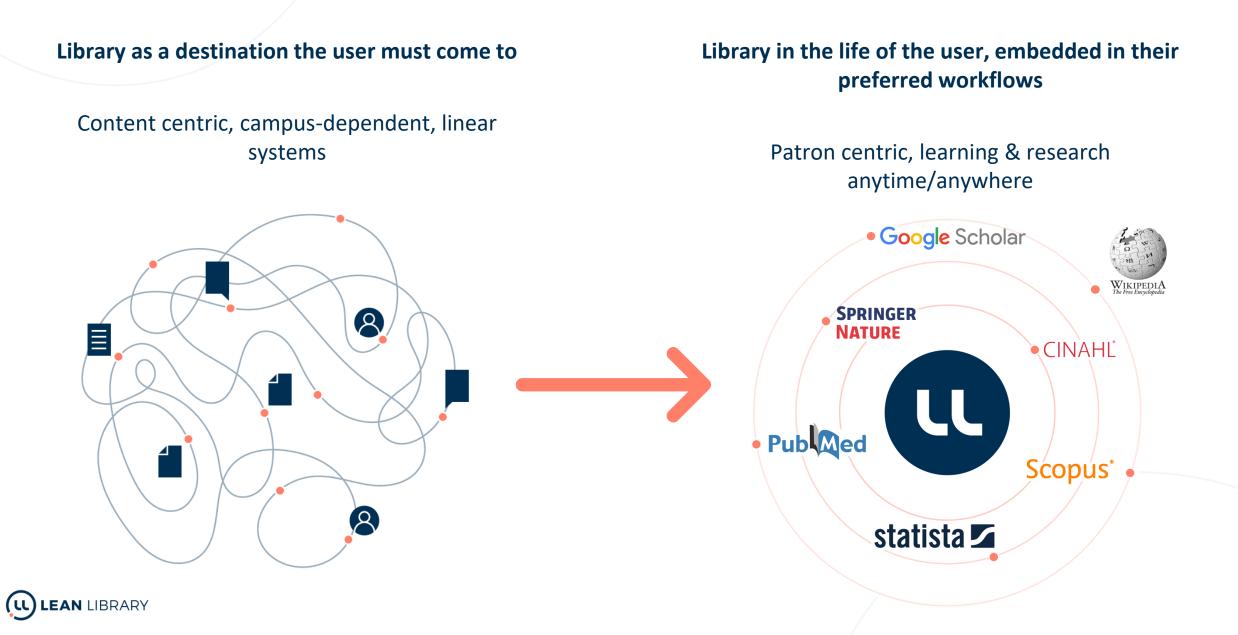
Grows usage. Increases visibility & impact.





Charleston Conference^{**} Most Impactful New Product 2021

An app for your library on your patron's desktop



How do we do this?



