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News Summary – ALA Midwinter 2009

In 2008, ProQuest invited librarians and their users to “Start here ...” At the ALA Midwinter conference, we’re expanding on that theme with new and enhanced resources that smooth library users’ paths to discovery and lifelong learning. For example, we’re helping graduate students navigate the complexities of graduate life by launching the first free online question and answer community dedicated to graduate students. **The GradShare™ site creates a national forum where graduate students can share their challenges, getting advice from peers and finding solutions offered by their library or graduate school.**

Our continuous commitment to upgrading the user experience also includes transforming research and learning through multimedia content. ProQuest is teaming with The Paley Center for Media to create an online, video archive of the Paley Center’s acclaimed seminars. **Available Fall 2009, Paley Center Live Events will include more than 300 hours of sought-after video, along with full transcription, of the leading names in media discussing hot topics in media-studies. ProQuest will also add more than 300 videos from Medcom, Inc., a producer and distributor of multi-media healthcare education, to ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source™.** This new content provides visual support for nurse training, and helps fulfill the critical need for current and comprehensive information on health and wellness.

ProQuest is also expanding the research power of its periodical and newspaper solutions. ProQuest and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) will offer digital access to two centuries of American periodicals. **Available in early 2009, American Periodicals from the Center for Research Libraries will contain full text and full-color scans of nearly three million pages of historically important journal content from the 19th and early 20th centuries, all of which can be cross-searched with American Periodicals Series Online, ProQuest® Historical Newspapers, and other historical collections from ProQuest.** In the news content area, where ProQuest is an industry leader, **ProQuest will add The Baltimore Sun (1837-1985) to its highly regarded collection of historical newspapers.** Its acclaimed current news program expands its international and national scope with the launch of **ProQuest’s Middle East Newsstand, a collection of more than 30** current Middle Eastern newspapers.

ProQuest continues to smooth the research path for family historians and genealogists. For example, **Historic Map Works™ Library Edition has doubled the size of its extensive collection of highly-detailed, full-color historical maps and added new functionality.** Now finding points of interest, printing, downloading, and rotating the map are easy for even novice users.

On the technology side, **ProQuest has launched free search widgets for products on its CSA Illumina™ platform, including a dedicated widget for its CSA Illustrata™ product line.** The CSA Illumina and CSA Illustrata Search Widgets - portable search boxes - allow instant searching of these acclaimed research databases from any page of a library or university web site. The widgets are part of ProQuest's larger initiative to help libraries market their collections by embedding them into the users' workflow.



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Free Q&A Community Helps Grad Students Discover Solutions to Common Challenges

ProQuest Invites Graduate Students, Deans and Librarians to Sign Up for GradShare™ Academic Social Networking Site

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – ProQuest, the world’s preeminent dissertation publisher, has launched the first free online question and answer community designed to help graduate students navigate the complexities of graduate life. The GradShare™ site creates a national forum where graduate students can share their challenges to both get advice from peers and find solutions offered by their library or graduate school.

“Graduate life presents unique challenges and students have a real need to connect with others in similar circumstances. They need a resource that will allow them to share worries, advice and best practices” said Samir Singh, innovation officer for ProQuest. “As a trusted information partner in graduate research, ProQuest is uniquely positioned to deliver a solution that makes that connection happen. Our goal with GradShare is to enrich the information environment at participating schools by extending students’ peer networks and by raising awareness of the quality solutions offered by the library and graduate school. By supporting these connections, GradShare can help students have a more successful academic experience.”

ProQuest collaborated with The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) and used feedback from more than 500 doctoral students in the development of the GradShare™ service. The online community allows graduate students to expand their academic support network, tapping the knowledge of other students, subject experts, and professors from across the country. Additionally, it supports their academic research needs by building ready access to authoritative information from their own library.

GradShare™ resources offer guidance on the full breadth of the graduate experience, such as dissertation topic selection, grants and financial aid, and work-life balance. On GradShare, students can find and share advice on research, writing, publishing, job search, and other topics that help them be more effective in their work. The *Get Answers* section contains user-generated content that allows peer mentoring, including sharing questions, answers and bookmarks. Visitors can browse for answers to their questions by academic field, stage of study, and topic area. The *Expert Advice* section provides explanations and insights relating to graduate school topics from experienced professionals such as faculty members and administrators.

