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Library Resources

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LIBRARY MOVE UPDATE

On October 17, representatives from two professional moving companies, which have moved library collections at the University of Minnesota, came to MSU to tour the library areas and to gather information about the bidding process for the move of shelving and books. Staff from Library Services and Physical Plant answered their questions and showed them around. Bids from these two companies have been received, and the job will be awarded soon.

The goal is to accomplish as much of the move as possible during the semester break in December and January. Before the moves begin, additional shelving will be installed on second floor, where all the books on the east side (call letters F through L) must be shifted to create enough shelf space for third floor books to come downstairs. Sections of shelves will be added to existing ranges of books after study carrels in the area are dismantled. This part of the moving process will be completed in early December.

The actual shifts of books will begin when the semester has ended. Moving the second floor books to the additional shelving will result in enough space for books with call letters M through PN plus the collection of oversize books to move from the west side of third floor to the east side of second floor. The rest of the books (PQ through Z) on third floor will be shifted to the west.

Because construction bids have not been finalized, an exact timetable for various parts of the project is not yet available. Since part of the space for the third-floor book collection is currently occupied by offices, it is likely that some books will need to be shelved in a temporary location on third floor for a couple months until their permanent site is vacated and refurbished. Library staff will post signs to help users locate books.

The next newsletter will contain more specific information about moves that will occur in December and January. If some unforeseen situation develops that requires immediate campus notification, the library will send notices via the campus electronic announcement system.

DATABASE TRIALS PROVIDE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Anyone who visits the library website regularly realizes that there are usually a number of databases available for searching during a limited time period. These database trials are often initiated by Minitex, which works to negotiate the lowest price possible for groups of libraries in the state that wish to subscribe to the resource. While the trial is underway, prices are usually unavailable to participating libraries because Minitex is uncertain about the potential number of subscribers and the various pricing options available from vendors. However, during the weeks of the trial MSU users can take advantage of the opportunity to advance their study and research. To find out what trials are underway, click on the "New Database Trials" link under the picture on the right side of the library's home page.

Currently Minitex has arranged for trials for databases that may be useful to many MSU users. ProQuest is offering two full-text databases, CINAHL and PsycInfo Plus until November 22. The CINAHL collection includes full-text articles from over 280 nursing journals while PsycInfo Plus Text offers full-text articles from more than 300 journals related to psychology. To login to the trial of either database, follow the instructions under the database's listing on the "New Database Trials" page.

Many other databases are available through a second trial arranged by Minitex. Until December 1, forty-nine databases can be searched through Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA). Currently, the library subscribes to a number of CSA databases including Biological Sciences, Computer Abstracts, Mechanical Engineering Abstracts, PsycINFO, and

Sociological Abstracts. The additional databases accessible until December 1 in this Minitex trial are listed below. For more information about the subject coverage, access the trial and then click on the *i* icon next to the desired database.

BUSINESS

- * Findex (market research)
- * Materials Business File (industry news, international trade data, government regulations and management issues related to the metals and materials industries)
- * Paperbase/PIRA Search subfiles (research, technical and business abstracts related to pulp and paper industries)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- * AgeLine (social gerontology)
- * EconLit (economics-related literature)
- * Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics)
- * LISA: Library and Information Science Abstracts
- * PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Service)
- * Political Science Abstracts

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY

- * Aerospace Database
- * AGRICOLA (agricultural sciences, botany, ecology, and related areas)
- * Aluminium Industry Abstracts
- * API EnCompass:Environment
- * API EnCompass:News (news in the petroleum and energy-related industries)
- * ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts
- * ASFA Aquaculture Abstracts
- * Biotechnology and Bioengineering Abstracts
- * Ceramic Abstracts/World Ceramics Abstracts (manufacture, processing, applications, properties and testing of ceramics)
- * Copper Data Center Database (copper, copper alloys, and copper technology)
- * Corrosion Abstracts
- * Electronics and Communications Abstracts
- * Engineered Materials Abstracts
- * Environmental Sciences and Pollution Mgmt
- * GeoRef
- * International Pharmaceutical Abstracts
- * Materials Business File (industry news, international trade data, government regulations and management issues related to the metals and materials industries)
- * METADEX (metals and alloys)
- * NTIS (National Technical Information Service)
- * Oceanic Abstracts
- * Paperbase/PIRA Search subfiles (research, technical and business abstracts related to pulp and paper industries)
- * Rapra Abstracts (rubber, plastics, adhesives, and polymeric composites)
- * Safety Science and Risk
- * Science and Technology Digest
- * Solid State and Superconductivity Abstracts
- * WasteInfo (management of non-nuclear wastes)
- * WELDASEARCH (welding and materials joining)

Watch for information about database trials through the campus electronic announcement system. As new databases become available, the library sends electronic notices to alert faculty, staff, and students about coverage and time periods for each database available. If you have questions or comments about databases you've used, contact Electronic Resources Librarian, Melissa Holmberg, at melissa.holmberg@mnsu.edu

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