Electronic Resources Updates - 2023 Q3

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Collections and Electronic Resources Updates – 2023 Q3

The following information contains updates to the University Libraries collections and electronic resources for the third quarter of 2023. 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/

Additions

No additions this quarter.

Cancellations

While UL continues to work hard on cost control and budget management, some cancellations are still necessary at this time for us to be able to meet all of our commitments.

University Libraries will provide as much notice as possible when resources are to be discontinued in an effort to lessen disruption to our users. Reductions to library collections will continue to be shared via Digest updates and directly with departments. Additionally, University Libraries provides and archives a quarterly update of resource changes (this report) via IdeaExchange@UAkron.

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Resource Notes and Updates

New ILS

University of Akron Libraries, including Wayne College Library and the Law School Library, will be migrating to a new library services platform. We will be migrating in fall of 2025 to ExLibris’ Alma, which will also include Primo, a new search engine. Our migration will eventually include Leganto for better integration between course reserves and Brightspace. This migration is through OhioLINK and made possible through capital funding obtained through OhioLINK. All OhioLINK member libraries will be migrating as well. We will provide many more details as we get closer to the migration. The library is very excited about the move to Alma and hope this enables us to provide better service to University of Akron students, staff, and faculty. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact eservices-contact@uakron.edu
Cambridge Books

A third set of 335 Cambridge University Press e-book titles have been purchased as part of OhioLINK’s FY21 to FY25 Evidence-Based Acquisition (EBA) program, which brings the total number of Cambridge EBA-purchased e-books to 1,009. The third set of Cambridge books will be available to access from the catalog soon.

A-Z Refresh

UL’s A-Z Database list underwent an upgrade on August 14th. Some of the changes and improvements that come with the upgrade include the ability to filter databases by material type and vendor, a “Find Similar Databases” link that shows users other possible databases, and updated sidebar content that includes information on our subject library guides and subject librarians.

Axis 360 changed to Boundless

Axis 360 has changed its name to Boundless. Boundless is a platform for e-books and digital audiobooks which includes popular reading titles. These resources can be read on a computer or through a mobile app. Boundless is a resource provided by Wayne College Library, but available to all students, staff, and faculty at UA.

We need your feedback!

Please consider providing feedback to the UL Librarians about resources that are important to your learning, teaching, and research efforts. Your feedback helps UL be as effective as possible in deploying our resources towards high impact information resources for students and faculty.

Have questions or comments about collections?

Please submit questions or comments related to collections to Melanie McGurr mmcgurr1@uakron.edu / (330-972-5390), Associate Dean, Technical Services.

Having problems with e-resources?

Please submit questions or concerns related to electronic resources via our contact form. Be sure to select “Accessing Electronic Resources” as your question on the form.