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Electronic Resources Updates – 2020 Q2

The following information contains updates to the University Libraries collections and electronic resources for the second quarter of 2020. We are providing this information to update you about resources you are gaining or losing access to in the collection. We plan to publish collections and electronic resource changes quarterly to keep the campus community updated. Below you will also find information about significant projects and changes related to collections and electronic resources. **Past and future updates can be found at <https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/erupdates/>**

New Additions to UL Collections and Electronic Resources

Several resources have been added to help support online courses and the COVID-19 pivot to distanced instruction.

- **ACS Guide to Scholarly Communications** – We now have online access to this guide from the American Chemical Society. This resource has been added to support students who will be off-campus or have a decreased ability to use our print copies.
- **Cambridge University Press ebooks** – Through a new statewide deal via OhioLINK, we now have electronic access to all of the Cambridge University Press frontlist books (excluding Cambridge Histories, Cambridge Companions, and multi-volume reference works) from 2015 and forward.
- **Chicago Manual of Style Online** – Access to this resource has been restored from a cancellation earlier in the year.
- **MedOne ComSci** – This database serves as a comprehensive online reference for audiologists and speech language pathologists that includes multimedia content, ebooks, and e-journals. This database has been added to support our Audiology and SLP students and faculty who are facing limitations and restrictions on field practice opportunities.
- **Ohio Means Jobs Online Test Preparation Materials** – We have added access links to our catalog and A-Z database list to electronic resources provided by the State of Ohio which include access to graduate school test preparation materials for the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, PCAT, and MAT tests.

- **ProQuest’s Environmental Science Collection** – This database covers resources from disciplines such as engineering, biotechnology, bacteriology, atmospheric science, ecology, and biology. It features a diverse range of full-text sources including scientific journals, trade journals, news sources, conference proceedings, reports, monographs, and government publications.
- **Psychiatry Online** - Includes a variety of resources from the American Psychiatric Association including the **DSM-5 Library**, textbooks, study guides, and academic journals. Topics covered include psychiatry, mental health, and behavioral science.
- **Visible Body: Muscle Premium** – Streaming video and interactive content covering musculoskeletal structures and functions along with common injuries and conditions.

Recent Cancellations to UL Collections and Electronic Resources

Due to budget reductions and additional stressors due to COVID-19, UL has started to reduce and cancel resources. Please see the “FY 21 Collections Budget Planning” section below for more details.

- **America’s News** (access ending 12/31/20) – This database provided access to many newspapers including same-day electronic access to the full Akron Beacon Journal. Users can still access selected same-day articles from the ABJ via our Newspaper Source database. Alternatively, users with an active ASCPL library card can access the ABJ online via the ASCPL. This database has seen usage reductions in recent years and the pricing of the resource is no longer sustainable for UL.
- **Brookings Institute Books** (access ending 12/31/20) – We have elected not to renew our agreement with the Brookings Institute to receive their new book publications in print. We will continue to receive newly published books from the Brookings Institute until our current subscription expires at the end of 2020.
- **Grove Art / Oxford Art Online** (access ended 7/1/20) – This online art encyclopedia and reference database has been canceled due to budget considerations.
- **Mergent Investor’s Edge** (access ended 7/1/20) – This business research database has been canceled due to low usage.
- **Naxos Jazz and Naxos World** (access ended 7/1/20) – These streaming music resources have not been renewed due to declining

usages numbers and budget considerations. The standard Naxos Music Library has been retained.

- **NexisUni (formerly LexisNexis Academic)** (access ended 7/1/20) – This research database has been canceled due to declining usage numbers and budget considerations. Users looking for similar resources can use the Bloomberg Law and Cheetah databases.
- **ProQuest Materials Science and Engineering Database** – This research database has been canceled due to declining usage and budget considerations.
- **Tissue Engineering A-B-C** (new article access ends 12/31/20) – This ejournal has been canceled due to increasing cost per user statistics and budget considerations. We will retain access to articles from the years we were an active subscriber.
- **US Major Dailies** (access ended 7/1/20) – This newspaper database has been canceled due to usage statistics and budget considerations. Notable losses from this database are access to the L.A. Times and Chicago Tribune.
- **Various Standing Orders** – UL has canceled ongoing orders on several print series and recurring titles as a budget savings measure.

Kanopy Streaming Video Changes

As a cost saving measure, access to streaming films on the Kanopy platform will now be mediated. Access to any new films will require the user to complete a short form for approval. There will be a delay from the time a form is submitted until a film is made available on the platform. Although we can often get the film ordered and activated quickly, there can be delays so please plan accordingly. All films with a preexisting license are still available to use immediately. As a reminder, UL's collections spending on streaming video is 100% dedicated to academic integration. Only films being used to support coursework will be approved. Film requests submitted by students will be forwarded to the course instructor to confirm the film is required for the course.

Early English Books Online Platform Update

Early English Books Online (EEBO) changed platforms and URLs on 7/7/20. Faculty and students will have greater discoverability of the pre-1700 texts with more than 130,000 records in the University Library Catalog. A feature of the new platform combines page images with transcribed texts, helping researchers of all levels discover more from

within the EEBO content. The access point has been updated in our catalog and on the A-Z database list.

FY 21 Collections Budget Planning

The following message about the FY 21 collections budget and impact on resources was sent via email Digest on 6/26/20:

In planning for fall and beyond, University Libraries is focused on maintaining a core collection of resources for teaching and learning at UA, even as financial resources to the University have been reduced dramatically.

As a campus-central unit that benefits our entire community by connecting students and researchers with materials, regardless of discipline, department, or school, University Libraries is working to provide access to a wide range of scholarly resources. Those resources include books, journals and archives, streaming media and databases and other collections in either print or electronic formats.

Actions being taken by University Libraries include renegotiating existing agreements with vendors and publishers to achieve cost reductions on upcoming renewals to retain as many resources as possible. University Libraries will also continue to leverage its purchasing power via cooperative collection development partnerships with other schools and organizations, such as OhioLINK, NERL and OhioNET.

At this time, we know access to some databases will be discontinued, and there will be a large reduction in journal subscriptions, impacting all disciplines. University Libraries will continue to limit streaming video resources. A very limited budget will be available for acquiring new books and ebooks outside of existing ebook subscription packages.

When resources are cancelled, the decisions to do so are based on many factors, including:

- usage data;
- direct curriculum integration of the resource;
- course/program offerings;
- feedback from teaching faculty;
- accreditation concerns; and
- the overall research activity of UA.

University Libraries will provide as much notice as possible when resources are to be discontinued, to lessen the disruption to our users. Reductions to library collections will continue to be shared via Digest updates. Additionally, University Libraries provides and archives a quarterly update of resource changes via IdeaExchange@Uakron.

Have questions about collections?

Please submit questions or concerns related to collections to Sean Kennedy (skennedy@uakron.edu / 330-972-8581), Collections and Content Strategies Librarian.

Having problems with e-resources?

Please submit questions or concerns related to electronic resources to [our contact form](#). Be sure to select "Accessing Electronic Resources" as your question on the form.

You may also contact Frank J. Bove (fjbove@uakron.edu / 330-972-5104), Electronic Resources Librarian & Coordinator of Acquisition Services, with any questions or concerns related to electronic resource access or content.