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**Libraries can gain a clearer view of vendor usage statistics as MPS launch ScholarlyStats**

The ScholarlyStats service has been launched to take the pain out of the administration of usage statistics and provide librarians with more opportunities to analyze and understand usage within their institutions or corporations. Building on the valuable work of Project COUNTER to create standards for vendor usage reporting, ScholarlyStats has been developed to give libraries the opportunity to outsource the collection and consolidation of these reports which can take up many valuable hours of library administrator time.

MPS developed ScholarlyStats with the help of over 50 libraries during the beta phase in 2005. This month, journal and database reports will be provided to the first ScholarlyStats customers through a user-friendly web portal to provide a consolidated picture of use across platforms. See [www.scholarlystats.com](http://www.scholarlystats.com).

Commenting on the initiative, COUNTER's project director Peter Shepherd said "The core mission of COUNTER has always been to make usage statistics comparable and useful. COUNTER does not endorse individual products, but we welcome initiatives like ScholarlyStats from MPS Technologies that help us meet this goal by making usage statistics more usable and accessible to libraries".

Jayne Marks, CEO of MPS Technologies added "ScholarlyStats has been developed to meet the usage statistics needs of librarians. We are delighted to have worked so closely with a large number of librarians to deliver a new service for information professionals successfully."

**About MPS Technologies**

MPS Technologies is part of the Macmillan group of companies, providing a range of technology-driven services across the whole information delivery chain including statistics services, fulfillment services and content delivery. For more details see [www.mpstechnologies.com](http://www.mpstechnologies.com).

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