Digital citizenship and the role of the library
Leo Appleton considers the role of libraries in encouraging and supporting digital citizenship from various different perspectives - as Associate Director of Library Services (University of the Arts London), Chair of Multimedia, Information and Technology (CILIP), PhD Researcher (Centre for Social Informatics, Edinburgh Napier University), and co-editor of UKSG eNews.
[https://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/Digital-citizenship-and-the-role-of-the-library-some-thoughts-from-the-editor/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

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The Woman Engineer
The IET and the Women's Engineering Society have digitally published 'The Woman Engineer', providing online access to volumes from 1919 to 2014.
[https://www.jiscollections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/The-Woman-Engineer/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

Resources

JSTOR news
A new programme has been announced making open access monographs available on the JSTOR platform.
[https://www.jiscollections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/JSTOR-news/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

Early English Books Online
The September 2016 release of ProQuest’s Early English Books Online has added 631 scanned image titles acquired from 27 archives.
[https://www.jiscollections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/Early-English-Books-Online/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

Brill news
Brill has expanded its portfolio in early modern history with the book series Catholic Christendom, 1300-1700 and St Andrews Studies in Reformation History.
[https://www.jiscollections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/Brill-news/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

Evidence-based healthcare partnership
Two organisations dedicated to evidence-based healthcare, EBSCO Health and McMaster University’s Health Information Research Unit, are joining forces.
[https://www.jiscollections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/Evidence-based-healthcare-partnership/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

ARM Education Media
ARM Holdings has launched ARM Education Media, a subscription-based digital content hub offering online courses and e-first textbooks.
[https://www.jiscollections.ac.uk/UKSG/383/ARM-Education-Media/?n=121b8a3f-e721-4bc0-8354-7ad4d47f99de]

LiebertOpenAccess
Mary Ann Liebert has announced the launch of its LiebertOpenAccess platform, featuring the company's open access publications and services in one online destination.
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Anthropological Fieldwork Online
Alexander Street has announced an agreement to digitise and distribute selections from the Margaret Mead Papers and the South Pacific Ethnographic Archive.
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People

New appointments
Janet Hogan, Marti Huetink and J K Vijayakumar are taking on new roles.
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UKSG Forum
16 November 2016, London, UK
[http://www.uksg.org/event/FORUM2016]

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Digital citizenship and the role of the library

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I have been thinking recently about 'digital citizenship' and what it means exactly to be a citizen in the 21st century. How do we survive and further develop as citizens in a world which is becoming more and more technologically dependent and where much of our daily life is carried out in a digital world, or relies on understanding digital concepts and transactions. Simple things like withdrawing money from the bank, booking hotel rooms, arranging travel, applying for and claiming benefits, tax returns, arranging insurance, renewing memberships, etc all now rely on a level of digital literacy or understanding, as well as access to computer technology in order to carry out these tasks. There are of course always non-digital options available for those who cannot access the digital landscape (whether it be access to IT or having the necessary skills) but these are now the exception rather than the norm, in much the same way that for most academic library and information professionals, assisting users in accessing and searching print media is much less common than helping them to navigate the digital information environment. There are of course exceptions (my own art and design environment being one of them) but for the most part we deal in digital, rather than print, and we have continued to develop as a profession accordingly.

I am very fortunate in that I have several professional 'hats' within the library and information environment and each brings with it different experiences. One of my hats is my day job, that of managing academic libraries, which allows me to interact and engage with students as they make use of the services, facilities and resources that we make available to them. It is here that I have happily observed the development of librarians and students alike as they all adapt to the digital age (whether they like it or not) where information and digital literacies have become intertwined. Similarly increased academic engagement in virtual learning, digital humanities, and social media has enabled librarians to become involved in supporting the academic digital landscape, and in doing so develop information and digital literacy strategies for supporting the various elements of this new environment: VLEs; online profiles and reputations; digital security; digital research support, research data management; altmetrics, etc. In effect, academic libraries are now fully involved in supporting their users and developing them as digital citizens.