Additional Integration Capabilities



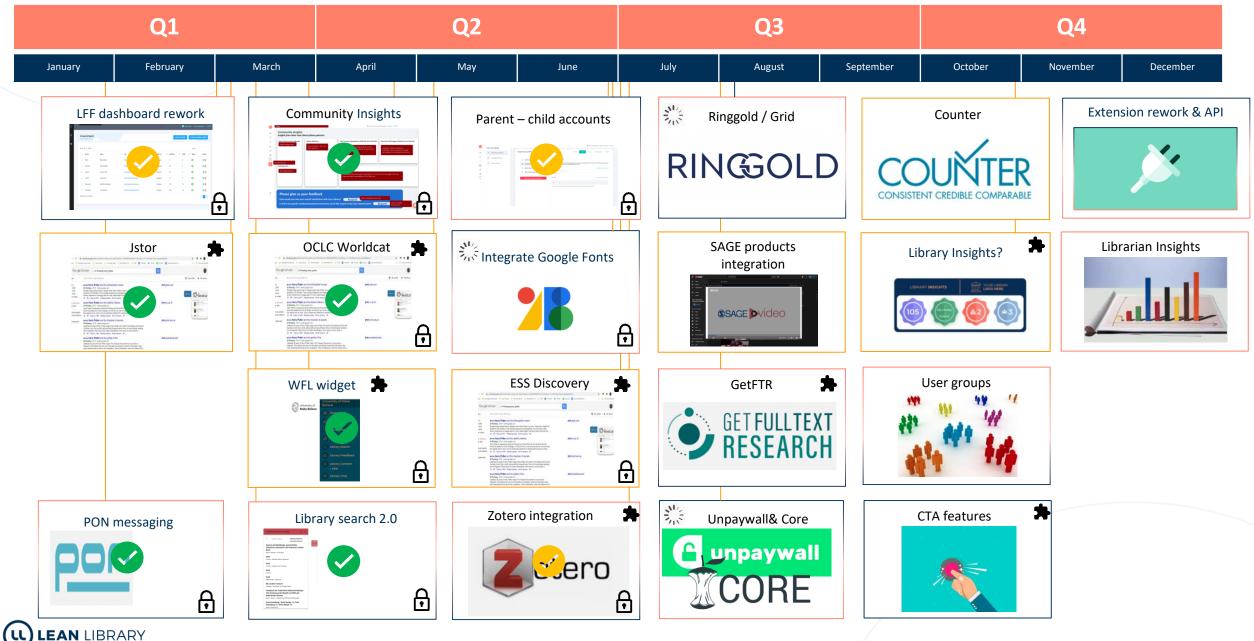
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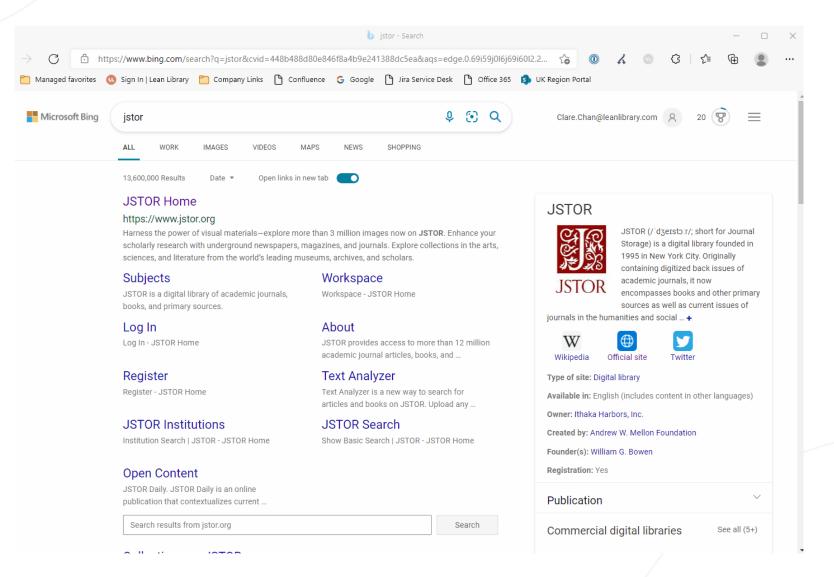
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2022 Roadmap - Library Access & Futures Futures



