Wilson Library is pleased to announce that library patrons will have access to many more electronic resources this semester through the University of Missouri Libraries Electronic Resources Initiative. Some of the databases and full text electronic journals acquired through the initiative have already been activated and are now available for use by patrons, while others will be made available in the near future.

The Electronic Resources Initiative is a three-year project funded cooperatively by the University of Missouri system, the four campuses, and the UM Library Systems office. The UM system funds for the initiative were provided through UM President Elson Floyd’s plan to use new revenues from the fiscal year 2005 budget to promote strategic initiatives proposed by the campuses and University Extension. If usage statistics during the three-year period bear out the usefulness of these items, the funding for them will become permanent.

The initiative funds the acquisition of databases and full-text electronic journals for the use of the faculty, staff, and students of the four UM campuses. Many of the resources added are in the area of the life sciences to support the UM System goal of making Missouri a center for life sciences research by building state-of-the-art research facilities and attracting top research scientists.

As a part of the initiative, full-text access to a large number of new electronic journal titles will be available to users of Wilson Library for the first time. The acquisition of packages from the publishers Kluwer and Springer will add over 1,000 new electronic journals to the library’s collection, a significant increase in the number of full-text titles available to our patrons.

Other electronic products included in the UM Libraries Electronic Resources Initiative are:

- Technology Research Database (citations and abstracts for engineering, materials science, and technology; see the article on page 2 for more information)
- Annual Reviews (full-text titles in physical, social, and biomedical sciences)
- BioOne 2005 (full-text journals in the biosciences)
- Cell Press (full-text journals in the biosciences)

- Science (journal)
- Nature (journal)
- Nature Reviews & Research (full text journals from Nature publishing)
- Web of Science back files, 1990-1994 (an additional five years of information about citations in high-impact research journals)
- JSTOR General Science (7 full-text journals)
- JSTOR Ecology & Botany (29 full-text journals in ecology and botany)
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences II (full-text journals in multiple subject areas, including economics, history, and political science)
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences III (full-text journals including titles in language and literature, music, film, and art)
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences IV (full-text journals in business, education, and law)
- U.S. Congressional Serial Set (325,000 full-text historical documents, journals, and reports from Congress)
- OVID Core Biomedical (full-text journals in biomedicine)
- OVID Lippincott Williams & Wilkins High Impact Collection (50 full text titles in clinical medicine)
**Database Spotlight:**

**Technology Research Database**

One of the databases included in the UM Libraries Electronic Resources Initiative is CSA’s Technology Research Database (TRD). Wilson Library has had CSA's Materials Research Database with METADEX for a number of years. Their new mega-database incorporates that collection with their Engineering Research Database and their High Technology Research Database with Aerospace to create a comprehensive search tool for finding information in these disciplines.

The Engineering Research Database portion of TRD covers civil, earthquake, environmental, mechanical, and transportation engineering, as well as the complementary fields of forensic engineering, management and marketing of engineering services, engineering education, theoretical mechanics and dynamics, and mathematics/computation. The content includes basic and applied research, design, construction, technological and engineering aspects of air and water quality, environmental safety, energy production, and developments in new technologies. Citations and abstracts for articles from over 3,000 journals are included, in addition to trade literature, newspapers, conference proceedings, books, reports, and patents. Coverage begins in 1966.

Subfiles of the Engineering Research Database can be searched separately depending on the user’s research interests. Subfiles include ANTE: Abstracts in New Technologies and Engineering, Civil Engineering Abstracts, Environmental Engineering Abstracts, Earthquake Engineering Abstracts, and Mechanical and Transportation Engineering Abstracts. Each of these subfiles is listed as a separate entry in the list of databases provided on Wilson Library’s web page.

The High Technology Research Database with Aerospace covers topics in aeronautics, astronautics, computer and information technology, electronics, communications, solid state materials and devices, and space sciences. The focus of the materials in the database ranges from theoretical research to practical application. Citations and abstracts for articles from over 1,000 journals are included in the database, as well as information on conference proceedings, books, theses, reports, and patents. Coverage begins in 1962.

As with the Engineering Research Database, subfiles of the High Technology Research Database can be searched separately. The subfiles include the Aerospace and High Technology Database, Computer and Information Systems Abstracts, Electronics and Communications Abstracts, and Solid State and Superconductivity Abstracts, each of which is listed separately on library’s web page.

With its coverage of publications relating to engineering and technology, CSA’s Technology Research Database is a valuable addition to the library’s collection of electronic databases. We are glad to be able to add this resource to our collection.

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**Safari Bookshelf Coming Soon**

Curtis Laws Wilson Library is happy to announce that we will soon be gaining access to O’Reilly Media’s Safari Bookshelf. Safari will be available for use by patrons sometime this semester.