This transition, by academic libraries, into the digital age got me thinking about our other library sectors and how they support their users in being digital citizens within their broader contexts. Another professional hat that I wear is being involved in CILIP's special interest group, Multimedia, Information and Technology (MmIT), whose remit is to provide information and advice and to encourage discussion and debate around all things digital and electronic in the library and information world. During 2016, the group's focus has been on digital citizenship and I have had the good fortune to host three events this year which have focused on the library's role in supporting digital citizenship. What has been fascinating to discover is just how colleagues in other library sectors are supporting different aspects of digital literacy and ultimately digital citizenship for their respective user groups and constituents. For example, many public libraries are actively engaged in hosting and facilitating job clubs (where members search for jobs online and are supported in their applications, CVs, etc), coding clubs, grid clubs, Google garages, etc. All of these activities take information literacy provision within the library to another level. It is here where we might start to talk about digital literacy, rather than information literacy, but for me they are all variations on a theme of 'information seeking requirements and behaviours' and our public libraries are adapting to make sure that they are offering support that is required to survive in our digital world, and to develop digital citizenship.
It is also through these events that I have learnt about the work of the Tinder Foundation and its mission to tackle digital exclusion throughout the UK. The Tinder Foundation works strategically with public libraries and regards them as essential vehicles for digital inclusion. The Tinder Foundation's LearnMyWay initiative takes digital literacy and activity to the citizenry and public libraries are providing a natural and appropriate infrastructure in supporting the UK Online Centres, through which this initiative is delivered.

Similarly, in the health libraries sector, digital literacy for clinicians and practitioners requires skills and abilities to search and critically appraise digital information with regard to evidence based practice, whilst patients need awareness and support in accessing and using digital and online health services (ie online appointment booking and ordering repeat prescriptions). These, again, are examples of where health libraries are adapting to meet the digital needs of their citizens, and enabling them to work and live in the digital age.

A third professional hat that I am fortunate enough to wear is that of LIS researcher, in that I am just over halfway through a part time PhD study into the value and impact of UK public libraries on citizenship development. The empirical part of this research has allowed me to run focus groups in public libraries all over the UK and talk to library users about how their public library usage enables their citizenship. I suppose this is where my interest in digital citizenship stems from but it is quite exhilarating (from a librarian's perspective) to hear stories about how lives are changed through the support provided by librarians and library staff in enabling access to digital technologies and computers and providing skills training to make use of the digital resources and facilities. The findings of this research will be written up and shared in due course, but how wonderful it is to hear from real public library users how it is the public library that enables them to participate in society and community activities. Some examples of how libraries do this is through providing access: to wifi and the internet so that they can stay informed about local political activities; to after school computer clubs and homework clubs where school students can make extended use of PCs; to skilled employability support and job clubs; to high-tech digital music and film editing facilities and support; to simple access to a PC to write a letter to the local newspaper.

In many cases the library users are often quite unaware of how the library is supporting and developing them as digital citizens, as they are simply going to the place that they know will help them. The fascinating thing about unearthing these stories through my research is that it becomes clear that all libraries have adapted, whether strategically planned or not, in order to support their users in various aspects of digital citizenship and ensure that they are not excluded.

And finally, a fourth hat that I frequently sport is that of co-editor of this very publication that you're reading, UKSG eNews. This allows me to occasionally share my observations with a wider audience, so many thanks for indulging me. I always find it very reassuring to observe positive change in how libraries adapt to the current climate, and embracing and developing support for digital citizenship (in its many forms and across all sectors) is another great example of this.
UKSG Introduction to E-Resources Today
26 Oct 2016

Emma Turner and Alannah Trew, SAGE Publishing

In a changing academic world, libraries are adapting as much as publishers to meet the digital demands of a new generation of students and researchers. At the UKSG Introduction to E-Resources Today seminar a multitude of topics affecting e-resources publishing and managing content in the online world were discussed. SAGE joined an audience of librarians, intermediaries and fellow publishers to tackle issues at the forefront of e-resources today.

The first speaker was Sarah Lowe, E-Resources and Subscriptions Librarian from the University of Sussex. Her role was created in 2004, the university recognising that managing digital resources requires different skills to their print counterparts. Discussing issues such as hosting content on multiple platforms, licensing, and the challenges of the current climate, Sarah presented an overview of the ever changing landscape of e-journal and e-book management.

At SAGE, we know that students love the flexibility and convenience of e-resources and the next speaker, Erica Lee from Aston University, reminded us that they’re a lifeline for distance learners, and they can be made available from the time of order more quickly than a print version. Plus, the option to search within e-books means students can get straight to the content relevant to their studies at the touch of a button.