“The Council of Graduate Schools was delighted to work with ProQuest as they developed this resource,” said Debra Stewart, president of the Council of Graduate Schools. “More and more, universities are coming to see that students provide valuable mentoring to their peers. At the same time, web tools for social networking are evolving to serve the professional needs of scholars and researchers. GradShare harnesses the power of both these trends in an online environment by connecting PhD students to peers in their discipline and to valuable resources at their university and, more broadly, on doctoral education. GradShare has the potential to be of great value to students in pursuit of a Ph.D.”

“We are eager to see doctoral candidates put GradShare to work,” said Marty Kahn, CEO of ProQuest. “It’s an example not only of ProQuest user-driven technology and a valued partnership with CGS, but also our support for those doing and encouraging graduate research. Their success means constant new contribution to the scholarly record, of benefit to all.”

The GradShare™ site is now publicly available after extensive beta testing at leading academic institutions.

ProQuest invites graduate students to sign-up at www.gradshare.com. ProQuest also invites academic deans to participate in the service to allow their graduate students to discover resources available at their institutions. Academic institutions that wish to enroll or obtain more information should visit http://www.gradshare.com/school_signup.html.

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ProQuest Revolutionizes Microfilm with Online Viewing and Access
New Digital Microfilm™ technology brings newspaper microfilm collections into Internet age

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – ProQuest is helping libraries revolutionize the use of microfilm with a new technology that provides film with an intuitive, online interface. ProQuest’s Digital Microfilm™ service allows multiple, simultaneous users from subscribing libraries to view full-image newspaper content held in microfilm from any computer with internet access, thereby overcoming the on-site, single-user barriers of traditional microfilm. Major newspaper publishing companies, such as Dow Jones, Tribune Corporation, McClatchy, and others are participating in the new program with many more publishers being added in the future.

“It’s important to remember that the amount of archival content stored on microfilm absolutely dwarfs what’s available digitally,” said Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of publishing for ProQuest. “Film content is vital for research and will continue to be for years to come. The problem, until now, has been microfilm’s accessibility – it is simply overshadowed by the easy access of internet resources. Our Digital Microfilm technology bridges that gap, allowing libraries to deliver archival information in the way that users expect.”

The Digital Microfilm™ process works by scanning microfilm and supporting the resulting digital copy on a hosted site. Users see the content as if they were looking at microfilm through their computer screen, with a browseable full-page image of the newspaper that can be explored. Content is supported with additional data such as title, year, month, day, and page – that make

it easy to skip through “reels.” In this online environment, the user can view enhanced high resolution grayscale images, scroll through issues, zoom, crop, print, save, and email images.

Beyond making access to the newspaper content more broadly available to patrons and researchers, the Digital Microfilm™ online service helps libraries save microfilm storage space and inventory management costs as well as reducing resources required to maintain microfilm readers and printers. Further, it protects valuable film from damage and loss.

“With Digital Microfilm, we’re helping librarians leapfrog the need to ‘sell’ use of microfilm to their patrons and open up new paths to valuable content,” said Marty Kahn, CEO of ProQuest. “It’s one more result of the technological skill and spirit of innovation resident at ProQuest, focused on customer and end-user need.”

While ProQuest is known for its vast digital information collections, it continues to produce many products in microform since libraries often prefer to store research collections, dissertations, newspapers, and indexes in this more permanent, technology-neutral medium. Founded as a microfilm publisher and building this special expertise under its UMI® brand, ProQuest owns the largest commercially available microform collection in the world. Its 2.2 billion page images deliver 500 years of information, drawn from a myriad of literary, journalistic, and scholarly works. Every year ProQuest adds millions of images of contemporary information to its microfilm vault.

