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Tim Bucknall serves as Assistant Dean of University Libraries and Head of Electronic Resources and Information Technologies at UNC Greensboro. Through his strong leadership, the University Library program is a highly valued contributor to the success of libraries across the state by providing access to the resource for essential collections.

Bucknall invented Journal Finder, the first link resolver and knowledge base to go into production in the U.S. UNC Greensboro served as an application service provider to more than 40 libraries in six states, bringing in annual revenue of \$200,000 for the university, before selling Journal Finder to a private company for \$350,000. He also negotiated an eBook deal with a publisher to make 21,000 titles available to all the UNC System libraries. The negotiated cost is less than one quarter of what one school would have to pay to receive the same resources.

As founder and convener of the Carolina Consortium, Bucknall organized more than 180 libraries that include public and private colleges and universities, community colleges and seminaries, and public libraries in North Carolina

and South Carolina. With no administrative fees, the libraries access licensed databases and streaming video resources, subscribe to journal packages and provide access for more than 750,000 users with a 2018 cost avoidance of \$398 million.



Tim Bucknall's work exemplifies efficiency and innovation to benefit others. Additional honors include being named the Association of College & Research Libraries Academic Research Librarian of the Year; selected as one of the top Movers and Shakers nationally by Library Journal; and receiving the North Carolina Library Association Resources and Technical Services Section Significant Achievement Award.