As discussed, digital also has big benefits for the library. Accessing journals online has been the norm for some time and it’s clear to see why. Not only does digitising save valuable space, but digital resources also made it easy to track usage to ensure the library is subscribing to the content their patrons need. E-books offer the same value, saving unpacking, processing and shelving time. Moreover, with a host of subscription options, libraries can select the purchase model that best suits their individual needs. Packages range from large, multi-disciplinary bundles to individual titles, from annual subscription fees to patron-driven and evidence-based acquisition.

But that doesn’t mean that print is over. Not all books are available in e-book format and some libraries are still reticent about an online-only collection. Whilst the digital library makes researching easier for students, many still prefer a print copy when they’re reading a large proportion of a book.

Speaker Caroline Mackay, a Licensing Manager at Jisc Collections, explained how intermediaries have a history of working to connect librarians and publishers by adapting to the needs of either party. At SAGE, we’ve worked hard with our publishing partners to develop new, streamlined platforms to house all of our digital library products. One comment that always comes across, and was clear in the session, is that content and access to it is key – no matter what format it is in. User experience is second only to high quality content.

Helen Ellis, IOP Regional Sales Manager, contextualised the discussion and noted that publishers still need to do more as an industry to communicate more effectively with librarians, notably when journals move publishers, when platforms migrate, and when contacts change. She suggested that publishers and libraries need to work better together to create a formalised structure for sharing information, with generic email addresses to prevent communication problems when a contact leaves.

The seminar provided a valuable opportunity to meet directly with librarians and learn
more about their needs, both for print and digital resources, and for them to learn more about what the publishing community is doing. Our final take-away from the insightful session was that there is a need for both print and digital library resources. Although some may have predicted the end of print, publishers and librarians should understand that end users expect access to content in both formats. They want to be able to choose between print and digital, dependent on the task at hand. Our job as publishers and librarians is to work better together as a community, addressing and meeting the changing demands, with high quality content and a streamlined user experience.
UKSG webinar: Mess and the practices of academia

19 Oct 2016

A free UKSG webinar - 'Mess and the practices of academia' - is taking place on Tuesday 1 November 2016 at 1330 GMT.

The webinar is being delivered by Donna Lanclos, Associate Professor for Anthropological Research, J Murrey Atkins Library, UNC Charlotte. Donna will discuss her anthropological research concerning academic practice, its fundamental messiness, and the implications of that for institutions of HE, libraries, and vendors designing and selling systems.

Registration

UKSG webinars are open to members and non-members of UKSG alike. The session will last 45 minutes, including questions and answers (up to 60 minutes maximum if there is sufficient demand for an extended Q&A), and is recorded, so those unable to make the live webinar should register as normal, and a link to the recording will be sent as soon as it is available.

Feedback from September

"The webinars are consistently excellent and always pay a dividend in terms of the time invested in attending the live events or watching the recordings."

(Jane Daniels, Cardiff Metropolitan University)
2016-17 Salary Survey

20 Oct 2016

Sue Hill Recruitment and TFPL have released their second annual salary survey. The survey covers a range of information-related roles across all sectors and enables salary benchmarking by discipline and location as well as sector.

Chris Jones, Managing Director of SHR and TFPL, said, “We’re delighted to be able to release the second publication of the Sue Hill and TFPL salary survey. 2016 has been quite an eventful year so far and early indications are that 2017 will bring more of the same. It’s an interesting time to be releasing a salary survey, poised as we are on the brink of what will probably be some major changes to the UK economy in the post-Brexit world. With so much uncertainty in the air, it will be the knowledge and information professionals we’ll turn to for answers.”

The survey is freely available and copies can be downloaded from the Sue Hill Recruitment and TFPL blogs and LinkedIn pages.
NISO review

18 Oct 2016

NISO is undertaking a substantive review of its publications portfolio to determine the best focus and attention for the future. NISO is asking for as much community input to this process as possible in order to fully understand the broader impacts of the various standards, recommended practices, technical reports, white papers and other documents that it has published.