To learn more about the range of ProQuest products, visit www.proquest.com



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**ProQuest and Paley Center Team on Digital Resource for
Research on Media and Cultural Studies**

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – ProQuest is teaming with The Paley Center for Media (formerly The Museum of Television & Radio) to create an online, video archive of the Paley Center’s acclaimed seminars. Available Fall 2009, *Paley Center Live Events* will include more than 300 hours of sought-after video, along with full transcription, of the leading names in media discussing the creative process, contemporary issues in production, life inside the industry and many other media-studies relevant topics. The Paley Center also celebrates excellence in drama, comedy, and documentary film with a range of events that examine the creative forces behind great entertainment. The Paley Center is the premier institution dedicated to advancing the understanding of media and the ways in which it reflects and transforms history and culture. ProQuest is the exclusive provider of *Paley Center Live Events* to the academic market.

“ProQuest’s publishing strategy focuses on helping libraries meet their users’ expectations and keeping up with the latest trends in academic studies,” said Mary Sauer-Games, vice president of publishing for ProQuest. “Multimedia has become a standard in online content today and the area of media studies is one of the fastest growing areas in the academic curriculum. We’re pleased to partner with renowned institutions like the Paley Center not only to support the serious study of media, but as part of our continuous commitment to upgrading the user experience that’s delivered through our resources.”

“The Paley Center for Media explores the role media plays in our lives and shaping the events of our time. We are proud to partner with such an innovative educational technology company like ProQuest to provide our content for the first time to the academic community. As the leading interpreter of media within our society, this is a unique opportunity to expand our education programs online and beyond our two physical locations in New York and Los Angeles,” added Pat Mitchell, president and chief executive officer of The Paley Center for Media.

The Paley Center for Media leads the discussion about the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, radio, and emerging platforms for the professional community and media-interested public. Each year, the Paley Center hosts dozens of live event seminars covering news, public affairs and documentaries, performing arts, children’s programming, sports, comedy and variety shows, and commercial advertising. The events feature influential newsmakers, world leaders, politicians, journalists, scholars, writers, directors, actors and other creators. The discussions illuminate historical and contemporary figures, trends, and major events, while exploring media’s role in reporting, interpreting, and shaping the past, present and future.

Among the seminars included in *Paley Center Live Events* are *Madison Avenue Goes to Washington: The Image-Makers Who Have Shaped Presidential Elections*, *Christiane Amanpour: A View from the Frontlines*, *An Evening with Taylor Hackford*, *Unraveling The Wire*, and *Robert Altman and Garrison Keillor: Radio and A Prairie Home Companion*. High profile contributors include well-known creators, actors and journalists such as J.J. Abrams, Ken Burns, Stephen Colbert, Katie Couric, Larry David, Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Sally Field, Matt Groening, Conan O'Brien, James Spader, Jon Stewart, and Kiefer Sutherland.

For more information, visit www.proquest.com

About The Paley Center for Media

The Paley Center for Media, with locations in New York and Los Angeles, leads the discussion about the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, radio, and emerging platforms for the professional community and media-interested public. Drawing upon its curatorial expertise, an international collection, and close relationships with the leaders of the media community, the Paley Center examines the intersections between media and society. The general public can access the collection and participate in programs that explore and celebrate the creativity, the innovations, the personalities, and the leaders who are shaping media. Through the global programs of its Media Council and International Council, the Paley Center also serves as a neutral setting where media professionals can engage in discussion and debate about the evolving media landscape. Previously known as The Museum of Television & Radio, the Paley Center was founded in 1975 by William S. Paley, a pioneering innovator in the industry. For more information, please visit www.paleycenter.org.

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ProQuest creates specialized information resources and technologies that propel successful research and lifelong learning. A global leader in serving libraries of all types, ProQuest offers

the culmination of experience from many respected brands, including CSA™, UMI®, Chadwyck-Healey™, SIRS®, and eLibrary®. With Serials Solutions®, Ulrich's™, RefWorks®, COS™, and Dialog® brands now in the ProQuest family, the company continues to build on its legacy of responsive people in partnership with librarians.

