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# Library Resources

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## AN ALPHABET OF UPDATES

Although we may not cover the entire alphabet, we do have a potpourri of news to share with readers. At the end of many entries is a phone number of a Library faculty or staff member who can answer questions you might have about the collection or service.

**A** is for **Archives**. Check out the monthly displays that offer insights into the past of MSU and the surrounding region. In October, you can learn more about various mascots that have helped inspire MSU sports teams. After you've viewed the display case on the Library's second floor, wander into the Lass Center to see a sampling of recent faculty publications. Phone: 1029

**B** is for **Books**. Yes, we still have them. To browse through shelves of selected new arrivals, come to the second floor, near the Lass Center you've visited to see the displays. The low shelves have been moved to make new books easier to find. You can also view monthly listings of new titles by clicking the "What's New" link from the Library home page: [www.lib.mnsu.edu](http://www.lib.mnsu.edu)

**C** is for **Camcorder and Cameras**. A digital camcorder and six digital cameras are now available for 24-hour checkout in the ERC on the lower level of the Library. Phone: 5944

**D** is for **Databases**. Although numerous changes in content and search interfaces have occurred in the electronic resources to which the Library subscribes, we want to feature two full-text collections that contain information related to a broad range of subjects. Oxford Reference Collection provides access to over 100 dictionaries and other reference works published by Oxford University Press. Users can search individual works, sets of subject-related titles, or the entire collection. Among the long list of reference titles available online are dictionaries of accounting, astronomy, biology, computing, English grammar, French, German, idioms, nursing, physics, proverbs, and Spanish. CQ Researcher offers background information and opinion pieces about a different topic each week. Recent issues have dealt with Mideast peace prospects, the nursing shortage, the future of the airline industry, and defense priorities. To reach these and other electronic resources, click the "online resources" link from the Library home page. See also the related article about database trials available in October and November. Phone: 2499

**G** is for **Government Publications**. As a participating library in the federal depository system, MSU receives about 10,000 print items each year plus many electronic resources. Past newsletters have featured publications of interest to various colleges. The following materials may be particularly noteworthy for those connected with the College of Arts & Humanities:

LC 1.6/4: AC 4	Asian Collections; an illustrated guide
LC 1.6/4 AF 8/2:	African & Middle Eastern Collections; an illustrated guide
LC 1.6/4: EU 7	European Collections; an illustrated guide
LC 1.6/4: M 97/2	Music, Theater, and Dance; an illustrated guide

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LC 1.6/4: P 93	Prints and Photographs; an illustrated guide
LC 2.8: W 84	American Women: a Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History & Culture in the United States
LC 4.8: M 31	Manuscripts; an illustrated guide
LC 23.8: B 64	Rare Books & Special Collections; an illustrated guide
LC 40.8: M 58	Motion Pictures, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound
NF 3.2:R 24	Rediscovering America: thirty-five years of the National Endowment for the Humanities
Y 4.J 89/1: 107/12	Music on the Internet:hearing before the Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property

Phone: 5154

**I** is for **Interlibrary Loan (ILL)** In addition to the loan request forms linked from the Library home page, databases offered through FirstSearch and Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) now include links of their own that streamline the request process for users. When displaying results in a FirstSearch database such as World Cat or Art Index, an icon for ILL will appear at the top of the record. To request a book or article that is not available at MSU, click on the icon. The electronic form that appears allows you to submit your request once you have provided your barcode and contact information and supplied a date that indicates at what point you will no longer have any need for the item. In CSA databases such as Biological Sciences or Sociological Abstracts, the ILL request is initiated by clicking on the Locate Document and Interlibrary Loan Request links. With both FirstSearch and CSA, the need to retype the bibliographic information for the materials you want is eliminated. Phone: 5959

**L** is for **Laptop Computers** and **LCD Projectors** The arrival of more e-tables on all floors of the Library makes it easier for students with laptop computers to use their machines throughout the building. PC and Mac laptops are available for 24-hour checkout from the ERC on the lower level. Three LCD Projectors are also available for 24-hour loan. Phone: 5944

**M** is for **Microsoft Office** All computers in the third-floor alcove have this software installed to allow students to work on papers and projects. In recognition of the campus decision to encourage faculty and students to use the MavDisk file server, these computers do not have disk drives. A computer with a disk drive is available in the third-floor area to facilitate transfer of documents to that system. More information about MavDisk is provided by ITS at the following website: <http://mavweb.mnsu.edu> During this time of transition, the Library recently installed Microsoft applications on some workstations with disk drives. These machines are located on the second floor. Printing from these and all other terminals in the Library is sent to the Copy shop on the first floor.

**S** is for **Staffing Changes** During the past few months, a number of library technicians have shifted responsibilities. Kris Hobday has moved to Interlibrary Loan, where she will be specializing in expediting borrowing requests by MSU users (5959). Jan Starks is taking over responsibilities related to serials in the Acquisitions unit (5052). Anne Stenzel works primarily in Archives (1029) but also serves as part of the team of technicians who provide circulation services (5065). In August, Bobby Bothmann joined the library faculty as Electronic Access/Cataloging Librarian. Among his responsibilities are cataloging print and electronic journals as well as monographs.