NISO publishes several types of documents:

- **Standards** – the most formal, 'fixed' documents that NISO publishes, providing rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results. ANSI/NISO standards are approved by the American National Standards Institute and represent the highest form of stakeholder consensus.
- **Recommended Practices** – 'best practices' or 'guidelines' for methods, materials, or practices in order to give guidance to the user. These documents usually represent a leading edge, exceptional model, or a proven industry practice.
- **Technical Reports** – provide useful information about a particular topic, but do not make specific recommendations about practices to follow. They are thus 'descriptive' rather than 'prescriptive' in nature.
- **White Papers, Primers, etc** – contributed or solicited papers whose purpose is a call for action, a position paper, or an educational treatise on a specific issue.

The publications portfolio survey is available now and will remain open until 20 November 2016.

Input to this survey, which will solicit knowledge and attitudes about varied publications, sorted by type, would be gratefully received. More than one representative from an organisation may fill it out, as it is recognised that there may be various perspectives represented. It is anticipated that it will take 20-25 minutes to fill out the survey, and it may be paused to return to at a later time, using the same computer and browser.

Questions can be emailed to nisohq@niso.org.
Ex Libris news
27 Oct 2016

Ex Libris has announced the opening of an Ex Libris data centre in Beijing, the fifth such centre established by Ex Libris worldwide. The decision to set up a Chinese data centre results from the rapid growth in the number of customers and prospective customers in the Asia Pacific region.

Swedish Library Consortium

The Swedish Library Consortium has chosen the Alma library management platform and Primo discovery solution. Consortium members Linnaeus University, the University of Borås and Örebro University will use Alma and Primo to streamline workflows for all resources and to support the resources’ life cycle, from acquisition through access, licensing, and administration to support, discovery, and evaluation.

Jönköping University

Sweden’s Jönköping University has also chosen the Ex Libris Alma library management service and Ex Libris Primo discovery and delivery solution to help the library improve services and create new ones that will enhance the teaching, learning and research experience at the university.

The library team at Jönköping University will take advantage of the e-resource management functionality of Alma and Primo to eliminate the spreadsheets that are currently in use. The team will also develop local customisations and new services.
Semantico news
14 Oct 2016

SAMS Sigma upgrades

Semantico has announced upgrades to their identity and access management (IAM) solution, SAMS Sigma. SAMS Sigma offers end users single sign on access across unlimited devices, including via Google, Twitter, LinkedIn or ORCID. Released as part of an ongoing programme of scheduled updates, the enhancements are included as part of the licence fee.

Upgrades in the last 12 months:

- content bundles – publishers now have the ability to create and maintain content bundles outside licences, creating new licences, licence templates, or vouchers, and allowing publishers to add new content to licences mid-term
- licence level concurrency limits – a new concurrency limit API has been developed to allow concurrency limits to be tracked and enforced
- publisher API – the new publisher API is designed give publishers automated access and control of their data in SAMS Sigma
- licence annotations – licence annotations add the flexibility to add additional metadata to licences
- licence gracing – a grace period can now be specified when new licences are created
- organisation userpass access – a new organisation identifier has been added which allows publishers to set up a username and password that can be used to allow organisation-wide access to licenced content

Scolaris PaperHive integration

Semantico have announced their Scolaris digital publishing solution is now fully integrated with the scholarly publishing tool, PaperHive. The integration is intended to help publishers using Scolaris to develop new revenue streams through increased usage, while giving end users enhanced usability and an enriched experience.

Publishers with sites on the Scolaris platform can opt to switch on the integrations at any point. PaperHive supports and develops scholarly communication networks by enabling open and private annotations and discussions to be added to research papers.
Kudos Clarivate Analytics pilot

17 Oct 2016

Kudos and Clarivate Analytics, formerly the Intellectual Property & Science business of Thomson Reuters, have announced the results of a pilot integration between the Kudos platform and the ScholarOne publication workflow system. The companies formed a partnership earlier this year to collect plain language summaries from authors at the point of submission; these summaries are automatically distributed to Kudos to streamline the process by which authors can increase the chances of their work being found, read, and cited.

Six publishers – Bioscientifica, The British Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Surgery (publishers of The Bone & Joint Journal), Canadian Science Publishing, Emerald, Future Science Group and Wiley – participated in the pilot programme, with a subset of journals for which authors were invited to add plain language summaries. The pilot was a success, with 42% of accepted authors choosing to add explanatory text, making it easier for a broader range of potential readers to find and understand the work.

