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Electronic Books Arrive at UCI

The Libraries have purchased collections of electronic books that span numerous disciplines, adding more digital content to our continually expanding collections.

Conducting research in the UCI Libraries becomes more exciting all the time as we continue to expand the formats in which we acquire digital materials: the latest is electronic monographs, or ebooks.

Ebooks have been published for several years. Initially, the emphasis was on historical collections such as the landmark *Early English Books Online* and the *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* databases. With the development of sophisticated ebook software ("readers" for short), the focus has shifted to the publishing of current academic texts in electronic format.

This spring, the UCI Libraries launched a new ebook collecting initiative. The software behind our ebooks, MyLibrary (www.mylibrary.com/browse/open.asp), allows users to search the full text of ebooks as we do with journals, provides for simultaneous multi-user access, allows users to create their own personal "libraries" and even bookmark individual pages or chapters in books.



As we build our digital collections, our goal is to continue offering the best resources we can to our patrons while respecting the diverse needs of faculty.

The Libraries recently acquired *Oxford Scholarship Online* (www.oxfordscholarship.com), an ebook library from Oxford University Press containing hundreds of titles in diverse disciplines: Philosophy, Economics, Classics, History, Literature, Physics, Music and Mathematics. We also added valuable reference books by purchasing the *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, a collection of over 1,500 electronic reference titles and *Sage eReference*, a collection of reference books published by SAGE.

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and electronic books are read in very different ways. Ebooks are, however, rapidly becoming a vital part of every research collection as the power of searching thousand of books' full-text simultaneously is realized.

Each ebook title can be searched on Antpac via the usual author, title, and subject searches. The MyLibrary platform and *Oxford Scholarship Online* are available via the Libraries' Online Resources (www.lib.uci.edu/online/resources/eresources.php) page.

For more information contact Lorelei Tanji, Associate University Librarian for Collections (ltanji@uci.edu or x45612).

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Library books on your computer screen - U of M Libraries adds access to Springer Ebooks
Posted Tuesday, January 15, 2008 9:39 AM

The U of M Libraries now has online access to over 8,000 English language books published by Springer Verlag from 2005 to 2007 and some book series before 2005. New titles published in 2008 will also be accessible.

Some of the book series available include:

- *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology*
- *Developments in Cardiovascular Medicine*
- *Handbook of Environmental Chemistry*
- *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*
- *Lecture Notes in Physics*
- *Structure and Bonding*
- *Studies in Economic Theory*
- *Topics in Current Chemistry*

Over 5,600 records have already been added to the Bison catalogue. It is possible that a book is available in SpringerLink, but does not appear in BISON yet – in this case you can search for it directly in SpringerLink.

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Searching for Book Titles in SpringerLink
SpringerLink is accessible from the E-Library on the U of M Libraries' web site. You can search for book titles or chapters directly, or browse by subject. Use a quick 'find content by keyword' search or the more advanced 'more options' search. You can limit your search by selecting Books under "Content Type" on the right hand side menu.

A green page icon will appear beside books that can be accessed by U of M faculty, staff and students. To view the book or chapter, look for the PDF or HTML link.

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Jumping On the eBook Bandwagon

As the University Librarian notes in her contribution to this newsletter, print books will always be dear to our hearts and will remain a crucial element of a research library collection. And we will continue to devote a significant proportion of our budget to developing and maintaining that collection. At the same time, it is undeniable that the users of our library collections are demanding that books be available to them electronically. More and more, the community wishes to have access to content at any time and any place. eBooks can respond to a multitude of needs: those of the distance user or a night-owl student (or prof!) providing more choices for library users with disabilities, and augmenting the e-reserve collection.

In fact, the Libraries jumped on the eBook bandwagon a number of years ago. At first, eBooks might have focussed on the usual suspects – computing science via *Safari*, recent academic books in a variety of disciplines offered via *Netlibrary* and of course, we mustn't forget about government publications. Steadily, the numbers of these eBook resources have grown such that now, if you were to search the York Libraries catalogue for the "electronic book" format, you'd get a results list of more than 150,000! Some of this large increase can be attributed to important acquisitions like *Early English Books Online* (reported in a [previous issue](#) of *News You Can Use* and *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* (described in depth in [this issue](#)).

But progress doesn't stop there! The eBook industry continues to gain momentum as publishers and vendors respond to growing demand from libraries – both public and academic. They experiment with different access and pricing models – some want to treat eBooks like eJournals and ask us to subscribe, while others are willing to permit perpetual access. Some have restrictions about printing and downloading; most offer some ability to annotate and highlight content. One thing they share, however, is the recognition that eBooks are here to stay. We know that too, as we observe more and more of you and your students jumping on that same bandwagon.

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