Library Links for Online Subjects

Not only Electronic Readings, but also ....

The recently established Electronic Readings Service produces scanned journal articles and book chapters for access via WebCT online subjects and the Electronic Reserve Collection. A wide range of additional electronic format Library resources can be linked to WebCT subjects. These include fulltext databases, electronic journals, subject-specific web resources, electronic reference materials, online information literacy tutorials, the Library Catalogue and JournalSearch. The Library has been working with the Learning OnLine Support Team from CEDIR to include key links to Library resources in WebCT templates for each Faculty, as illustrated below.

Your Faculty Librarian can assist you in identifying appropriate Library resources for inclusion in your online subjects.

Some useful Library links for online subjects

- Linking to Library Resources (examples of links to online subjects)
- Databases
- Journal Search (access to electronic journals)
  http://libntserver.uow.edu.au/journals/
- Electronic Reference and Subject-Specific Resources
- Online Tutorials
E-Journals: Frequently Asked Questions

A new E-Journals FAQs web page is now available from the E-Resources link on the Library's web page. Frequently Asked Questions include:

**How many e-journals does the library have?**
The Library subscribes to approximately 6,450 e-journals, a percentage of which are also held in print format. In addition, more than 1,000 journal titles are currently subscribed to in print format only.

**How can I find out what e-journals the library subscribes to?**
E-journals can be accessed through JournalSearch, a list of journals currently subscribed to by the Library. Full text journals are listed as well as details of journals currently subscribed to in print. Link to JournalSearch via the University of Wollongong Library's web site.

**Do e-journals have the same contents as their printed equivalents?**
In some cases, e-journals do not include non-editorial matter such as advertising whereas, in other cases, additional information is made available.

**Can I print e-journal articles from home and on campus?**
Yes. Articles can usually be viewed, printed or downloaded in plain fulltext, full text in HTML (fulltext plus graphics), or full text image (PDF) which usually displays the article as it appears in the print journal. In many cases, you will need specialised software, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, as well as access to a printer.

**Why are libraries shifting towards e-journal collections?**
Libraries are subscribing to electronic full-text journal collections for several reasons:

- Electronic access is available 24 hours, 7 days a week
- E-journals can be accessed by more than one user at a time
- Consortium-based purchases of e-journal collections (several university libraries purchasing a joint licence from the publisher) provide access to an expanded range of titles at less cost than individual print subscriptions to the same range
- Increasingly, access to individual e-journals is offered to a library when a current subscription is held for the print version of the journal
- E-journals are not subject to theft, damage and loss which often occurs with printed materials

**What do I do if I can't view the full text when it's supposed to be there?**
Link to our 'Help with Electronic Journal Access' web page to find out who to contact for assistance with problems relating to technology, e-journal content and viewing difficulties. This link is available from our Help/Training page and from the new E-journals FAQs page.

Do you need a CURF?
The Library has recently taken over the administration of the University's Australian Bureau of Statistics/Australian Vice Chancellors Committee CURF agreement.

CURFs (Confidentialised Unit Record Files) contain data sets from most of the key ABS social and labour household surveys. These include: national literacy, families, housing, child care, care for the disabled and the elderly, household expenditure, income distribution, labour mobility, national health and nutrition, and education and training experience. CURFs provide the most detailed information that can be released from ABS surveys. Researchers can manipulate the raw data contained within the files using standard statistical software such as SAS or SPSS.

Access to CURFs is subject to strict controls. Further information can be obtained from the ABS web site at:
http://www.abs.gov.au

From the ABS home page select: Products & Services ‘ABS Services for Universities ’ ABS/AVCC CURF Agreement

The Library's contact person for CURF enquiries/applications is Susan Jones, Arts Faculty Librarian. (ext. 4175 or susan_jones@uow.edu.au)

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COMING SOON ...... EZPROXY

The Library is currently implementing a new proxy service which should alleviate the problems some off-campus users have been experiencing when accessing our electronic databases. Using Ezproxy software, we hope to establish a separate proxy server which will manage our clients' sessions on full-text and citation databases subscribed to by the Library. The new access system will make it easier for off-campus users to authenticate against the University's authentication database without having to adjust their browser settings or connect to the University network directly. It is hoped that this service will be operational during September 2001.

NEW!!

Alerting you to serials continued in electronic format

Have you noticed our new serials dividers?

When a serial subscription is continued in electronic format, you are being alerted by a divider placed on the shelf at the end of the print run for that title. This advises you that the title is continued electronically and to search JournalSearch from the Library's web page.

This activity is continuing throughout the coming weeks and has already been completed in the Law Library and for IEEE print titles (all available electronically via IEEE Explore).

SciFinder Scholar – improved access

SciFinder Scholar, the online version of Chemical Abstracts, has been available to University of Wollongong staff and students for two years. At the end of 2000, the Library increased its user licence from one to two simultaneous users. Statistics now show that we have been able to reduce dramatically the number of users who have been turned away due to the system being in use.

SciFinder Scholar indexes material from journals, patents, conference proceedings, dissertations, technical reports and books in the area of chemistry and chemistry related topics. Client software is required for use of SciFinder Scholar. For more information, visit our web site or Information Desk.
Travelling interstate and wish to borrow from a local university library?

From 1 July, 2001, staff and students of the University of Wollongong are eligible to participate in a new National Borrowing Scheme (NBS) that allows all staff and students of AVCC member universities to borrow in person from any other interstate university in Australia.

WHO MAY BORROW?
All students and staff from AVCC member universities are eligible to register with any university library that participates in the scheme. You can only borrow in person at the libraries with which you register.

HOW DO I APPLY?
You need to apply directly to the library you wish to borrow from. Applications are made in person unless the library has an online registration scheme. Membership is for the current calendar year only. A fee may be charged at the host institution and ID documents will be required for registration. It is the responsibility of each staff member or student to establish whether a fee is payable. Check the National Borrowing Scheme web page of the library you wish to join for registration and borrowing details. The library you visit will either register you on the spot or mail your borrowing card to you in a few days.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?
Visit our Library’s web page, click on Services and go to Reciprocal Borrowing Information for UOW Students and Staff.

BORROWING FROM NSW AND ACT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
A reminder that the National Borrowing Scheme is in addition to the Unison Borrowing Agreement (UBA) which operates within NSW and the ACT. This allows all staff and students enrolled or employed at participating NSW or ACT universities to register as borrowers at the libraries of other participating institutions. Details also available from the Library’s Services link under Borrowing non-UOW materials.

A Public Archive of Scientific Literature – the debate continues

Recently, a group of academics and scientists, known as the Public Library of Science, circulated a letter to the world’s scientific community. This letter urged academics to publish in, edit or review for, and personally subscribe to, only those scholarly and scientific journals that have agreed to put their contents online and free of charge, in public archives, within six months of print publication. The PLS web site shows that over 26,000 signatures were collected by the deadline of 1 September and a further letter on the best way forward to advance their shared goals has been sent out by PLS members.

To learn more about this debate on the issue of public archives, visit our Updates on Scholarly Information web page (www.library.uow.edu.au/about/news/scholarly.html)

This page includes links to:
• A transcript from a recent Radio National Background Briefing on scholarly publishing
• Articles published in Science magazine as well as reader responses via Science’s online discussion forum, dEbates.
• Special journal initiatives such as PubMed Central and HighWirePress. (Please note that all HighWire Press journal titles have been added to the Library’s JournalSearch database).

"Web technology allows academics to publish and archive their articles themselves. But that still leaves peer review, or quality control, the publishers point out. Who’s going to organise that if not us?" from Background Briefing, Radio National. 12 August, 2001.

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