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Thomson Scientific and MPS Technologies aim to give librarians a clearer understanding of how journals are being used

Librarians could soon have a much greater understanding of how electronic information is used. A collaboration between Thomson Scientific and MPS Technologies aims to build links between their library products. MPS has launched ScholarlyStats, a service which consolidates usage reports from multiple platforms to give one view of usage. Thomson Scientific's forthcoming Journal Use Reports will provide a unique offering for libraries, to combine data on usage, citation and institutional academic research. By integrating these two products the companies aim to enhance the ease of access to this valuable data for information professionals.

Thomson Scientific's Journal Use Reports will be a new tool to provide libraries with a 360° snapshot of the utilization of all the journals and serials. This tool will harness the power and depth of Thomson Scientific citation information, and combine it with a library's own usage data to provide a unique insight into the value of journals through usage, citation, and academic research.

ScholarlyStats, the new usage statistics collection and consolidation service from MPS launched earlier this month. The ScholarlyStats service has been shaped with the assistance of over 50 participating libraries, and provides libraries with a consolidated picture of their usage across platforms through a user-friendly interface. See www.scholarlystats.com.

Jayne Marks, CEO of MPS Technologies said, "We are delighted that our two organizations can co-operate to forge a new partnership that will help information professionals uncover a clearer view of how users are utilizing information within academic institutions."

Jim Pringle, Vice President of Development, Thomson Scientific added, "We are excited about movements forward within the publishing industry to develop initiatives in usage statistic reporting, and how we and MPS can work together to enhance understanding of usage for library users."

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.

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