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The Library constantly aims to provide the University community with world-class resources and tools, even as fiscal realities require that we be selective in our offerings, choosing those that deliver maximum benefit to teaching and research needs. I hope that the items described in this issue of our Newsletter will inspire you to explore and take advantage of all that your Library has to offer.

Best wishes from the Library staff for a happy holiday season.

Margaret Grove University Librarian

New Resources . . .

Save Time with RefWorks

RefWorks, a web-based citation manager, is now available to all Brock faculty, students and staff. **Refworks** allows you to collect, store and organize your citations by importing references from online databases or text files. It automatically formats your bibliographies and manuscripts into the style of your choice in seconds. Unlike products such as ProCite or EndNote, **RefWorks** is available anywhere at any time, without downloading or installation, and can be used across multiple platforms (Windows, Mac, Unix, etc.).

RefWorks is provided and maintained by the Library through a cooperative arrangement with the Ontario Council of University Libraries. For additional information see www.brocku.ca/library/spotlight/refworks.htm.

Elsevier Science Journals – Major Expansion in Coverage

Thanks to a one-time allocation from the University, the Library is able to take advantage of an opportunity to acquire access to a critical mass of full text retrospective content from Elsevier Science. The Library currently offers access to the full suite of Elsevier Science journals (more than 1200 titles), with coverage from 1995 to the present. This new acquisition, effective mid December, provides complete coverage, beginning with volume 1, for Elsevier journals in the broad areas of Business, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Agriculture and Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Environment, and Nursing/Health Professions.

This truly significant acquisition enriches the Library's information offerings, providing substantial depth and breadth in a broad range of subject areas. Until recently, such content was only available in major research libraries, acquired over many decades at huge expense, and occupying countless shelving ranges.

The terms of the agreement with Elsevier Science are extremely favourable for two important reasons: (i) the Library has perpetual rights to the retrospective content, and (ii) the journals are loaded on OCUL servers at the University of Toronto and are thus integrated with current Elsevier content via Scholars Portal.

Taylor & Francis Journals Online

For the next year, the Library is offering access to the full Taylor & Francis suite (over 1000 titles), a broad-based collection of scholarly journals with coverage in most disciplines. Representative titles include: *Plant Biosystems; Research in Drama Education; European Journal of Finance; Behaviour and Information Technology; Tourism Geographies; Health, Risk & Society; Critical Reviews in Biotechnology; Cognitive Neuropsychology;* and *Contemporary French and Francophone Studies*. Backfile coverage varies by title.

The decision to continue with this agreement beyond the next year will depend on projected costs and how heavily the titles are used over the next few months.

New Business Databases

The *CRSP US Stock Database* contains end of day and month-end prices of all listed NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ common stocks and basic market indices, with extensive historical coverage. *Mergent Online*, a global business and financial database, includes company profiles, global earnings estimates and industry reports by sector. *Mergent Online* replaces *CanCorp Financials*.

♦ PsycCRITIQUES

PsycCRITIQUES, a new database available in January, will replace and incorporate ten years of backfile from *Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books*, a print publication scheduled to cease at the end of December 2005.

Announcements . . .

Library Holiday Hours

The Library will be open for study and consultation on December 28, 29, and 30, 2004, between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm. Sign-out service will be available from the Circulation Desk. All other Library services will be closed.

e-Classroom Study Hours

Faculty may wish to refer students who are looking for a comfortable location for group work and individual study to the Library's *e*-classroom (Th253). The room is open to students whenever it is not being used for formal courses, seminars and workshops. Available times are posted weekly on the Library website, and outside the *e*-classroom itself. The *e*-classroom offers a flexible, wireless-ready environment where students may borrow one of the Library's tablet PCs for in-room use, or use their own laptops. Access to the *e*-classroom is from the north Thistle corridor.

Copyright Reminder . . .

There is often confusion about whether Internet materials can be posted on a course website. The short answer is: **Not without permission of the copyright holder.** This also pertains to items scanned from print sources; posting such items without permission is an infringement of copyright. The limited exemptions provided by the 'Fair dealing' provisions of the *Copyright Act* and the University's license with Access Copyright do not extend to digital resources.

What about posting to a secure website such as WebCT? The same answer applies: No, not without clearance. Secure access has no bearing on the need to obtain permission from the copyright holder.

The Library has more than 12,000 electronic journals and books that can be linked to your website without seeking further permission.

For more information on copyright, see www.brocku.ca/library/reference/cright.htm.