



ALS Collections: A Newsletter

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Hello everyone, and welcome to ALS Collections: A Newsletter of Collection Development, highlighting resources available to ECU and issues related to developing and managing Academic Library Services' collections. This second issue welcomes the start of the Fall semester classes. Look for News in Brief and feature articles in each issue; this issue has four feature articles: ECU Benefits from the Carolina Consortium, New Databases for 2006-2007, Open WorldCat, and Reader's Corner. Feel free to suggest future features, or to send comment to thomasw@ecu.edu. Thank you, Joseph Thomas

News in Brief:

Liaison Librarian Sessions: June and July sessions for liaison librarians focused on meeting with new departmental faculty and preparing newsletters. Look for upcoming sessions on GOBI, current awareness methods for new publications, and more!

Training Sessions: During the month of June, several librarians participated in online vendor training sessions for ISI Web of Science. On July 11, a trainer from CSA directed a session on using Ulrich's Serials Analysis System.

New Faculty Orientation: August 24, the library hosted an orientation session for new faculty members. All faculty members new to ECU were invited to learn more about the services and collections available at Joyner.

East Carolina University Benefits from the Carolina Consortium

Students, faculty and researchers at East Carolina University are reaping the benefits of the University's participation in the Carolina Consortium, an informal



group of academic libraries in North and South Carolina which comes together to negotiate with publishers and information resources vendors.

How exactly does ECU benefit from belonging to the Carolina Consortium? For starters, we have reduced subscription and purchase rates to databases for which Consortium members broker arrangements with the vendors. Also, for collections of online journals, we gain access to larger numbers of journals at a far lower total cost to the University, while retaining control of our own subscriptions. Let's use Cambridge Journals as an example. ECU has subscriptions to 68 journals. By participating in the Carolina Consortium negotiations with

Cambridge, ECU may access any journal of a Consortium member—that is, 195 journals. There is a charge associated with the additional access, but the rate is lower than it would be if we were to subscribe to all 195 journals. For Oxford, it's 184 journals. Other publishers with whom ECU has Carolina Consortium agreements include Blackwell, Brill, Kluwer, Springer, and Wiley. Retaining control of our own subscriptions is an important point: if the Carolina Consortium arrangement with the publisher ends, we won't lose access to the journals we have selected for our own faculty and students.

A wide range of subject areas are served through these agreements, including arts and humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Blackwell provides ECU more than 770 journals through its Synergy journals interface, grouping them according to these subject areas: Agricultural and Animal Sciences; Arts; Business, Economics, Finance, and Accounting; Mathematics and Statistics; Engineering, Computing and Technology; Health Sciences; Humanities; Law; Life and Physical Sciences; Medicine; Social and Behavioral Sciences. Brill, Kluwer, and Springer journals—totaling nearly 1500—are available through SpringerLINK. To view all accessible Carolina Consortium journals at the SpringerLINK site, select "browse," and filter by "viewable publications only." All viewable publication titles will be marked with a small pair of sunglasses. Alternatively, users can browse by subject area; Springer's strengths are in scientific, medical, and technical publishing, but there are also more than 250 humanities and social sciences journals available. East Carolina University has access to about 300 journals at the Wiley Interscience site. Wiley publishes journals in science and social science disciplines, and the journals homepage allows users to begin browsing by discipline. Unfortunately, Wiley has no icon to indicate which journals ECU subscribes to, and no way to limit by subscribed journals.

If you would like to browse available journals by publisher, begin from this Web page: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/reference/ejournalpublishers.cfm>. If you know the specific title of a journal and want to connect directly to it, try the E-Journal Locator page first. Many of these publisher journals sites offer table of contents alerting services, among other personalization options. If you'd like to ask any questions about these personalization options, please contact the Joyner Library Reference Desk at 328-6677 or email askref@ecu.edu.

For more information about the Carolina Consortium, please contact Jan Lewis, Interim Associate Director for Collections at 252-328-2267 or lewisja@ecu.edu.

New Online Databases for the 2006-2007 Year

To prepare for the 2006-2007 academic year, ECU began new database and online journal package subscriptions and purchases. These new databases offer additional resources for a wide variety of subject areas, including Business to Women's Studies



across arts and humanities, interdisciplinary programs, sciences, and social sciences. Among ECU subscriptions, freely-available databases, and NCLIVE databases, Joyner Library now links to more than 300 electronic resources from its databases webpages.

All databases are described on the library's website, and all these new online databases may be used off-campus. Off-campus users must connect to the databases through the library's web pages and enter their Pirate ID and password.

New subscriptions include BIZCOMPS, GeoScience World, IBISWorld, and McGraw-Hill Digital Engineering Library. Other new subscriptions include Euromonitor GMID, Film Indexes Online, and Smithsonian Global Sound.

Several databases have enjoyed enhanced access: Applied Science and

Technology is now Full Text, for instance, and so is SPORT Discus. The University has also purchased additional backfiles for journals in Chemistry, Physics, and the Periodicals Archive Online, as well as the Oxford Archive, extending online journals in those databases back more than 100 years in time!

Among the new purchases are Black Thought and Culture, Early Encounters in North America, and Women and Social Movements. The American State Papers, CQ Historic Documents, and the US Congressional Serial Set are also new purchases. Many of these new resources were funded through the Virtual Libraries @ ECU.

To learn more or get help using the library's resources, feel free to contact the Joyner Library Reference Desk at AIM: JoynerRef, 252-328-6677, or askref@ecu.edu.

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Reader's Corner: Fiction Finder

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