ProQuest consistently seeks new ways to support researchers and quality research. More than a content provider or aggregator, ProQuest is an information partner, creating indispensable research solutions that connect people and information. Through innovative, user-centered technology, ProQuest offers a depth and breadth of global content that includes historical newspapers, dissertations, and uniquely relevant resources for researchers of any age and sophistication—including content not likely to be digitized by others. Inspired by its customers and end users, ProQuest is working toward a future that blends information accessibility with community to further enhance learning and encourage lifelong enrichment. For more information, visit www.proquest.com or the ProQuest parent company website, www.cambridgeinformationgroup.com.

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**Training videos from Medcom, Inc. added to ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health
Source™**

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – ProQuest will add more than 300 videos from Medcom, Inc., a leading producer and distributor of multi-media healthcare education, to ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source. This new content provides visual support for nurse training, and helps fulfill the critical need for current and comprehensive information on health and wellness.

“ProQuest is creating a path for end-users to the content that’s going to make a difference for them,” Jody Burton, ProQuest’s publisher for Health Sciences. “In nursing education there is an acknowledged gap between theoretical and practical learning as students try to balance their time between classroom study and clinical rotations. Video content from renowned publishers, like Medcom, helps bridge the theory – practice gap.”

Medcom, Inc. is the largest producer/distributor of nursing education video programs in North America, whose programs have won over 50 major awards for excellence. They work closely with an active board of nurses and the American Nursing Credentialing Center. Each video is produced with the direct oversight of expert nurses to ensure accuracy, and videos are updated regularly to ensure currency of information.

ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source will include Medcom video clips on assessment, procedure, care management, anatomy, prevention, and other nursing topics. Videos will be broken down into clips averaging 2-5 minutes and indexed with metadata to provide highly relevant segments in search results.

ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source provides users with vetted healthcare information covering nursing and allied health, as well as alternative and complementary medicine. This versatile database is

designed to meet the needs of researchers at healthcare facilities as well as nursing and allied health programs at academic institutions. ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source provides abstracting and indexing for more than 780 titles, with over 650 titles in full-text. This database also includes evidence-based nursing content and training tools from The Joanna Briggs Institute, multicultural reports from CultureVision and more than 12,000 full text dissertations representing the most rigorous scholarship in nursing and related fields.

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ProQuest Partners with Center for Research Libraries to Enhance Historical Research

New Collection of American Periodicals to Expand the Research Power of ProQuest's Leading Periodical and Newspaper Solutions

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 –Through an innovative partnership, ProQuest and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), a consortium of North American universities, colleges and independent research libraries, will offer digital access to two centuries of American periodicals. Available in early 2009, *American Periodicals from the Center for Research Libraries* will contain full text and full-color scans of nearly three million pages of historically important journal content from the 19th and early 20th centuries, all of which can be cross-searchable with American Periodicals Series Online, ProQuest Historical Newspapers, and other leading historical collections from ProQuest.

“ProQuest has been working steadily to improve the quality and precision of research on one of history’s most important centuries,” said Mary Sauer-Games, vice president of publishing for ProQuest. “Having digital access to this collection from Center for Research Libraries, an institution known for its commitment to preservation and access to vital research, improves discovery for researchers of history, literature, labor and economics, as well as the history of science, technology, and photography.”

“This initiative makes possible digitization of some of CRL’s most fragile and unique primary sources for American Studies,” said Bernard Reilly, President, Center for Research Libraries. “Through our arrangement with ProQuest, CRL will provide its member community digital delivery of materials from the collection on request, and ProQuest will provide robust electronic access to the materials as part of

its broader nineteenth century holdings.” The partnership is part of the CRL’s ongoing effort to facilitate digital access to its collections and to ensure the survival of “last copies” of important primary source materials. CRL will also systematically archive all print volumes of the journals included in this collection

Adding a new dimension to ProQuest’s other leading periodical research collections such as *American Periodicals Series Online* and *British Periodicals*, *American Periodicals from the Center for Research Libraries* will be a full-text resource that spans the 19th century through the dawn of the 20th century. The collection contains special interest and general magazines, labor and trade publications, scientific and literary journals, and photographic periodicals, as well as other historically significant titles. Key titles include:

- *American Annual of Photography*
- *The Craftsman*
- *Electrical Age*
- *Hampton’s Magazine*
- *House & Garden*
- *The Labor Journal*
- *The Occident*
- *American Jewish Advocate*
- *Woman’s Protest Against Woman Suffrage*