Tony Roche, Publishing Director at Emerald, said, “We have worked with Kudos since 2014, and during that time have seen that authors explaining and sharing their work via Kudos does correspond to increased usage of those publications. We therefore joined the pilot to see whether we could further increase author uptake by bringing Kudos further upstream in our workflow. It’s exciting to see that this has worked, and we hope now to roll out the ScholarOne Kudos integration across all our publications.”

The success of the pilot means Kudos and ScholarOne are now working towards making integration an option for all mutual clients of these systems. Anyone interested in adding journals to the next phase of this programme should contact their Kudos and ScholarOne account managers.
Altmetric badges

17 Oct 2016

Altmetric has announced that Karger Publishers, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Tsinghua University Press and The Physical Society of Japan have all integrated the Altmetric badges into their platforms. These publishers join over 100 academic content providers who already display the Altmetric badges on their journals and books.
YBP Talis partnership

19 Oct 2016

YBP Library Services (YBP), a division of EBSCO Information Services, has formed a partnership with Talis which makes the integration between YBP and Talis Aspire, already in use at many Australasian universities, available to shared customers in the UK. Customers who use Talis Aspire workflows and data to inform their acquisitions strategy can now seamlessly, and at scale, acquire the right content in the right format, directly from YBP.

Talis helps universities in eight countries, including over 60% of all UK universities, to manage and deliver learning resources online. Talis services integrate with all major ILS and LMS solutions together with a range of authentication services, RROs, bookstores and providers. YBP Library Services provides print and digital content, supporting collection management and technical services to academic, research and special libraries. GOBI, YBP’s acquisition and collection development interface, provides access to more than 13 million titles.

YBP and Talis are to explore further enhancements and integration.
Overleaf Peerwith partnership

18 Oct 2016

Overleaf has announced a partnership with Peerwith. Users of Overleaf’s online collaborative writing and publishing platform will be able to link to Peerwith and sign on automatically to the Peerwith platform, where they can search and find experts across varying disciplines such as translators, illustrators and editors. They can then share their documents with experts within Peerwith who can provide author services directly within the Overleaf platform.

Peerwith is a platform for author services, matching academics seeking support for their work with experts who can help out with language editing and translation, format and design, consulting, or whatever else academics need. Overleaf is an academic authorship tool that allows collaboration and manuscript submission, underpinned by cloud technology.
The web-based, open source integrated library system (ILS) Evergreen will be continuing to develop software that meets the needs of libraries thanks in part to a grant from EBSCO Information Services. The grant to the Massachusetts Library Network Cooperative (MassLNC) is intended to finance new developments of popular catalogue features for thousands of libraries using Evergreen.

Evergreen is a scalable software for libraries that helps library patrons find library materials, and helps libraries manage, catalogue and circulate those materials. Started by the Georgia Public Library System in 2006, it has been adopted by a number of library consortia in North America as well as individual libraries around the world.

EBSCO’s contribution will assist Evergreen’s efforts to:

- improve its ability to group together multiple formats and editions of a work
- provide quick links that allow users to jump to alternate formats and editions from any record in the catalogue
- make other improvements to Evergreen search that group formats and edition, including improved record retrieval and a new setting to make it a library’s default search

MassLNC – a collaborative project of two library consortia, the North of Boston Library Exchange and the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing network – works with Evergreen libraries and consortia to pool resources for Evergreen development. MassLNC will distribute the funds and oversee the development and integration conducted by Evergreen contributors: MOBIUS, a non-profit library consortium that supports the Missouri Evergreen consortium, and Equinox Software, an organisation solely dedicated to the support and development of open source library technologies.

Evergreen is open source software, licensed under the GNU GPL, version 2 or later. It is available to all for download from the Evergreen website.
Bioscientifica journal prices

19 Oct 2016

Bioscientifica has announced its journal prices for 2017 subscriptions. Prices are available for online or print and online single journal subscriptions, and quotes for discounted prices for three and five journal packages are also available.

Customers are reminded to renew with Turpin Distribution or through agents.
Springer Nature has completed the integration of its free content sharing initiative, now named SharedIt, to all of the Springer Nature-owned portfolio and over one thousand additional co-owned and partner-owned journals. This now encompasses over 2,300 journals and enables authors and subscribers to post links to free-to-read versions of primary research articles anywhere, including social media platforms, repositories, websites, scholarly collaborative networks and via emails. It follows a successful trial and roll out of the initiative for research articles in Nature-branded journals which has resulted in over 2.2 million additional article views since its launch in December 2014.

