



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 third issue welcomes the start of the spring semester classes. Look for News in Brief and feature articles in each issue; this issue has four feature articles: Nature/Science/Cell, TopoNC, the Seth Muse Collection, 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: Fall sessions for liaison librarians focused on using software to send order requests to Acquisitions electronically and create reports of titles selected, as well as issues to consider for deselecting titles.

Electronic Resources Collection Development Policy: The December Library Assembly approved a new policy for Joyner Library, related to collection management of electronic resources. This policy will be added to the Collection Development homepage: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/techsrv/cdv/index.cfm>.

Popular Reading Collection Moves: Late in December, new shelving units were installed in the reserve room, near circulation. The Joyner Library Popular Reading Collection was moved to those units, closer to the New Books shelves and right by comfortable seating options. Happy reading!

Early American Newspapers: Series II and Series III were added to this popular database, extending the number and time period covered to more than 1000 titles published between 1690 and 1922.

Cell, Science, and Nature—Online Journals Now Available



Students, faculty and researchers at East Carolina University now have access to several premier journals in scientific and medical research. From Cell Press comes the journal *Cell*, begun in 1974. *Cell* publishes findings of unusual significance in any area of experimental biology, including but not limited to cell biology, molecular biology, neuroscience, immunology, virology and microbiology, cancer, human genetics, systems biology, signaling, and disease. Online access to *Cell* is via ScienceDirect, and extends from 1995 to the current issue. Use the E-Journal Locator to connect to the *Cell* journal home, or the databases menu to connect to ScienceDirect.

Also available to ECU users is a campus-wide subscription to *Science* magazine, with back issues of *Science* to 1880, and full access to the News and Collections sections. Founded in 1848, the publisher of *Science*, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) serves 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, reaching 10 million individuals, making it the world's largest association focused generally on science. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world, with an estimated total readership of 1 million."

There are over 150,000 articles dating back to the era of the first editor of *Science*, Thomas A. Edison, all accessible in .PDF format. Access *Science* through the E-Journal Locator by selecting this option: "Get full text from ... Publisher's Web Site."



Our students, faculty and staff also have online access to *Nature* and 20 other Nature Publishing Group (NPG) journals through Joyner and Laupus Libraries. In addition to News@Nature, researchers may access *Nature Cell Biology*, *Nature Chemical Biology*, *Nature Genetics*, *Nature Immunology*, *Nature Medicine*, *British Journal of Cancer*, *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, *International Journal of Obesity*, *Journal of Exposure Analysis/Environmental Epidemiology*, *Molecular Psychiatry*, *EMBO* and *EMBO Reports*, and all of the *Nature Reviews* journals (*Cancer*, *Drug Discovery*, *Genetics*, *Immunology*, *Microbiology*, *Molecular Cell Biology*, and *Neuroscience*). These titles were selected for subscription among the journals published by Nature Publishing Group.

Nature can be accessed from the libraries' home pages using the link for E-Journal Locator, and through SFX Citation Linker of ECU's "Find It" service. Be sure to click on the link for "Get full text from ...Nature." There are thousands of articles accessible in HTML or .PDF format.

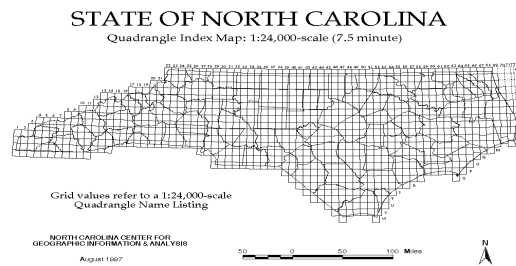


If you have questions about accessing *Nature*, *Science*, *Cell*, or other resources, please contact the Joyner Library Reference Desk at 252.328.6677 or the Laupus Library Service Desk at 252.744.2230.

TopoNC

In a digital age, using paper maps may seem absurd. After all, GPS (global positioning systems) can tell us where to turn left, Google Earth can show exactly where the most recent bombings have occurred, and GIS (geographic information systems) can pinpoint the best market for a new coffee shop. Technology has converted maps, two-dimensional representations of three-dimensional objects, into geography complete with length, breadth, and depth. Before technology changed cartography, map users depended on the contour lines and shading of topographical maps to discern shape and elevation. Libraries that have collected print topographical maps for decades may now be facing the issues involved in replacing them with digital maps. Topographic maps occupy valuable space because of their

size. They are subject to brittleness as they age. Their arrangement by quadrangle name is often confusing for patrons and librarians.



Map courtesy of the NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis

Despite all these seemingly valid reasons for discarding print topographic maps, they should remain in the collection for precisely the same justifications used to abandon them. Their size allows for small group use, their age lends a depth of knowledge concerning land form changes, and quadrangle names can be managed with a database. TopoNC (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/govdoc/GIS_Search.cfm) is offered by Joyner Library of East Carolina University (ECU) and it is the result of a collaborative effort by the library's maps and GIS coordinator and two of the library's Systems Department

personnel. The goals were to produce a database that would assist both users and librarians in locating correct quadrangle maps with ease and to provide an electronic version of what had long been a paper-based inventory of local holdings.