American Periodicals from the Center for Research Libraries are the latest addition to ProQuest’s 19th century initiative, a suite of resources designed to support comprehensive research and learning about this era. As a recognized leader in the digitization of all types of content, ProQuest provides an expansive and unparalleled launch pad for in-depth 19th-century research. ProQuest’s 19th century initiative features historical databases and literature collections including:

- American Periodicals Series Online
- British Periodicals
- Periodicals Archive Online
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers
- House of Commons Parliamentary Papers
- C19: The Nineteenth Century Index
- Palmer’s Full Text Online 1785-1870™
- African-American Poetry
- American Drama, 1714-1915™
- American Poetry 1600-1900
- Early American Fiction, 1789-1875
- Nineteenth Century Fiction

With materials pertaining to literature, philosophy, history, science, fine arts, and the social sciences, ProQuest offers a true multi-disciplinary core collection for research in the “long 19th century”.

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About The Center for Research Libraries

The Center for Research Libraries is an international partnership of over 240 universities, colleges and independent research libraries. CRL supports advanced research and learning in the humanities, sciences and social sciences by ensuring the survival and accessibility of source materials vital to those disciplines.

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The Baltimore Sun (1837-1985) Joins ProQuest® Historical Newspapers

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 –In 2009, ProQuest will add *The Baltimore Sun* (1837-1985) to its highly regarded collection of historical newspapers. Available on the ProQuest Historical Newspaper platform, *The Baltimore Sun* provides diverse regional perspectives and coverage on events that shaped the 19th and 20th century.

“ProQuest is committed to providing the best sources of information available,” said Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of publishing for ProQuest, “and newspapers are fundamentally important to understanding history, politics, and family history. *The Baltimore Sun* brings a new dimension to ProQuest Historical Newspapers – opening another window into the past.”

The Baltimore Sun provides unprecedented access to news from this major port city. ProQuest is extending coverage of *The Baltimore Sun* to include every issue from 1837 through 1985. In contrast to the literary dailies popular on the East Coast at the time, *The Baltimore Sun* was originally published as the people’s paper, reporting on events that affected the lives of Maryland’s residents. Its reporting included Baltimore as a center of commerce and immigration, and extensive coverage of Washington politics into the mid-20th century. Maryland was a slave holding, border state prior to the Civil War and *The Baltimore Sun* covered the major battles fought in Maryland and nearby states. It also includes the writings of “The Sage of Baltimore,” H.L. Mencken, considered one of the most influential writers of the early 20th century.

In ProQuest Historical Newspapers, researchers can browse full-text and full-image newspapers from significant U.S. and international titles, dating back to the 18th century. With continuous newspaper

runs, scholars can read each digitized issue cover to cover, or narrow their search by specifying one of 20 different document types (articles, editorials, advertisements, obituaries, etc.), date, and author. By cross-searching these newspapers, such as *The Baltimore Sun* and *Baltimore Afro-American*, researchers can compare and contrast the opinions and perspectives conveyed in each.

ProQuest continues to add U.S. and international titles to its Historical Newspapers program, an unparalleled online primary source that not only provides the news, but also advertisements, obituaries, marriage announcements, editorials, classifieds, comics, cartoons, and more. The archives of newly-added newspaper titles are cross-searchable with all titles in ProQuest Historical Newspapers, the world's largest digital newspaper archive encompassing more than 20 million pages dating from 1764. A core research holding in major libraries around the world, it includes such formidable newspapers as *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Scotsman*, *The New York Times with Index*, *New York Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *Atlanta Constitution*, *Boston Globe*, *Hartford Courant*, *The Chicago Defender*, *New York Amsterdam News*, *Pittsburgh Courier*, *Los Angeles Sentinel*, *Atlanta Daily World*, *The Baltimore Afro-American*, *Cleveland Call & Post*, *The Norfolk Journal & Guide*, and *The Philadelphia Tribune*.