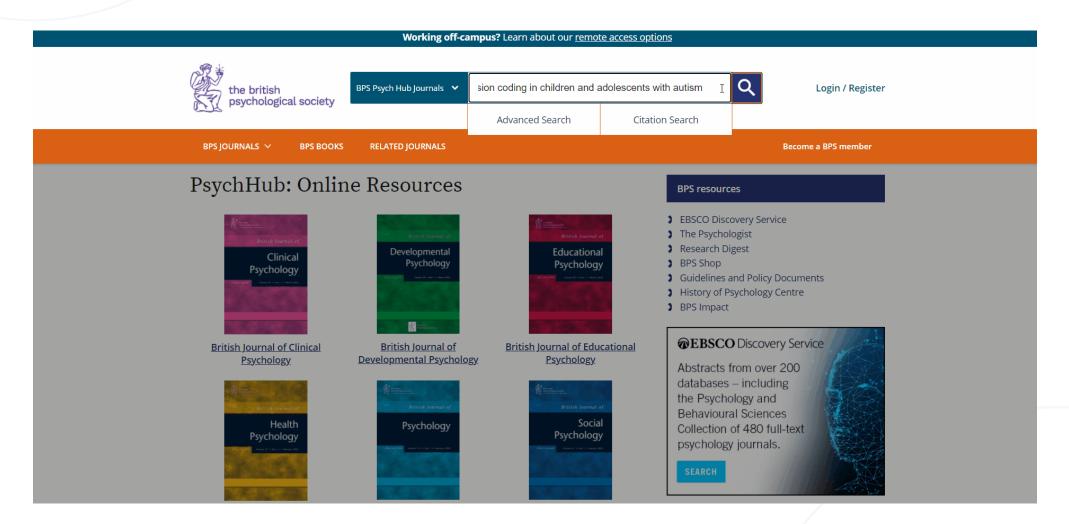


Access to Licensed Databases





Access to Articles in the Library Collection



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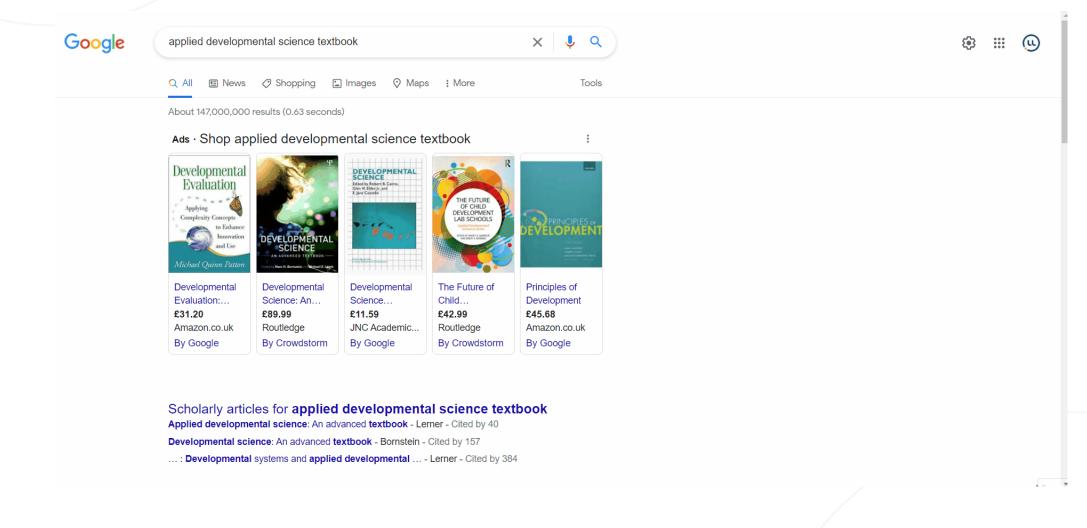
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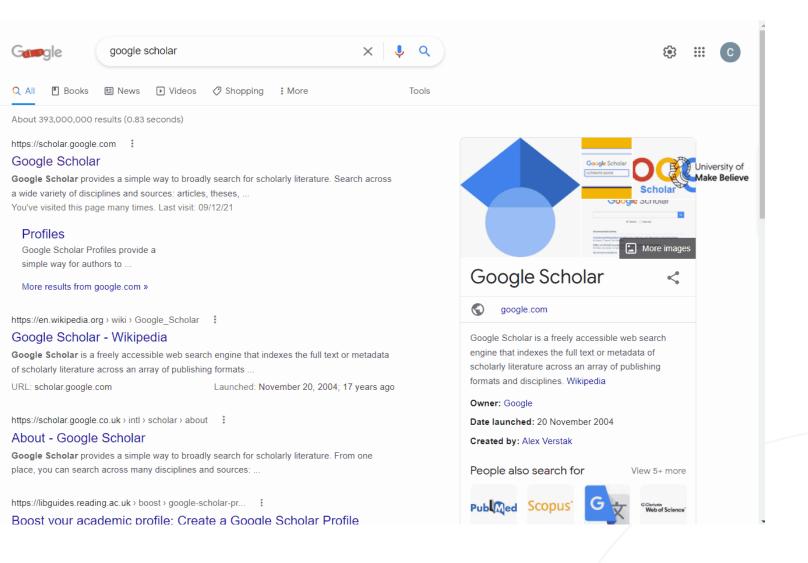
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Access to eBooks in the Library Collection



Support Material Integration





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Stand on the shoulders of giants



