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Spring Database Trials

In an ongoing effort to evaluate new electronic resources and databases, the Library has arranged trials of a number of different products. They will be available for MSU students, faculty, and staff to use until mid to late April. For exact dates and links to the resources, click the Database Trials link under the Library's photo on our home page www.lib.mnsu.edu

AnthroSource has been developed by the American Anthropological Association. The online resource offers an electronic archive of all AAA journals through 2003. In addition, the database includes current issues of 11 of AAA's peer-reviewed journals including American Anthropologist, Anthropology and Humanism, and Cultural Anthropology.

Bibliography of Native North Americans, compiled by Human Relations Area Files, provides information about the history and culture of native North Americans. The database includes more than 74,000 records that offer citations to works published from the 16th century to the present. Those works include books, journal article, essays, government documents from the United States and Canada, and other publications.

Another resource drawn from the Human Relations Area Files is **Cross-Cultural Database**. This database, which concentrates on 60 societies during the 19th and 20th centuries, includes full-text materials contained in five "volumes." Each of the five includes materials related to two topics. For example, volume 3 covers Old Age and Death and Dying. Volume 4 offers information about Childhood and Adolescence and Socialization and Education. There are more than 50,000 records in the complete database, but institutions can choose to

subscribe to one or more of the individual volumes for more limited coverage.

Several databases that deal with health information are available for comparison. Unlike databases for medical professionals to which we already subscribe, these resources offer more basic material for the consumer or non-specialist. **Health & Wellness Resource Center** from Gale includes more than 700 health and medical journals (75% of them full text) plus health-related articles from over 2,000 general publications. The database also provides full-text access to a collection of Thomson Gale reference sources such as The Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine. **Health Source: Consumer Edition** from Ebsco provides access to about 300 full-text periodicals such as Harvard Health Letter, Prevention, and Vegetarian Times. In addition, the database offers more than 1,000 pamphlets and 135 reference books. We encourage faculty, staff, and students to compare these databases for content and usability.

Another Ebsco health database, **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**, offers more scholarly health resources, including more than 550 full-text journals with emphasis on allied health and nursing. The online resource also includes the Clinical Pharmacology database.

History E-Books includes more than 1000 full-text monographs. This e-book collection is a project of the American Council of Learned Societies in cooperation with the Scholarly Publishing Office of the University of Michigan Libraries. The database includes new titles produced in XML format as well as print titles converted to electronic format. Some of these books are no longer available in print. The full text of all resources can be searched. The project intends to

convert about 250 titles per year in addition to producing original works.

MLA Bibliography includes citations to books and articles about modern languages, literature, linguistics, and folklore. Currently we subscribe through Gale, but this trial to CSA offers the opportunity to compare search capabilities, ease of use, and other features.

Scopus from Elsevier is an abstracting and indexing database that includes links to full-text articles. The resource includes citations from more than 14,000 peer-reviewed journals from fields in science, technology, and the social sciences. The multidisciplinary database contains records as far back as the mid-1960s.

Please take the time to explore the resources, especially those that relate to your teaching and research areas. More trials may be arranged by MINITEX in April. Keep checking the Library website. Direct questions or comments about them to Bobby Bothmann, Electronic Access/Catalog Librarian, at x2010 bobby.bothmann@mnsu.edu or the librarian who works with your department.

National Poetry Month at the Library

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of National Poetry Month, the Library will be featuring several displays during April. The Lass Center display will showcase a number of Minnesota poets, including those whose work has been nominated for or won a Minnesota Book Award in the poetry category. The first floor display near the Library entrance will feature multicultural poetry.

The ERC display areas will include a variety of classic and contemporary poetry for children and young adults. Later in the month, preschoolers from Children's House will participate in "rhyme time" story sessions.

A Poetry Brown Bag will be held in Room 110 on Wednesday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Celebrities" will be invited to share their favorite poem. Drop in for all or part of the session. You may hear some old favorites or discover new ones.

National Library Week Celebration

Please join us for a week of activities highlighting some of the programs and resources of Library Services. Stop by and see the recent changes that meet the growing demands of the University.

April 11, Monday: Paper, Paper and More Paper. Every year our offices generate more paper documents and we struggle with what to keep, store or shred. This discussion will include the development of a Records Retention Schedule and the services offered by the Library's Records Storage Center.

ML110: 1 to 3 p.m.

April 12, Tuesday: Highlight on New Library Databases Explore new databases and other electronic resources. Time and assistance from faculty librarians will be available for using the constantly evolving and changing databases, indexes, catalogs and other electronic research tools.

ML109: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

April 13, Wednesday: Poetry Brown Bag
See related story.

ML110: 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

April 14, Thursday: Open House at the Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library Visit the beautifully remodeled Music Library, the music collections in varied format and enjoy wonderful musical performances by MSU students and faculty.

PA203: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

April 15, Friday: Story Time on the Big Book Furniture Bring your kids to enjoy an hour of stories about books, reading and libraries. Bring your library card and borrow some books to take home for even more reading fun.

ERC: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

April 15 & 16, Friday and Saturday: Used Children's Book Sale This year's Book Sale will be surplus materials from the children's fiction and nonfiction collections only.

ML2042: Friday, 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m to 1 p.m.