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**ProQuest Introduces Digital Collection of Middle Eastern Newspapers
Available on a Single Interface: Middle East Newsstand**

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – ProQuest has launched access to a collection of current Middle Eastern newspapers, available through a single interface designed to meet the needs of both increasingly diverse library communities and students and faculty studying the Middle East region. ProQuest’s Middle East Newsstand will aggregate content from more than 30 newspapers cover the Middle East region. This new resource expands ProQuest’s offering of international newspapers, providing a more global view of major events and access to local news in the Middle East region.

“ProQuest is focused on expanding our news program in order to meet the needs of researchers throughout the world,” said Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of publishing for ProQuest.

“ProQuest’s Middle East Newsstand further improves our international news offering, helping researches connect with the diverse world around them.”

Middle East Newsstand contains the coverage of more than 30 newspapers from the region, featuring *The Jerusalem Post* from 1988-present, *Gulf Daily News* (Bahrain), *Sudan Tribune*, and *Yemen Times*, among many others. Each issue of every newspaper is indexed thoroughly, so researchers have access to not only top news stories but also detailed information on politics, business, and the arts around the world. Citations and abstracts are available for all articles saving researchers time.

This database is available on the ProQuest® platform, a premier information access and retrieval system. Subscribers can cross-search Middle East Newsstand with their other ProQuest Newsstand subscriptions. Users can research the latest news in English, and the ProQuest platform provides the flexibility to search in English or utilize the Arabic or French interface. With basic and advanced searching, it is suitable for everyone, from novice researchers to experienced information professionals. Natural language searching, SmartSearch, RSS feeds, and the Topic Guide are just a few of the features that help users get to the exact information they need, quickly and easily.

Middle East Newsstand is one of a variety of resources aimed at offering a total news solution for libraries. ProQuest's significantly expanding news program includes extensive current news offerings containing more than 700 current newspapers from around the world, including over 550 full-text titles, and *ProQuest Historical Newspapers™*, the world's largest digital newspaper archive, encompassing 20 million pages dating from 1764. It also includes unique delivery systems such as *Library PressDisplay®*, which provides libraries with same-day direct access to more than 700 current international and domestic dailies in full-image, full-page format, and *Critical Mention®*, a comprehensive web-based television and radio search and monitoring service that allows users to search, track and view critical information from over 150 U.S. and international broadcast news networks. For more information on, visit www.proquest.com

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Historic Map Works™ Doubles Collection – Now Features Nearly Half a Million Historic and Antique Maps

Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – In less than one year, *Historic Map Works™ Library Edition* has doubled the size of its extensive collection of highly-detailed, full-color historical maps. Now nearly 490,000 historical maps and illustrations are available to libraries exclusively through ProQuest. In addition to the dramatic expansion of content, *Historic Map Works™ Library Edition* has released a “Points of Interest” browsing feature to provide a new way to search for content within the maps. Further, new functionality has been completed that makes printing, downloading, and rotating the map easy for even novice users.

“Historic maps are critical in supporting genealogical research and location-based research as well as land-use monitoring in all types of libraries, institutions and corporations,” said Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of publishing for ProQuest. “These significant additions deliver on our promise provide the best local historical research solutions so that our customers can be gateways to information discovery.”

Growth comes from a variety of additions to *Historic Map Works™ Library Edition*, including a partnership with Rockford Map Publishers, one of the premier U.S. map publishers. *Historic Map Works™ Library Edition* now provides digital access to Rockford’s collection of cadastral and historical maps from 1945 to 2006. Rockford specializes in county land atlases, which offer detailed information about land ownership and management. The partnership allows users to more easily track property ownership and boundaries, property usage and structural development.

New functions make the expansive content more useful. Print Enhancement converts images from 72 dpi to 300 dpi so they can be saved, printed, and downloaded in the same high quality as seen on the screen. The Rotate Feature, coming later this year, will give users the ability to rotate maps that are drawn from different angles to make finding locations easier.

Points of Interest Browse is a new atlas and map look-up tool that contains over 3 million of the most popular places and geographical features found within Historic Map Works™ atlas collections and is designed to help researchers find the content that interests them the most.