In addition to enabling content sharing by authors and subscribers, SharedIt also facilitates the wider sharing of research by enabling over 200 media outlets and blogs to link to free-to-read versions of research articles. This media list has been expanded to coincide with the expansion of the initiative across the Springer Nature portfolio. Many on the media list are aimed at the public, including the BBC, The Economist, WIRED and The New York Times, and the list also includes leading science bloggers. Springer Nature is extending this feature to the non-profit programme PatientINFORM, to allow visitors to the websites of the participating patient advocacy organisations, such as the American Cancer Society and National Breast Cancer Coalition, to click through to free-to-read versions of relevant research articles.

The technology that enables the SharedIt functionality is provided by ReadCube.
The Woman Engineer

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The Institution of Engineering and Technology and the Women’s Engineering Society (WES) have digitally published The Woman Engineer, providing online access to 18 volumes from 1919 to 2014 for the first time.

The journal contains details of individual women in engineering, such as noteworthy aviator Amy Johnson but also highlights those that have been forgotten or are little known amongst the public such as motor design engineer Gertrude Lilian Entwisle. It offers insights into social history, employment issues, gender studies, innovation, and many other topics relevant to engineering in the UK since World War I. The early journals also contain technical papers by women engineers. The digitisation enables researchers to access the journal remotely and search the full text of every journal.

The IET also hosted a women in engineering Wikithon on 11 October at Savoy Place in London. This project aimed to increase the visibility of female engineering history by adding biographies of notable past and present women working in engineering to Wikipedia. The event was also an opportunity to bring out some of the stories documented in the newly digitised version of The Woman Engineer.

The Woman Engineer archive was digitised with support from donors including the Royal Academy of Engineering and a legacy from Anne Royle.
A new programme has been announced making open access monographs available on the JSTOR platform. An initial set of 63 titles is available from four publishers: University of California Press, University of Michigan Press, UCL Press, and Cornell University Press. It is expected that several hundred more open access titles will be added over the next year.

The e-books are freely available for anyone to use. Each e-book carries one of six Creative Commons licences determined by the publisher. Like all e-books on JSTOR, the open access titles are DRM-free and have no limits on chapter PDF downloads or printing. Users will not need to register or log in to JSTOR to access the titles.

JSTOR provides chapter level discovery, have made free MARC records available, and are supplying metadata and full text for these titles to discovery services; more information for libraries is available. In addition, all the open access e-books are preserved in Portico.
Early English Books Online

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The September 2016 release of ProQuest's Early English Books Online (EEBO) has added 631 scanned image titles acquired from 27 archives, bringing the total to nearly 132,000 titles. New content is available in subjects such as poetry and songs; sermons and texts from the Church of Ireland; ordinances, declarations, votes and petitions from the governments of England, Wales and Scotland; materials from the East India Company, Company of Scotland Trading and the Royal African Company; plantation records, gunpowder laws and pieces relating to the plague from North Ireland. In addition, Catalogues of books to be sold by auction by the booksellers of London provide insight on the history of the book trade.

A 2015 study conducted by the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford (UK) and commissioned by Jisc and ProQuest, showed that both the use and citations of EEBO in research papers has increased steadily since the database was first launched in digital form 16 years ago. According to the study, EEBO citations include those for literature, linguistics, history, philosophy, theology, music, arts, education, mathematics, and science.
Brill news


Brill has expanded its portfolio in early modern history with the book series Catholic Christendom, 1300-1700 and St Andrews Studies in Reformation History. Books in both series will become available in print and online.
Evidence-based healthcare partnership

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Two organisations dedicated to evidence-based healthcare, EBSCO Health and McMaster University's Health Information Research Unit, are joining forces.

McMaster University is the birthplace of evidence-based healthcare. The Health Information Research Unit was created at McMaster to study and facilitate the transfer of high quality evidence from health care research to practitioners and publishers, via McMaster Premium Literature Service. McMaster PLUS uses its critical appraisal process to identify studies and systematic reviews that are scientifically sound. Articles from the 120 top journals that meet McMaster’s scientific criteria are then rated by frontline clinicians for relevance and newsworthiness through the McMaster Online Rating of Evidence (MORE) system.

