Lean Library: Your library in a browser.
Experiences from the University Medical Center Groningen and the University of Groningen

Simplifying off-campus access

- Everything via Groningen proxy-server and thus instant access (if we have a subscription).
- Looks for open access alternatives using Unpaywall data if we don’t have access.

How do you get access?

- Choose your library and log in with institutional account.

Looking for alternatives

- Fulltext alternative: The UG/UMCG has access to the article. Click below to access it.
- Open access alternative: An open access version of this article is available, click below to access it.

Makes your E-book collection more visible!

- It looks for ISBN on the page you are visiting and reacts if we have it available as E-Book.

Possible for assist

- A tool for communication with users: E.g. about open access deals!

Simplifying off-campus access

- Available on all major browsers!
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Early experience with Lean Library

- It adds our custom filters and a button to our link resolver. Clicking “Get it!” will lead you to the article if we have a subscription.

PubMed/GoogleScholar integration

- It will display our message on the pages that we’ve programmed it to. The message above is on publisher submission pages.

CONCLUSION

- We are happy with the development of this browser extension. It brings the library closer to its patrons and therefore makes the library more visible.
- Simplifying off-campus access and providing alternatives when hitting a paywall makes the workflow easier for both researchers and students.

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