Safari Bookshelf provides electronic editions of titles for information technology and programming professionals. Many of the titles are published by O’Reilly, famous for their vast catalog of books covering all areas of computing and featuring unique animal etchings on the cover. Well-known O’Reilly works include the “In a Nutshell” series of desktop quick reference guides, the “Missing Manual” series, the “Hacks” series, and the “Cookbooks” series. O’Reilly has also partnered with other major publishers of computing books to add selected titles to the collection, including items from Cisco Press, Addison Wesley, Macromedia Press, Peachpit Press, Adobe Press, Que, SAMS, Prentice Hall, Microsoft Press and others. However, only titles published in the last three years will be available through Safari.

Safari Bookshelf will make it possible for library patrons to access these computing titles 24 hours a day from the comfort of their own home or office. Users can browse books in the collection by category or conduct searches for specific information across all of the books in the Safari library. Materials can be read online; users may also download chapters for viewing offline. This resource will be IP authenticated, so off-campus users must make sure to use the library’s web site as the “portal” to the Safari collection in order to be verified through the proxy server.

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**New and Noteworthy**

- The library has purchased two new display cases for the lobby area for educational and informational purposes. Departments and campus groups who would like to work with the library to mount these types of displays should contact Sherry Mahnken at 341-4007 or mahnken@umr.edu.
- Tax forms are available in the library lobby. Only a limited number of the basic forms and instruction booklets are available; reproducible forms can be requested at the Reference Desk. For other specialized forms or for assistance with filing taxes, visit the IRS (www.irs.gov) or Missouri Department of Revenue (www.dor.mo.gov/tax/) web pages.

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*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.*

—Sir Richard Steele
Do you charge fines for overdue books?

In certain situations you may have to pay fines for overdue materials. Reserve materials, for example, typically check out for limited periods of time. If you do not return a reserve item when it is due, you may be subject to fines of up to $3.20 per day. So it’s important to note when the item is due if you check out materials from Reserves.

Items that have been recalled for use by another patron are also subject to fines if they are not returned when due. If an item is recalled, the due date will be changed, and the borrower will be sent a notice about the changed date. If the material is not returned by the new due date, the patron will receive a fine of $0.50 a day.

Patrons are billed when overdue items are not returned by 30 days after their due date. Even if the items are then returned, the library charges a $10 billing fee that will not be waived. MOBIUS charges a $20 billing fee, while billing fees for the other MERLIN libraries vary. UMR cannot waive fees charged by other libraries in the MOBIUS and MERLIN systems.

What is the difference between MERLIN and MOBIUS?

MERLIN is the name of our library catalog. It is also the name of a shared catalog that contains the holdings of all of the libraries at the four campuses in the University of Missouri system, as well as the libraries at Saint Louis University.

MOBIUS is a larger shared catalog that contains the MERLIN library holdings as well as the holdings of other libraries in the state of Missouri. In total, over 50 libraries participate in MOBIUS. They include college and university libraries as well as a few public libraries.

I can’t remember what books I have checked out. Is there some way I can find out? And if I need to, how can I renew them without coming into the library?

In the library’s catalog, look on the right side of the main menu, and click "View Your Own Record (Renew Items/Create PIN)." You will need to enter your name, ID number (with a zero in front of it), and a ‘PIN’ or ‘personal identification number.’ You will be asked to create a PIN if you do not have one. Then you will be able to see what materials you currently have checked out, as well as the status of any items you have requested from another MERLIN or MOBIUS library. You can renew your books online by selecting the boxes next to the items you wish to renew and then clicking on the “Renew Selected Items” button.

Once you have entered your PIN, you will need to remember it to access your record online in the future. If you forget your PIN, you may come to the library’s circulation desk; we won’t be able to tell you what your PIN is, because it is encoded, but we can purge the old PIN so you can create a new one. You will need to show us some form of identification for us to purge your old PIN.

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.

— Albert Einstein
Staff Updates

Transitions

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Library & Reference Desk Hours

Wilson Library is open from 8:00 a.m. to midnight every day, all year, except for the following holidays: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and the Friday following Thanksgiving.

During the semester, the Reference Desk will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday through Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

New ILL Software Available Soon

Interlibrary Loan will start using ILLIAD, a new interlibrary loan management software, on March 1. This software replaces the WebZap software that ILL patrons have been using. The new software will still be accessible from the library’s home page by clicking on the Interlibrary Loan button.

ILLiad (Interlibrary Loan Internet Accessible Database) has a variety of functions not available in WebZap. ILLiad will allow UMR patrons to submit their interlibrary loan requests via an online web request form, track the status of their requests, edit/cancel outstanding requests awaiting processing by ILL staff, view/download electronically delivered articles, view the history of all previously submitted requests, view/resubmit cancelled requests, and request renewals for loaned items. Users will also be able to modify their account information; they can view/change their personal information, list or remove names of individuals authorized to pick up their ILL items, change their user passwords, and modify billing account information. (As always, regular ILL costs will be absorbed by the library. If special charges for materials exist, the ILL department will consult with the requestor before ordering the items.)

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