TopoNC is a database that allows keyword searching for places, features, and quadrangle names within the 7.5' topographic maps of North Carolina. The results include county, quadrangle name, latitude and longitude, and a hyperlink for Joyner Library's print holdings of 7.5' topographic maps for the quadrangle. North Carolina is divided into 953 areas of 7.5' latitude and 7.5' longitude, commonly referred to as quads. Joyner's print topographic maps are arranged alphabetically by the quad name and TopoNC makes it possible to quickly find the correct quad name by searching for a river, swamp, mountain, bay, populated place, etc. Joyner's topographic maps are located in both the Government Documents Department and the North Carolina Collection. The topographic maps in the Government Documents Department can be checked out.

The most common use for topographic maps at ECU appears to be for fieldwork by professors and students in Geology, Biology, and Geography. Besides being highly mobile, print maps are easier for groups to use. Dr. Mark Brinson, a professor of Biology and Coastal Resources Management at ECU, noted that "laptops in the field are fairly useless because you can't see the screen, they are bulky, etc. Nothing like a folded-up map for the field." And TopoNC helps faculty and students identify just which maps to use.

Access TopoNC directly at this URL: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/govdoc/GIS_Search.cfm; or read the description on this page: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/erdb/erdb_description.cfm?id=430. To learn more or get help using the library's resources, feel free to contact the Joyner Library Reference Desk at AIM: JoynerRef, call 252-328-6677, or send an email to askref@ecu.edu.

Seth H. Muse Papers

Well-known Washington news photographer Seth Muse was born in Cash Corner, NC, on Nov. 11, 1912. He died from a heart attack at the age of 63, on February 27, 1976, at his residence in Arlington, VA. He attended ECU in 1937, and married Dorothy Crumpler of

Roseboro, NC, a graduate of East Carolina. Their son George also attended ECU, graduating in 1963. Seth Muse was a member of the White House News Photographers' Association and National Press Club, and worked mainly in Washington, DC. Muse took pictures of nearly all the prominent figures in North Carolina politics during his career. There are among his papers photographs and negatives of Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy, and Vice President Richard Nixon and of leaders of other countries, including Queen Elizabeth of England, and celebrities such as Bob Hope, Sophie Tucker, Kim Novak, the fighter Jack Dempsey and evangelist Billy Graham. Seth Muse was an enthusiastic supporter of East Carolina University. The image of John F. Kennedy with Carl Sandburg was taken on Oct 25th, 1961 at the White House.



Seth H. Muse Papers, Special Collections Department, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, USA.

Mrs. Dorothy C. Muse, wife of Seth, donated nearly 35,000 items to the library in 1994 to create this collection, which is housed in the Special Collections on the 4th floor of Joyner Library. The finding aid for this collection can be found at <http://digital.lib.ecu.edu/special/ead/findingaids/0673/>. For more assistance, or to learn more about the Seth H. Muse Papers, go to Special Collections or call 252-328-6671.

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Reader's Corner: Online Audiobooks



The image of “curling up with a good book” is one we’re all familiar with, but one that has

never been entirely accurate. One variation is listening to books rather than reading them as text on page (or screen). Do you ever listen to audiobooks? I've suffered through hours of squealing cassettes and mumbling readers, and fumbled in the car to load the next CD for the audiobook. I have coworkers who like to download audiobooks to their computers and listen while they work (and I commend them for their ability to multitask!).

NetLibrary provides books—text and audio—to libraries who participate in NCLIVE. Within Joyner Library, users can go to the NetLibrary database page (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/erdb/erdb_description.cfm?id=96) and browse or search for online books. Most of NetLibrary's books are also linked to the library's catalogue, so users can search the catalogue and connect from there to the exact book they want to read or listen to. In order to associate off-campus users with the ECU NetLibrary collections, users must first create a NetLibrary account. Follow the link from the database description page to create this account, and then users may view or listen to all ECU's NetLibrary books.

What's available? More than 45,000 eBooks, and more than 1,500 of what NetLibrary calls eAudiobooks. Among the eAudiobooks are fiction, both recent and classics, nonfiction of all stripes, including titles of a somewhat scholarly nature, like David McCulloch's 1776 and Rachel Carson's Silent Spring. There are self-help books, biographies, the Bible, and many books for language learning. These include books for learning English as well as for learning many other languages from across the world.

Once you've selected a book, you can view details, including summary, subjects, duration, and publication information, or listen to a preview. Download directions are fairly straightforward, and offer the choice between "CD Quality" and "Radio Quality." Software requirements for the player are: Microsoft Windows Media Player v. 9 or higher, MusicMatch Jukebox v. 8.2 or higher, and Nullsoft WinAmp v. 5 or higher.

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