By working with McMaster, EBSCO Health products will be able to continuously access validated evidence for health care. This will complement EBSCO Health's Evidence Validation Unit, which employs a seven-step process to identify, critique, summarise and synthesize the best available evidence for clinical decision making.

McMaster and EBSCO Health will provide free updates. Currently, subscribers receive recent and relevant studies that have been rated through the McMaster MORE system. Connecting this resource with EBSCO Health resources that provide context across healthcare should enhance the relevance and utility for these updates.
Computer chip designer ARM Holdings has launched ARM Education Media, a subscription-based digital content hub offering Education Kits with interactive online courses and e-first textbooks. ARM Education Media aims to enable academics, students, professional engineers and the wider training market to keep up with the latest industry developments and gain necessary skills.

The Education Kits combine theoretical and practical materials with videos and interactive quizzes. The hub also features lab demonstrations using software and hardware technologies from the ARM ecosystem. The materials are designed for a 'flipped classroom' approach, or self-study, and cover a variety of topics. The first four courses focus on efficient and rapid embedded systems design, the Internet of Things and Digital Signal Processing.

The kits are modular and configurable, to allow for the creation of new, customised content in various formats and packages. The content will be reassessed annually and revamped every four years to ensure it maintains industry relevance. The initiative is the culmination of several years of collaboration with educational institutions, industrial partners, students, recruiters and managers worldwide. For more information, to view sample materials or to request a quote, contact the ARM Education Media team at edumedia@arm.com.
Mary Ann Liebert has announced the launch of its LiebertOpenAccess platform, featuring the company’s open access publications and services in one online destination.

The LiebertOpenAccess.com search feature allows researchers to discover open access content published in Mary Ann Liebert journals. Users can also browse highlighted open access articles published daily, blog posts, and a portfolio of fully open access journals. The platform provides information on open access publishing including Creative Commons licensing, research funder policies, and details about writing and submitting articles for publication.

The LiebertOpenAccess platform is one of several initiatives that Mary Ann Liebert is undertaking to enhance and develop its growing open access programme. The company has revamped its publishing policies and introduced Creative Commons licensing to ensure that articles comply with the open access policies of major research funders. The Liebert Author Advocacy Program allows institutions and scientific organisations to support open access publishing for their researchers through membership participation.
Anthropological Fieldwork Online

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Alexander Street has announced an agreement with the Library of Congress to digitise and distribute selections from the Margaret Mead Papers and the South Pacific Ethnographic Archive, including the original fieldwork of the anthropologist, Margaret Mead.

Alexander Street will digitise over 30,000 pages curated from the Margaret Mead Papers, including Mead’s fieldwork from Samoa and Mead and Fortune’s fieldwork from the Admiralty Islands and Manus in Papua New Guinea. The archive will become part of Alexander Street's Anthropological Fieldwork Online collection which digitises and brings together the previously unpublished fieldwork of early- to mid-20th century scholars in anthropology.

Content is focused around each scholar’s prominent expedition field experience, with inclusion of fieldwork, contextualizing documents and correspondence from the same time period, and subsequent writings that led to major publications, such as draft manuscripts, lectures, and articles. Users will see the scholarly process unfold in all of its iterations, from data gathering in the field to later analysis, early writings, and final publication.
New appointments
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Janet Hogan
ProQuest has named Janet Hogan as a leader of its Global Human Resources organisation. Janet brings more than 25 years of experience leading HR teams. Most recently, she was Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at Oshkosh Corporation. Prior to Oshkosh, she served as Vice President of Human Resources for five years at Harsco Corporation and spent almost 20 years at Monsanto Company.

Marti Huetink
From 1 November 2016 Marti Huetink, Publishing Director of the history programme at Brill, will begin coordinating all business development activities of the company in the area of digital humanities. Next to his title of Publishing Director, Marti will carry the title of Program Director Digital Humanities.

J K Vijayakumar
J K Vijayakumar has been named as the Interim Library Director of King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST) in Saudi Arabia. He is the Manager of Collections and Information Service and has been working with KAUST Library since its start-up in 2009, and he has 17 years experience of health science, scientific and technological libraries in the Middle East, the Americas and India.