This new feature gives researchers the rare opportunity to go back in time to see what an area looked like before any modern developments took place. When selected, a researcher will be presented with over 60 different categories of Points of Interest to choose from, such as famous buildings, cemeteries, churches, hospitals, lakes, parks, summits and dozens of others.

Historic Map Works™ Library Edition's high quality, full color digital collection is one of the most extensive available. The core of the collection consists of more than 300,000 cadastral and land ownership maps that reveal the geographic and development history of the United States over several hundred years. There is extensive coverage of rural and suburban areas, as well as cities and towns across America. Its unique indexing gives historical views of locations, allowing researchers to search churches, cemeteries, ancestral lands, land boundaries, as well as migration patterns, community growth, topography and more. Historic Map Works also contains city directories and phone books that enable users to trace and associate individuals with locations - a key component in genealogical research.

Historic Map Works™ Library Edition is an ongoing project with substantial growth in antique and historical maps expected throughout 2009. For more information, visit www.proquest.com

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Ann Arbor, MI, January 23, 2009 – ProQuest has launched free search widgets for products on its CSA Illumina™ platform, including a dedicated widget for its CSA Illustrata™ product line. The CSA Illumina and CSA Illustrata Search Widgets - portable search boxes - allow instant searching of these acclaimed research databases from any page of a library or university web site. The widgets are part of ProQuest's larger initiative to help libraries market their collections by embedding them into the users' workflow.

“ProQuest aims to be an information partner with libraries,” said Mike Visser, director of platform management for ProQuest. “For us, that means using technology to break down barriers between libraries and users. These widgets are simple ways to bring the library to the user, wherever that might be.”

The CSA Illumina platform encompasses unique, sought-after research sources. Its CSA Illustrata product line has become popular with researchers for its ability to surface relevant content from illustrations – information that’s often buried in traditional resources. With the Search Widgets, anybody with access to the CSA Illumina Administrative Module can create simple customized search boxes that allow researchers direct access to CSA Illumina and CSA Illustrata databases from any Web page – from course pages to email messages. The search boxes carry CSA Illumina and CSA Illustrata logos -- so that users know they're searching deep web content from the library, rather than the free Web. The widgets' flexible "plug and play" design lets libraries set their own search parameters, varying them with the context. For example, a professor can put the Widget on a course page to facilitate research for their class, preloading it with search terms that guide their students.

To create a Search Widget or Custom Categories for Illumina or Illustrata login to [CSA Illumina's Administrative Module](#). If you have questions or concerns about how to use either tool please contact tsupport@proquest.com.

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ProQuest Technology Update 2009

New Platform Enhancements Help Libraries Meet Users Where They Are

ProQuest is known for its ability to expertly assimilate rapidly evolving technology, continuously upgrading the user experience that's delivered through the ProQuest brand search platform. In 2009, ProQuest's technological focus is on helping libraries meet their users where they are, with platform upgrades that build end-user awareness and surface valuable deep web content.

ProQuest platform enhancements include:

- **Non-Periodical Browse** – Recognizing the increasing importance of integrating various types of content in a single search, a new “Browse” tab allows users of such products as *ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source* to quickly access valuable non-periodical content such as evidence-based resources and tools, reports, videos, and study paths.
- **SHIBBOLETH Support** -- ProQuest platform products such as ABI/INFORM, Research Library, ProQuest Central are now compliant with SHIBBOLETH, an emerging global standard of authenticating user access to library resources. The ProQuest platform products will provide SHIBBOLETH support for the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Germany, with support for other authentication standards to follow.
- **Controlled Vocabulary Update** – The controlled vocabulary has been updated to include new terms. These regular updates support highly-detailed search queries, using the latest terminology, which in turn leads to more precise, comprehensive results.

Illumina platform enhancements include:

- **CSA Illumina and CSA Illustrata Search Widgets** - portable search boxes that allow instant searching of these acclaimed research databases from any page of a library or university web site. Anybody with access to the CSA Illumina Administrative Module can create simple customized search boxes that take the library to the user – whether their starting point is a course Web page or an email message. The widgets' flexible "plug and play" design lets libraries set their own search parameters, varying them with the context.

To learn more about ProQuest technology, visit on the web at www.proquest.com.

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