

PASSPORT DATABASE CANCELLATIONS/ADDITIONS 2006

In preparation for the 2006/07 budget cycle, the library joined all University departments and extended campuses in assessing our operations and looking for efficiencies. Periodic review of our ongoing materials costs-including journals, standing orders, and databases-is necessary to ensure that we control these regularly-increasing costs while continuing to meet the curricular needs of the University. While we review these ongoing costs to a certain extent each year, we conduct an in-depth review every five years. This gives us a chance to collect usage statistics over time and to ensure that faculty and students have time to incorporate resources into their teaching and study.

In 2004, we reviewed our journals and standing orders. This past year, we reviewed our databases. In addition to usage statistics, we also analyzed changes in the curriculum that may require new databases, available Internet resources that may provide information previously only found in databases, and increasing levels of duplication among the databases as the vendors add more content each year.

Our goal in this review was to hold our database costs to their current level in 2006/07 while adding any new databases that are required to support the curriculum; covering the increase in our MOBIUS membership (which helps us leverage our monographic resources); and adding products that will enable our patrons to use the available resources more effectively, e.g., a citation tool that enables users to compile bibliographies automatically and a global search engine that enables users to search multiple databases at one time. During the review, liaisons worked in consultation with their departmental faculty, who were in agreement with the cancellations.

At the conclusion of our review, we cancelled the following databases:

American Film Institute

This content is available elsewhere and its coverage is only up to 1980. Its coverage is uneven and offers little to support our curriculum.

Bibliography of the History of Art (RLG)

It has had low usage and there is some overlap with Art Abstracts and does not contain any full-text.

Business & Industry (OCLC FirstSearch)

The other business databases with similar content have greater usage. This database overlaps our other business databases.

Culturegrams:

The print subscription will also be cancelled. The coverage is not well-rounded and faculty and librarians have found inaccuracies.

Current Biography:

Biography Resource Center cover has greater coverage and will be kept instead. The content of current biography is included in this resource center.

Expanded Academic Index (Gale)

High percentage of duplication with Academic Search Premier (EBSCO). One robust general database with full text will suit our needs well.

FactSearch

The content is contained in our other resources. There has been low usage and interest.

IIPA International Index to Performing Arts

This database has considerable overlap with Academic Search Premier and Project Muse, with only a few unique titles.

InfoTrac Onefile

High level of duplication with Academic Search Premier One robust general database with full text will suit our needs well.

KCDL - Kraus Curriculum (Bernan)

This once popular resource has low usage and the information is available elsewhere. There is so much available now on curricula that students do not use it.

Library Literature (OCLC FirstSearch)

This database has low usage and similar coverage is available in LISTA at no charge.

Loislaw

WestLaw covers the same content.

Oxford Reference Online

This database has low usage and the content is lacking depth. We are retaining the separate **Oxford English Dictionary**.

World Almanac

The content is available in other resources.

Costs savings through these cancellations totaled over \$70,000, which enabled us to add the following new products:

Central Search (Serials Solutions):

This federated (global) search engine, allows patrons to search a wide variety of resources from a single, easy to use interface. The library staff is working to customize the interface to our resources. All database types are supported to ensure broad coverage of our e-resources including full-text databases, abstracting and indexing databases, free databases, and the libraries' local catalog. Federated searching reduces the time required to search multiple resources. This type of product has been suggested by faculty and some directors of Webster's extended campuses:

<http://www.serialssolutions.com/promotion/centralsearch.asp>

RefWorks

This online research management and bibliographic software program is designed to help people easily gather, manage, store and share all types of information, as well as generate citations and bibliographies in a variety of formats including APA, Chicago Style, Turabian, MLA and many others. International campus directors and faculty both on the main campus and other campuses requested access. <http://www.refworks.com/>

New Databases added to Passports:

Business Valuation Market Data

BV MarketData provides access to 5 unique resources: **Pratt's Stats** highlights the details of sales of large privately and closely held companies; **BIZCOMPS** reports transactions of small private "Main Street" businesses; **Mergerstat** quantifies the minority discount and control premium data used in business valuation and appraisals of public companies; **Public Stats** reports transaction details of public company sales; and **Integra 5-Year Industry Data Reports** provide industry financial benchmarks for privately-held companies in over 900 industries.: <http://library3.webster.edu/limited/bvlibrary.html>

M&A Done Deals

"**DoneDeals**, with over 7,200 transactions, is the only comprehensive source of unique mid-market transaction data, with approximately half the deals under \$15 million and half over \$15 million, and approximately 79% of the selling companies being privately owned. DoneDeals was requested by the Business Department and will be a resource for our Business students worldwide. <http://www.donedeads.com>

Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Routledge)

This is a dynamic online resource for researching, teaching and studying philosophy and its related disciplines. It has original articles covering an unparalleled breadth of subject matter, including Anglo-American, ethical and political, cross-cultural, interdisciplinary, continental and contemporary philosophy. Includes over 2,000 articles from Aristotle to nominalism and from personal identity to Zeno of Elea and over 25,000 cross references. The

Philosophy department trialed this database and requested that it be added to Passports. <http://www.rep.routledge.com>

J Stor II

JSTOR packages are valuable resource for back-files of scholarly journals. The Arts & Sciences II Collection is home to 125 titles. This collection adds depth to many disciplines introduced in Arts & Sciences I, such as economics, history, and Asian studies. Arts & Sciences II also offers core journals in several new disciplines, such as archaeology, classics, and African, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Slavic studies; International campus directors and faculty both on the main campus and other campuses requested access. <http://www.jstor.org/>

J Stor III

Focused on the arts and humanities, the Arts & Sciences III Collection contains 150 titles. The collection makes available additional journals in language and literature, as well as important titles in the fields of music, film studies, folklore, performing arts, religion, and the history and study of art and architecture. International campus directors and faculty both on the main campus and other campuses requested access. <http://www.jstor.org/>

Naxos Jazz –

We have subscribed the Naxos database for some years now, which provides access to a collection of over 75,000 tracks of music, mostly classical, with some jazz, folk, and world (especially Chinese), but we are upgrading the subscription to include a collection of jazz recordings.. Users can also access biographical information on selected composers or artists and notes on various pieces of music. <http://www.naxosmusiclibrary.com>)

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