

Summon Roadmap Highlights

Overview

The Summon/360 2026 roadmap details the discovery features to be released throughout the year. The roadmap is based on strategic enhancements, ideas from the Idea Exchange, CERV enhancements, and community feedback. This roadmap focuses on the highlights. The feature status will be updated according to each quarterly release.

As always, the roadmap balances necessary infrastructure investment and resolving issues reported by the community. Each quarterly release will include new features, problem resolutions, and infrastructure work and will be detailed in the release notes. The roadmap is subject to change based on community feedback and shifting challenges and priorities.

Important Dates

Quarterly Release Date	Preview Release Date
February 4, 2026	January 21, 2026
May 6, 2026	April 22, 2026
August 5, 2026	July 22, 2026
November 4, 2026	October 21, 2026

Roadmap

2026 H1	2026 H2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine assignment of Peer Review flag • Adjust mapping for "Music" content type • Retain stop words in phrase searches • Add content type "Game" • Improve branding options for the Summon home page • 360 Client Center accessibility updates • Ulrichsweb accessibility updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixpanel rollout • Return select Research Assistant information in the Summon search results • KBART Auto Holdings – Sage • Deselect individual titles from auto holdings databases • Download content mapping from Admin Console • Real Time Availability language & translation • Display custom database descriptions for Summon over Alma • Email when location mapping changes are complete • IPv6 support • Natural language searching in Summon* • Improve subject normalization • Summon accessibility improvements

2026 H1

What's New?	Highlights	Impact	Status
Refine assignment of Peer Review flag	Distinguish between “Book” and “Book Review” when applying the Peer Review flag	Present more accurate results to Summon users and reduce confusion	In progress
Adjust mapping for “Music” content type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Review & adjust how the MARC 008 field is applied to music resources 	Allow libraries to highlight their music resources in Summon results for search, display, and faceting	In progress
Retain stop words in phrase searches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Stop words that appear at the end of a phrase will not be dropped 	Summon users can successfully get results for searches such as “coming out”	In progress
Add content type “Game”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Enrich the available content type dictionary for unique resources 	Allow libraries to highlight their game resources in Summon results for search, display, and faceting	In progress
Improve branding options for the Summon home page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Update the permitted size of small and large logos • Implement auto-adjustment where possible 	Standardize the logo sizes to reflect modern conventions and reduce staff frustration	In progress
360 Client Center accessibility updates	Continuous striving towards WCAG A, AA compliance	Increased and improved support for Summon researchers that use assistive devices	Included in the February 2026 release.
Ulrichsweb accessibility updates	Continuous striving towards WCAG A, AA compliance	Increased and improved support for Ulrichsweb and USAS researchers that use assistive devices	In progress

2026 H2

What's New?	Highlights	Impact	Status
Mixpanel rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern analytics platform to replace Summon OAS • Details the user journey, start to finish, rather than clicks • Easy-to-use interface 	Provide a display cue to users that an article may not be accessible. The new type supports faceting.	In progress.
Return select Research Assistant information in the Summon search results	Integrate the Research Assistant overview into the native Summon search results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers Summon users a valuable topic summarization with associated resources. • Suggests additional discovery paths 	Scheduled
KBART Auto Holdings – Sage	Harness KBART infrastructure in 360 to automatically update subscriptions	Saves valuable staff time by reducing manual ERM tasks	Scheduled
Deselect individual titles from Auto Holdings databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Loosen the rules of Auto Holdings to allow deactivation of individual titles 	Gives staff more flexibility in managing titles for databases that utilize Auto Holdings capabilities	Scheduled
Download content mapping from Summon Admin Console	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Real-time access to the current content mapping for the library's catalog records 	Eliminates the need to open a Support case, giving staff immediate access to the information they need	Scheduled
Real Time Availability (RTA) language & translation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Display RTA information in the Summon-selected language 	Delivers a consistent, expected user experience to Summon users	Scheduled
Display custom database descriptions for Summon over Alma libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Show enriched information about databases that libraries curate 	Gives Summon users supplemental about library resources that staff deem	Scheduled
Email when location mapping changes are complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERV project • Send an email to library staff when a location change is indexed and complete 	Saves staff time by eliminating the need to keep checking in on the status	Scheduled

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IPv6 support	Enhance 360 Client Center to accept, store, and share with Summon IP addresses that adhere to the IPv6 protocol	Complies with campus and provider requirements for better security and performance	Scheduled
Natural language searching in Summon	Allows users to input search queries as conversational questions or phrases rather than strict Boolean keywords	Enables discovery with ordinary language rather than prescribed syntax or an advanced search	Under analysis
Improve subject normalization	Refactor the subject normalization rules to retain link between main headings and sub-headings	Display and facet full, authorized subject headings to Summon users for discovery precision	Scheduled
Summon accessibility improvements	Continuous striving towards WCAG A, AA compliance based on the 2026 VPAT	Increased and improved support for Summon researchers that use assistive devices	Scheduled