## FALL DATABASE TRIALS UNDERWAY

MINITEX has made arrangements for member libraries to offer free access to a wide variety of databases until the end of November. MINITEX negotiates with vendors on behalf of libraries from Minnesota and the Dakotas to obtain better subscription rates than a single library can achieve alone. Vendors make their products available for a limited time to encourage potential purchasers to explore the systems' capabilities. During this trial period, users are encouraged to search for information to support research and teaching and to identify electronic resources to consider for future purchases if funds are available. With tight budgets, databases cannot be added without dropping current subscriptions. However, we continually evaluate resources to find the ones that support the MSU curriculum effectively and affordably. **Trials available until November 29** include the following:

**Ebrary**—a collection of over 13,000 full-text books published in the last two years. More than 130 publishers are represented by the books which feature business, computer, and technology titles but include materials ranging from philosophy to history to education.

**Follett: Find It all Collection**—a resource to help users search for web sites and other online materials of interest to those in kindergarten through high school

**Inet Classroom Library**—a database of lesson plans, web-text curriculum, quizzes, activities, and other resources for K-12 classroom teachers

**Nature**—online version of the print journal from 1997 to date. Includes community-based Physics Portal, Cancer Update and Genome Gateway.

**USA TradeOnline**—information about U.S. exports and imports of over 18,000 commodities



**Cambridge Scientific Abstracts**—full access to all CSA databases. MSU currently subscribes to more than 20 databases CSA offers, but during this trial period, we have access to many more, grouped below by broad subject area.

### Arts and Humanities

- Art Bibliographies Modern
- BHI: British Humanities Index
- ATLA Religion Database

### Business

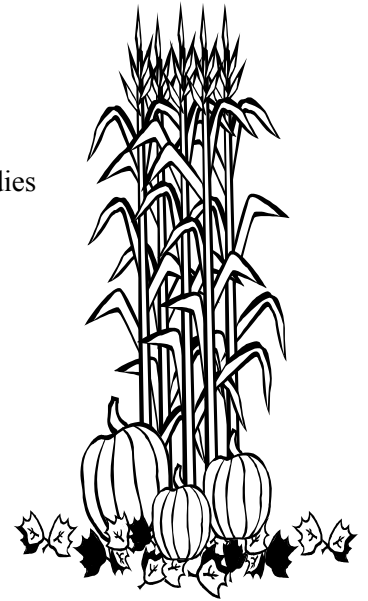
- Findex: Market Research Reports
- Paperbase/PIRA (technical and business abstracts about pulp and paper industries)
- Materials Business File

### Health and Life Sciences

- AGRICOLA (agricultural sciences, botany, ecology, and related areas)
- Aqualine
- Aquaculture Abstracts
- Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management
- Oceanic Abstracts
- Water Resources Abstracts
- Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts
- Biotechnology and Bioengineering Abstracts
- International Pharmaceutical Abstracts
- Physical Education Index
- Zoological Record Plus

### Physical Sciences and Engineering

- ANTE: Abstracts in new Technologies and Engineering
- Aerospace & High Technology Database
- Ceramic Abstracts/World Ceramics Abstracts
- Copper Data Center Database
- Electronics and Communications Abstracts
- Environmental Engineering Abstracts
- Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management
- Mechanical and Transportation Engineering Abstracts
- Meteorological and Geostrophysical Abstracts
- NTIS (National Technical Information Service)
- Safety Science and Risk
- Solid State/Superconductivity Abstracts
- WELDASEARCH (welding and materials joining)
- Aluminum Industry Abstracts
- Civil Engineering Abstracts
- Corrosion Abstracts
- Engineered Materials Abstracts
- Information Technology Case Studies
- METADEX (Metals Abstracts)
- Polymer Library
- Science and Technology Digest
- WasteInfo (non-nuclear wastes)



### Social Sciences

- ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts
- IRWI: Information Research Watch International
- LISA: Library and Information Science Abstracts
- NCJRC: National Criminal Justice Reference Service
- EconLit
- e-psyche
- PAIS International

In addition to these MINITEX trials, MSU users can investigate several other resources **until mid-November**. This access has been arranged with individual vendors.

**AMICO** (Art Museum Image Consortium) provides access to digital images of works of art owned by 36 member institutions worldwide from the Art Institute of Chicago to the Victoria & Albert Museum.

**Art Full Text** from H.W. Wilson includes abstracts and full-text articles from periodicals, yearbooks, and museum bulletins about archaeology, architecture, art, film, photography, and related areas. Coverage is 1984 to date.

**CQ Public Affairs Collection** offers full-text historical documents and primary source materials as well as summaries of legislation, encyclopedia entries, and original essays useful to students of public policy, political science, communications, and related disciplines.

**Leisuretourism.com abstracts** contains more than 50,000 bibliographic references from 1976 to date concerning leisure industries, tourism, recreation, facility management and related topics.

**Philosophers Index** covers scholarly research from 15 fields of philosophy in more than 480 journals plus books and anthologies published since 1940. The database, from Silver Platter, is international in scope.

**What Citizens Need to Know About World Affairs** from SIRS Interactive Citizenship is a continuously updated electronic textbook about world history and geography which could serve as a supplementary resource for classroom teachers, especially in secondary education.

To try any of these resources, start from the Library home page at [www.lib.mnsu.edu](http://www.lib.mnsu.edu) Click the link to "Database Trials" under the photo of the Library. If you have questions or comments, contact Melissa Holmberg, Electronic Resources/Science Librarian, at 2499 or talk with the librarian who works with your department on collection development.