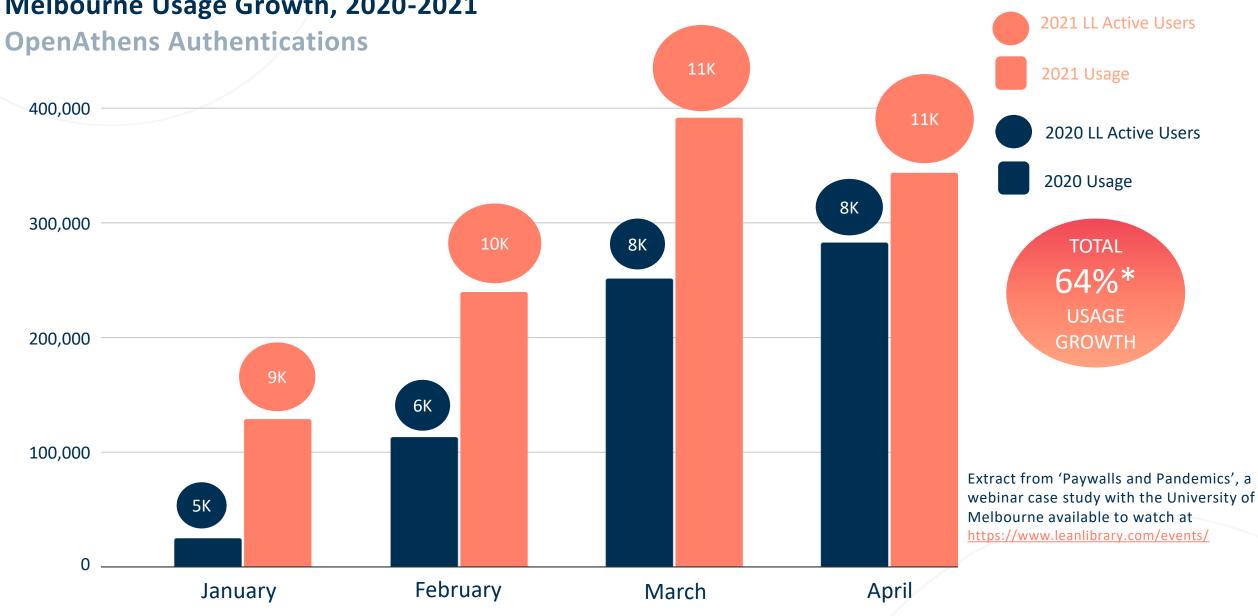
Collection usage grows when access is simplified

Source: NHS Mersey Care Case Study

66% increase 260 71% increase " The product has exceeded our expectations in terms of increased user satisfaction and increases in OpenAthens sessions across the Trust. 33% increase NHS **Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust Community and Mental Health Services** monthly average Theread Highwire Spinger Link Unique) produest online Library Spinger Link Spinger ngenacomect addenic linecom whotes hunder poschiatronine cambridge core EBSCO RCAI Elsevier

Extract from NHS Mersey Care Case Study, available here: <u>https://www.leanlibrary.com/c</u> ase-studies/nhs-mersey-care/

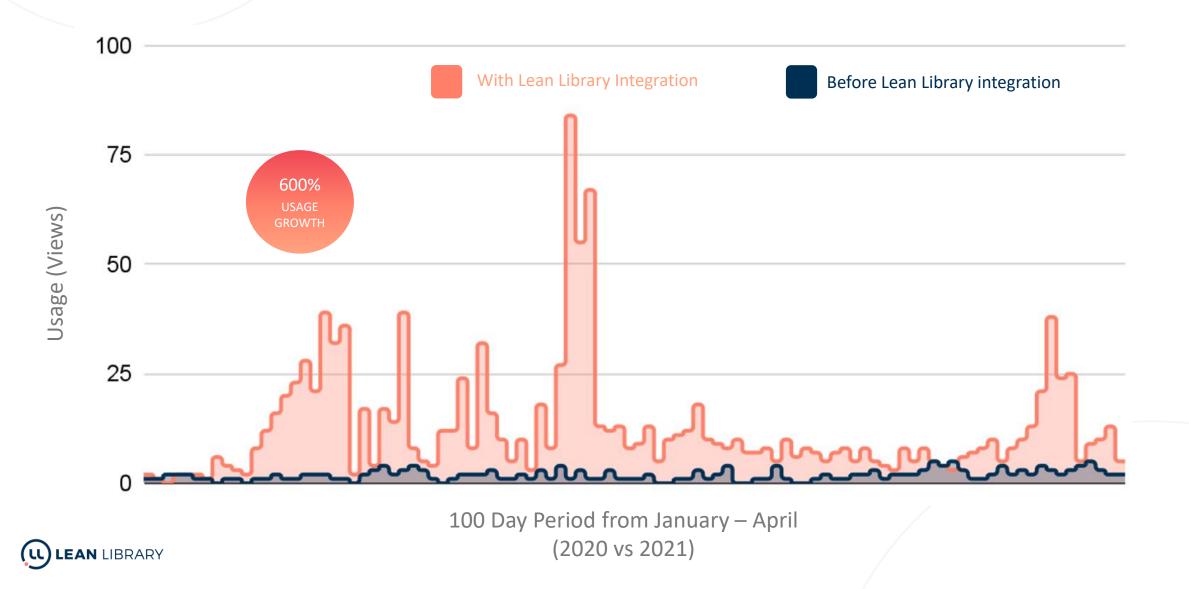




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Melbourne Usage Growth, 2020-2021

Library support use grows when discovered & delivered at the point of need Source: LibGuides integration, Utah State University



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